

TROY UNIVERSITY
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IR 6652 THEORY AND IDEOLOGY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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AVAILABILITY: By e-mail; or Saturday and Sunday, before or after class; or by mutually convenient appointment.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: An examination of historical and contemporary theories in international relations; the role of political, economic, ethnic, religious and other belief systems or philosophical approaches within the global system.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE: To provide the student with a thorough understanding of the roles played by theories and ideologies in constructing and structuring the contemporary international operating environment. The first half of the course considers the impact of concepts and theories in politics, referencing: Human Nature; the Individual and Society; Government and Governance; Sovereignty, the Nation and Supranationalism; Power, Authority and Legitimacy; Law, Order and Justice; Rights, Obligations and Citizenship. In addition, students should have a firm grounding in prominent ideologies influencing international affairs, including: Liberalism, Conservatism, Socialism, Nationalism, Anarchism, Fascism, Feminism, Ecologism, and Religious Fundamentalism. Finally, the course will identify how, through international relations paradigms, these theories and ideologies have come to impact international relations in terms of description, prediction, and prescription. In particular questions will be raised concerning sovereignty and the moral authority of the state.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES: Upon completion of the course, the student should be able to demonstrate:

1. The key political concepts and theories underlying our understanding of the world:
2. The prominent ideologies which historically, and in contemporary terms, have impacted on the practice of international relations:
3. The implications of theory and ideology for global governance:
4. The key questions in International Relations Theory and Practice (how to govern without government; how to reconcile conflicting interests and generate collective good; how to reduce the frequency and intensity of the worst manifestations of international conflict; how to balance the rights of states, sub-state actors, societies, individuals, and the claims of a universal civil society):
5. Improved analytical and research skills:
6. Improved written communication skills:
7. Confidence in their ability to convey an understanding of the complex forces shaping contemporary international relations.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:	Exam:	30%	of the Total Grade
	Presentation:	20%	
	Research Project:	40%	
	Participation:	10%	

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION: Lectures, Class Discussion, Essay Exams, Student Oral Presentation and Feedback, Electronic Discussion with Instructor, Research Paper. Students to complete assigned readings before each session date upon which the instructor will answer questions in an open forum and give direction regarding the most important issues raised in the readings. Supporting lecture-based material distributed electronically by instructor.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Each enrolled student is expected to attend ALL class sessions. Students should complete the assigned readings BEFORE the relevant class session. NOTE: Excessive absences may result in either a failing grade or the need for the student to drop the course.

MAKE UP POLICY: In exceptional cases (for example, medical/family emergencies, official duty requirements, TDY/TAD, etc.) an Authorized Absence may be permitted upon consultation with the Instructor. In these situations, the student MUST as soon as possible meet with the instructor to complete a comprehensive review of the missed material. Unauthorized Absences will require the mandatory review of the missed material, and may also adversely affect final grades.

GRADE SCALE:	A:	90-100
	B:	80-89
	C:	70-79
	D:	60-69
	F:	0-59

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 Andrew Heywood *Political Theory* (3rd Edition, 2004) Palgrave Macmillan ISBN: 978-0-333-96180-3, ISBN10: 0-333-96180-3
 Will Kymlicka *Contemporary Political Philosophy* (2nd Edition, 2001) Oxford ISBN13: 9780198782742 ISBN10: 0198782748
Note: These texts are available at student prices in Kyobo Bookstore

LIBRARY RESOURCES: Students can access online information resources through Troy Library Services home page at <https://www.library.troy.edu> These resources include a variety of full databases that provide complete article texts from thousands of journals, magazines and newspapers to aid students in their original research for class participation, presentations, and final research project. In addition, where necessary the Instructor will provide additional readings if they cannot be accessed through the Troy Library Service. Students are advised to read widely (beyond the set texts) and keep up to date on current affairs through multiple news media.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: Troy University supports Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which insure that post-secondary students with disabilities have equal access to all academic programs, physical access to all buildings, facilities and events, and are not discriminated against on the basis of disability.

Eligible students, with appropriate documentation, will be provided equal opportunity to demonstrate their academic skills and potential through the provision of academic adaptations and reasonable accommodations. Further information, including appropriate contact information, can be found at the following link:

<http://www.troy.edu/humanresources/ADAPolicy2003.htm>

ACADEMIC ETHICS: Details of “Ethical Standards of Reporting Information” can be found in the PUBLICATIONS MANUAL of the AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION. Troy University’s “Standards of Conduct,” published in the TROY UNIVERSITY GRADUATE CATALOGUE, also should be consulted by students.

REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECT

1. Each enrolled student will complete a graduate level research paper of 4,000-6,000 words of double-spaced text with appropriate citations and bibliography not included in the word count.
2. Use the PUBLICATIONS MANUAL OF THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION as your style guide for format and citations.
3. Papers are due no later than 17:00 Korea/Japan time on 15 May, 2013 by electronic submission.
4. During the fourth session students will select a theme for their project in consultation with the instructor.
5. The final Written Report will address a comprehensive case study highlighting a particular international governance issue including descriptive, predictive and prescriptive analysis.
6. During the appropriate student-led seminar each student will give an Oral and Visual/Multimedia Report lasting 20-30 minutes. During these seminars each presenter will be open to questions from their peers. Students will be well advised to encourage and to take advantage of these Q&A sessions in order to gain feedback for their final Written Report
7. Grades for the Oral Report and the final Written Report will form the Student Research Project Final Grade.

SYLLABUS

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Sess- ion	Theme	Assignment
# 1 20/04	Course overview Advice on research, structure and presentation. Government and Governance.	The Commission on Global Governance, <i>Our Global Neighborhood</i> (Oxford: Oxford University Press 1995) Chapters 1 & 2. <i>This book can be found and downloaded free online.</i> Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Good Governance Practices for the Protection of Human Rights http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/GoodGovernance.pdf IMF Good Governance: The IMF's Role http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/exrp/govern/govindex.htm United Nations ESCAP What is good governance? http://www.unescap.org/pdd/prs/ProjectActivities/Ongoing/gg/governance.asp World Bank 2000. <i>World Development Report of 2000/2001: Attacking Poverty</i> (Washington DC: OUP for World Bank) Chapter 1. UNDP Governance for sustainable human development A UNDP policy document Good governance - and sustainable human development http://mirror.undp.org/magnet/policy/chapter1.htm
# 2 20/04	Human Nature, the Individual and Society.	Andrew Heywood <i>Political Theory</i> Introduction: Concepts and Theories in Politics * Human Nature, the Individual and Society * Politics, Government and the State * Will Kymlicka <i>Contemporary Political Philosophy</i> Utilitarianism * Liberal Equality * Libertarianism
# 3 21/04	Nation & Supranationalism; Power & Legitimacy; Moral Authority of the State	Andrew Heywood <i>Political Theory</i> Sovereignty, Nation & Supranationalism * Power, Authority & Legitimacy * Law, Order and Justice * Rights, Obligations and Citizenship Will Kymlicka <i>Contemporary Political Philosophy</i> Socialism * Communitarianism * Citizenship * Multiculturalism

# 4 21/04	Intervention, global governance, and the responsibility to protect	<p><i>The Responsibility to Protect: A Report by the International Commission of Intervention and State Sovereignty.</i> http://www.idrc.ca. Also available in html format at http://www.iciss-ciise.gc.ca.</p> <p>General Assembly Resolution 60/1 World Summit Outcome Document (2005) available at http://www.responsibilitytoprotect.org/files/2005 World Summit Outcome Document.pdf</p> <p>UN Security Council resolution 1674 Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict available at http://daccess-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N06/331/99/PDF/N0633199.pdf?OpenElement</p> <p>Brendan Howe, 'Normative War-Fighting and the New World Order' <i>Politics and Ethics Review</i> Vol. 2, No. 1 (Edinburgh University, Spring 2006) pp 38-61.</p> <p>Andrew Heywood <i>Political Theory</i> Freedom, Toleration and Liberation * Democracy, Representation and the Public Interest * Reaction, Reform and Revolution</p>
# 5 04/05	Foundational Ideology	<p>Andrew Heywood <i>Political Ideologies</i> Foreword--A.Gamble * Introduction: Understanding Ideology * Liberalism * Conservatism * Socialism * Nationalism</p>
# 6 04/05	Critical Perspectives	<p>Andrew Heywood <i>Political Ideologies</i> Anarchism * Fascism * Feminism * Ecologism * Religious Fundamentalism * Conclusion: Ideology without End?</p> <p>Will Kymlicka <i>Contemporary Political Philosophy</i> Feminism</p> <p>Andrew Heywood <i>Political Theory</i> Equality, Social Justice and Welfare * Property, Planning and the Market</p>
# 7 05/05	Exam	
# 8 05/05	Student Presentations	
# 9 15/05	Final Submission	Final Papers due by 17:00 Korea/Japan time on 15 May, 2013