

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS 360
POLITICAL SCIENCE 372**

**Making Sense of the World:
The Conceptual Foundations of International Relations**

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Course Objectives: The course deals with basic concepts of international relations: international anarchy, international society, state sovereignty, war & peace, international legitimacy & law, hegemony, the balance of power, power politics, statecraft & the national interest, diplomacy, humanity & human rights, armed intervention & non-intervention, religion, democracy. The emphasis will be on the ways these concepts enter into the practices and activities of international relations. Attention is also given to the historical context within which they emerged. The purpose is to provide students with essential conceptual and linguistic tools for understanding the underlying structure and *modus operandi* of international relations.

Office Hours: Tues 10:45-12:15; Weds 1-3; Thurs 10:45-12:15

Required Texts (available at Barnes & Noble bookstore)

Hedley Bull, The Anarchical Society, any ed.
Robert Jackson & Georg Sørensen, Introduction to International Relations, 2nd or 3rd ed.

Course Text Website: The Jackson and Sørensen text 3rd ed—which was not available when your book had to be ordered by Barnes & Noble—has a website at which useful information is located:
<http://www.us.oup.com/uk/orc/bin/9780199285433/01student/weblinks/>

Note: *Students are expected to study the required readings on their own; they will not be discussed in class. The instructor will be happy to discuss them during his office hours.*

Background Readings & Further References: These readings are supplementary to help students to follow-up on topics of the course. They are not required readings for weekly lectures which will not discuss them. The book review essay assignments should be based on books selected from the background readings, and only those books. Many are classics of the literature and some of them are therefore historical rather than contemporary. (Always keep in mind that new books are not necessarily the best books on our subject.) Most of these books are available in the BU library; many are also available at the BC Library and the Tufts Library on inter-library loan. See the BU library website for more information.

Assignments & Marks: Two Book reviews: 3-5 pages long each (Times New Roman, double spaced 12 point font): (40% of course grade). Deadlines: TBA. Note: The penalty for late submission of papers is a half letter grade reduction (e.g. from A to A-).

Book review essays will be judged by reference to (i) coherence of argument, (ii) substantiation of empirical claims, and (iii) clarity of writing. A good book review consists of two related discussions: an accurate presentation of the author's thesis, and the reviewer's assessment of it. Students should check academic journals—such as International Relations Review or Diplomacy and Statecraft (edited by Dr. Erik Goldstein of the BU IR Dept)—for examples of book reviews on international relations (some of my own reviews have been published in that journal). Books for review are to be selected only from the background readings of the course syllabus. The reviews must be of an entire book. The textbooks for this course or any other course cannot be reviewed.

Final examination: Based equally on Lectures and Required Readings. (60% of course grade)

Conduct Code: Students are reminded of their responsibility to know and understand provisions of the CAS Academic Conduct Code.

Student Attendance & Absence: Attendance is expected at all lectures. In case of absence contact instructor in advance by e-mail: rjackson@bu.edu

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Electronic Readings and Research: The BU Library website has many useful sites for further reading and research on our subject. I recommend, in particular, JSTOR Arts and Sciences and Project Muse both of which are loaded with published articles relevant to our subject:

<http://www.bu.edu/library/ejournals/index.html>

The internet also has many websites related to our course. The following ones have been useful in my own reading and research on the subject:

