

Government 98r(3)
International Cooperation
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Course Description

The course examines, both theoretically and empirically, why and how states choose to establish (or avoid) international cooperation. We will analyze the causes of cooperation; the form of cooperation in various areas; and the outcomes of cooperation. The course will seek to answer questions such as: Why do states sometimes turn to an international court to settle their disputes? When do states honor and when do they violate their alliance commitments? Why do states join human rights agreements? How do states tackle the problem of illicit trade?

Class meetings will begin with a short lecture in which I will give an overview of the topic, discuss the relevant concepts, and point out the main puzzles. Most of the meeting will be devoted to discussion, in which all the students will participate. We will consider the relevant literature, evaluate the evidence, and suggest alternative explanations. We will also apply our theoretical understanding to current events (e.g. How should we assess the recent efforts for UN reform?).

The first two meetings will lay the foundation for the rest of the course. In these meetings we will discuss theoretical approaches to international cooperation and the concepts of legalization and compliance. These will allow us to explain the use of international adjudication and the establishment of international cooperation on security, human rights, legal and illicit trade. We will devote one meeting to two of the most important international institutions: the UN and the EU. We will also examine the unique behavior of democracies in international affairs.

Course material consists mainly of journal articles available online through e-journals. All other readings will be made available electronically as well.

Requirements

No prior coursework is required. Grades will be determined on the basis of participation in class discussion (40%) and research paper (60%). You are free to write the paper on any topic related to the course themes. The paper should be approximately 25 pages in length. A two page proposal is due on March 8. In the final two meetings of the course, students will present their work in progress. The paper is due by May 18 at noon. Students will also be required to propose one discussion question every week by 10am Thursday.

Schedule of Classes:

Week 1 (2/1): Theoretical Approaches to International Cooperation

No assigned readings

Week 2 (2/8): Legalization and Compliance

Abbott, Keohane, Moravcsik, Slaughter, and Snidal. 2000. "The Concept of Legalization". *International Organization* 54(3): 401-419.

Kenneth Abbott and Duncan Snidal. 2000. "Hard and Soft Law in International Governance". *International Organization* 54(3): 421-456.

Beth Simmons. 1998. "Compliance with International Agreements". *Annual Review of Political Science* 1: 75-93.

Oona Hathaway. 2004. "The Promise and Limits of the International Law of Torture", in Sanford Levinson (ed.), *Torture: A Collection*, pp. 199-212.

Week 3 (2/15): Legalized Settlement of International Disputes

Robert Keohane, Andrew Moravcsik, and Anne-Marie Slaughter. 2001. "Legalized Dispute Resolution: Interstate and Transnational". *International Organization* 54(3): 457-488.

Todd Allee and Paul Huth. 2006. "Legitimizing Dispute Settlement: International Legal Rulings as Domestic Political Cover". *American Political Science Review* 100(2):219-234.

Nicaragua vs. United States (Decision of the International Court of Justice)

Week 4 (2/22): Security Cooperation (I) – International Norms on the Use of Force

Mark Zacher. 2001. "The Territorial Integrity Norm: International Boundaries and the Use of Force". *International Organization* 55(2): 215-250.

Thomas Smith. 2002. "The New Law of War: Legitimizing Hi-Tech and Infrastructural Violence". *International Studies Quarterly* 46(3): 355-374.

Christopher Rudolph. 2001. "Constructing an Atrocities Regime: The Politics of War Crimes Tribunals". *International Organization* 55(3): 655-691.

Week 5 (3/1): Security Cooperation (II) – Arms Control and Alliances

Nina Tannenwald. 1999. "The Nuclear Taboo: The United States and the Normative Basis of Nuclear Non-Use". *International Organization* 53(3): 433-468.

Nina Tannenwald. 2001. "U.S. Arms Control Policy in a Time Warp". *Ethics and International Affairs* 15(1): 51-70.

Richard Price. 1998. "Reversing the Gun Sights: Transnational Civil Society Targets Landmines". *International Organization* 52(3): 613-644.

Brett Ashley Leeds. 2003. "Alliance Reliability in Times of War: Explaining State Decisions to Violate Treaties". *International Organization* 57: 801-827.

Week 6 (3/8): Human Rights

**** Paper Proposal Due ****

Andrew Moravcsik. 2000. "The Origins of Human Rights Regimes: Democratic Delegation in Postwar Europe." *International Organization* 54(2): 217-252.