<http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/avalon.htm> (Avalon project at Yale Law School)
<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/psintl.html> (University of Michigan, Documents on the Net, International Relations)
<http://www.library.ubc.ca/poli/international.html> (University of B.C. Library, Documents on the Net, International Relations)
http://www.ukans.edu/carrie/docs/amdocs_index.html (US Historical Documents)
<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/global/globalsbook.html> (Global History Sources)
<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/modsbook06.html> (Modern History Sources)
<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/war/> (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy)
http://www.google.com/search?hl=en&lr=&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&q=%22international+ethics%22&as_q=International+relations%3A+ethics&btnG=Search%2%A0within%2%A0results (Ethics of International Relations)
<http://www.google.com/search?q=sovereignty&hl=en&lr=&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&start=30&sa=N> (Sovereignty Websites)
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/~lipton/christian1.html> (Christian websites)
<http://www.clas.ufl.edu/users/gthursby/rel/islam.htm> (Muslim or Islamic websites)
<http://www.google.com/search?hl=en&lr=&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&num=10&q=related:www.thesaurus.com/> (Dictionaries, thesauri, etc. On line)
<http://www.ontology.buffalo.edu/war/> (Philosophy in Wartime)
<http://www.asil.org/> (American Society for International Law)
<http://www.asil.org/resource/home.htm> (Guide to Electronic Sources on International Law)
<http://www.law.ecel.uwa.edu.au/intlaw/> (Public International Law Worldwide Links)
http://www.law.ecel.uwa.edu.au/intlaw/international_law-general.htm (international law websites)
<http://www.gksoft.com/govt/en/> (governments on the web)

Course Outline

Note: some textbook and/or background readings are repeated for more than one course topic.

Week 1. Introduction: Anarchy & Society

Required Readings:

Bull, Introduction, ch. 2.
 Jackson & Sørensen, ch. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 7.

Background Readings & Further References:

H. Butterfield and M. Wight, "Preface", in H. Butterfield and M. Wight (eds.), Diplomatic Investigations (1968)
 M. Wight, Power Politics.

- K. Waltz, Theory of International Politics.
 Butterfield and Wight, Diplomatic Investigations.
 K. Alderson and A. Hurrell, Hedley Bull on International Society.
 J. Miller and R. Vincent (eds.), Order and Violence: Hedley Bull and International Relations.
 Bull, H., Kingsbury, B., and Roberts A. (eds.) (1990). Hugo Grotius and International Relations, Oxford: Clarendon Press.
- M. Wight, International Theory: The Three Traditions (1991).
 R. Jackson, The Global Covenant (2000).
 Donelan, Michael (ed.), (1978). The Reason of States: A Study in International Political Theory. London, Allen and Unwin.
 F.H. Hinsley, Power and the Pursuit of Peace (1967).
 G. Schwarzenberger, (1951). Power Politics: A Study of International Society.
 Little, Richard (1998) 'International System, International Society and World Society' in B. Roberson (ed.), International Society and the Development of International Relations Theory.
 Mapel, David R. and Terry Nardin (eds.) (1998) International Society: Diverse Ethical Perspectives. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
 Osiander, A. (1994). The States System of Europe, 1640-1990. Oxford: Clarendon Press.

Week 2. State Sovereignty

Required Readings:

- Bull, Chapter 2.
 Jackson & Sørensen, chs. 1 & 5.

Background Readings and Further References:

- F. Hinsley, Sovereignty (1966).
 W.J. Stankiewicz, In Defense of Sovereignty.
 A. James, Sovereign Statehood: The Basis of International Society (1986).
 Lyons, G. and M. Mastanduno (eds.) (1995). Beyond Westphalia? State Sovereignty and International Intervention.
 C. Navari (ed.), The Condition of States.
 Jackson Preece, J. (1998) National Minorities and the European Nation-State System, Oxford, Clarendon Press.
 Jackson, R. (ed.) (1999). Sovereignty at the Millennium.
 R. Jackson, Quasi-States: Sovereignty, International Relations and the Third World (1990).

Week 3. War & Peace

Required Readings:

- Bull, Ch. 8.

Jackson & Sørensen, Ch. 3 & 4.

Background Readings and Further References:

- Martin Wight, Power Politics (1986).
 F.H. Hinsley, Power and the Pursuit of Peace (1967).
 M. Wight, International Theory: The Three Traditions.
 W.B. Gallie, Philosophers of Peace and War (1978).
 Gallie, W.B. Understanding War.
 Karl von Clausewitz, On War.
 K. Waltz, Man, the State and War (1959).
 R. Aron, (1966). Peace and War: A Theory of International Relations.
 Howard, Michael (1976). War in European History.
 Howard, Michael (1981). War and the Liberal Conscience.
 K.J. Holsti, Peace and War.
 I. Clark, Waging War.
 M. Ceadel, Thinking about Peace and War.
 Best, G. (1983). Humanity in Warfare.
 K. Waltz, Man, the State and War.
 J.T. Johnson, Can Modern War be Just?
 S. Korman, The Right of Conquest: The Acquisition of Territory by Force in International Law and Practice (1996).
 A. Roberts and R. Guelff (eds.) Documents on the Laws of War (2nd ed. 1989, 3rd ed. 1999).

Week 4. International Legitimacy & Law

Required Readings:

- Bull, ch.6.
 Jackson & Sørensen, Ch. 5.

Background Readings and Further References:

- M. Wight, International Theory: The Three Traditions.
 M. Wight, Systems of States.
 S. Hoffmann, Janus and Minerva.
 J. L. Brierly, The Law Of Nations, any ed.
 M. Khadduri, The Law of War and Peace: A Study in Muslim International Law (1940).
 H. Lauterpacht, The Function of Law in the International Community.
 Cassese, Antonio, (1986). International Law in a Divided World, Oxford, Clarendon Press.
 Terry Nardin, Law, Morality and the Relations of States (1983).
 D.P. Moynihan, On the Law of Nations.
 Beck, Robert J., Anthony Clark Arend, and Robert D. Vander Lugt (eds.) (1996). International Rules. Approaches from International Law and International Relations.

L. Damrosch and D. Scheffer (eds) Law and Force in the New International Order (1991).

L. Henkin (ed), Right V. Might: International Law and the Use of Force (1991).

Arend, A. and Robert Beck, (1993). International Law and the Use of Force.

Week 5. Hegemony & the Balance of Power

Required Readings:

Bull, ch. 8.

Jackson & Sørensen, Ch. 3 & 6.

Background Readings and Further References:

M. Wight, Power Politics.

H. Butterfield and M. Wight, Diplomatic Investigations.

M. Wight, International Theory: The Three Traditions.

Bull, Hedley and Wm. Roger Louis (eds.) (1986). The Special Relationship: Anglo-American Relations since 1945. Oxford: Clarendon Press.

Louis Henkin, Right V. Might: International Law and the Use of Force.

S. Hoffmann, Janus and Minerva.

K.J. Holsti, The Dividing Discipline.

R. Keohane, After Hegemony.

D. Charles-Philippe Hegemony or Empire.

Week 6. Power Politics, *Real Politik*

Bull, ch. 8 & 9

Jackson & Sørensen, ch. 3

Background Readings and Further References:

Butterfield, H. (1940). Statecraft of Machiavelli.

F. Meinecke, Machiavellism: The Doctrine of *Raison d'État* and Its Place in Modern History.

M. Wight, Power Politics.

Louis Henkin, Right V. Might: International Law and the Use of Force.

S. Hoffmann, Janus and Minerva.

E.H. Carr, The Twenty Years Crisis (1939).

H.J. Morgenthau, Politics Among Nations (any edition).

Butterfield, H. (1940). Statecraft of Machiavelli.

R. Tucker, The Inequality of Nations (1977).

K. Waltz, Man, the State and War.

T. Schelling, The Strategy of Conflict.

Week 7. *Raison d'état*, the National Interest and Statecraft

Bull, chs. 1, 2, 11, 12, 13

Jackson & Sørensen, chs. 1, 3, 5

Background Readings and Further References:

Henry Kissinger, Diplomacy (1994).

F. Meinecke, Machiavellism: The Doctrine of *Raison d'État* and Its Place in Modern History.

M. Wight, Power Politics.

S. Hoffmann, Janus and Minerva.

H.J. Morgenthau, Politics Among Nations (any edition).

H. Butterfield and M. Wight, Diplomatic Investigations.

T. Schelling, The Strategy of Conflict.

S. Burchill, The National Interest in International Relations Theory (2005).

Anatol Lieven and John Hulsman, Ethical Realism (2006).