Ellen Lutz and Kathryn Sikkink. 2000. "International Human Rights Law and Practice in Latin America". *International Organization* 54(3): 633-659.

Emilie Hafner-Burton. 2005. "Trading Human Rights: How Preferential Trade Agreements Influence Government Repression". *International Organization* 59(3): 593-629.

Doe vs. Unocal

Week 7 (3/15): International Trade

Richard Steinberg. 2002. "In the Shadow of Law or Power? Consensus-Based Bargaining and Outcomes in the GATT/WTO". *International Organization* 56(2): 339-374.

Edward D. Mansfield, and Eric Reinhardt. 2003. "Multilateral Determinants of Regionalism: The Effects of GATT/WTO on the Formation of Preferential Trading Arrangements". *International Organization* 57(4): 829-862.

Christina Davis. 2004. "International Institutions and Issue Linkage: Building Support for Agricultural Trade Liberalization". *American Political Science Review* 98(1): 153-169.

James McCall Smith. 2000. "The Politics of Dispute Settlement Design: Explaining Legalism in Regional Trade Pacts". *International Organization* 54(1): 137-180.

Week 8 (3/22): Cooperation and Development: Intellectual Property Rights and Foreign Aid

Susan Sell and Aseem Prakash. 2004. "Using Ideas Strategically: The Contest Between Business and NGO Networks in Intellectual Property Rights". *International Studies Quarterly* 48(1): 143-175.

Alberto Alesina and David Dollar. 2000. "Who Gives Foreign Aid to Whom and Why?" *Journal of Economic Growth* 5(1): 33-63.

Karen Remmer 2004. "Does Foreign Aid Promote the Expansion of Government?". *American Journal of Political Science* 48(1): 77-92.

Brian Lai and Daniel Morey. 2006. "Impact of Regime Type on the Influence of US Foreign Aid". *Foreign Policy Analysis* 2(4): 385-404.

Spring Break

Week 9 (4/5): International Cooperation against Illicit Trade

Asif Efrat, "Regulating Rifles: The International Control of the Small Arms Trade" (ms).

Beth Simmons. 2000. "International Efforts against Money Laundering". In Dinah Shelton (ed.) *Commitment and Compliance: The Role of Non-binding Norms in the International Legal System*, pp. 244-263. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Linda Smith and Mohamed Mater. 2004. "Creating International Consensus on Combating Trafficking in Persons: U.S. Policy, the Role of the UN, and Global Responses and Challenges". *Fletcher Forum of World Affairs* 28(1): 155-178.

David R. Bewley-Taylor. 1999. *The United States and International Drug Control, 1909-1997*. London and New York: Continuum (excerpts).

Week 10 (4/12): The United Nations and the European Union

Erik Voeten. 2005. "The Political Origins of the UN Security Council's Ability to Legitimize the Use of Force". *International Organization* 59(3): 527-557.

Michal Glennon. 2003. "Why the Security Council Failed". *Foreign Affairs* 82.

Andrew Moravcsik. 1991. "Negotiating the Single European Act: National Interests and Conventional Wisdom in the European Community". *International Organization* 45(1): 19-56.

Karen Alter. 1998. "Who are the 'Masters' of the treaty? European Governments and the European Court of Justice". *International Organization* 52(1): 121-147.

Thomas Diez, Stephan Stetter, and Mathias Albert. 2006. "The European Union and Border Conflicts: The Transformative Power of Integration". *International Organization* 60(3): 563-593.

Week 11 (4/19): Democracies and International Cooperation

Kurt Gaubatz. 1996. "Democratic States and Commitment in International Relations". *International Organization* 50(1): 109-139.

Jon Pevehouse. 2002. "Democracy from the Outside-In? International Organizations and Democratization". *International Organization* 56(3):515-549.

Vikram Chand. 1997. "Democratisation from the Outside In: NGO and International Efforts to Promote Open Elections". *Third World Quarterly* 18(3): 543-561.

Charles Lipson. 2003. *Reliable Partners: How Democracies Have Made a Separate Peace*. Princeton: Princeton University Press (excerpts).

Week 12 (4/26): Student presentations of papers.

Week 13 (5/3): Student presentation of papers.

May 18: Research paper due