J. Naathan, Soldiers, Statecraft and History. (2002)

Gordon A. Graig & Alexander L. George, Force and **Statecraft**: Diplomatic Problems

Week 8. Diplomacy

Required Readings:

Bull, ch.7.

Jackson & Sørensen, Ch. 3 & 5.

Background Readings and Further References:

F. Meinecke, Machiavellism: The Doctrine of *Raison d'État* and Its Place in Modern History.

M. Wight, Power Politics.

M. Wight, International Theory: The Three Traditions.

H. Nicolson, The Evolution of Diplomatic Method.

H. Nicolson, Diplomacy.

G. Kennan, American Diplomacy.

G. Mattingly, Renaissance Diplomacy (1955).

H. Butterfield, Christianity, Diplomacy and War.

H. Butterfield and Wight, Diplomatic Investigations.

P. Barber, Diplomacy: The World of the Honest Spy (1979).

Watson, A. (1982). Diplomacy: The Dialogue between States.

G. Berridge, Diplomacy: Theory and Practice (1995).

A. Mayer, Politics and Diplomacy of Peacemaking (1968).

A. Mayer, Political Origins of the New Diplomacy (1959).

K Hamilton and R. Langhorne, The Practice of Diplomacy (1995).

Nolan, C.J. Ethics and Statecraft (1995).

Anderson, M.S. The Rise of Modern Diplomacy (1993).

Henry Kissinger, Diplomacy (1994).

Week 9. Humanity & Human Rights

Required Readings:

Bull, Ch. 4.

Jackson & Sørensen, Ch. 5.

Background Readings and Further References:

S. Hoffmann, Janus and Minerva.

S. Hoffmann, Duties Beyond Borders.

Andrew Linklater, Men and Citizens in the Theory of International Relations.

R. Pettman (ed.), Moral Claims in World Affairs (1979).

R. Falk, Human Rights and State Sovereignty (1981).

D. Forsythe, Human Rights in World Politics (1989).

H. Shue, Basic Rights (1980).

P. Sieghart, The Lawful Rights of Mankind.

J. Donnelly, International Human Rights Dilemmas in World Politics (1998).

R.J. Vincent, Human Rights and International Relations (1986).

Newson, D. (ed.) (1986) The Diplomacy of Human Rights. New York: University Press of America.

P. Williams (ed.), The International Bill of Human Rights (1981).

T. Meron, Human Rights in International Law (1984).

Dunne, Tim and Nicholas J. Wheeler, (1999) Human Rights in Global Politics.

Week 10. Armed Intervention & Non-Intervention

Required Readings:

Bull, chs. 9 & 10.

Background Readings and Further References:

M. Walzer, Just and Unjust Wars.

W. McDougall, Promised Land/Crusader State (1997).

M. Wight, Power Politics.

S. Hoffmann, Janus and Minerva.

G.F. Kennan, Russia and the West under Lenin and Stalin (1960).

H. Bull, (ed.) Intervention in World Politics (1984).

R.J. Vincent, Nonintervention and International Order (1974).

L. Freedman (ed.), Military Intervention in European Conflicts.

O. Ramsbotham and Woodhouse, (eds.), Humanitarian Intervention: A Reconceptualization.

J. Mayall (ed) The New Interventionism 1991-1994 (1996).

Roberts, A. (1996). Humanitarian Action in War, Adelphi Paper 305. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

N. Wheeler, Saving Strangers (2000).

Week 11. Religion

Required readings:

Bull, Part III

Jackson & Sørensen, Ch. 4.

Background Readings and Further References

H. Bull and A. Watson, The Expansion of International Society (1984).

M. Khalil, The Arab State and the Arab League (1962).

J. Piscatori, Islam in a World of Nation-States.

C.H. Alexandrowicz, The European-African Confrontation (1973).

J.K. Fairbank (ed.), The Chinese World Order (1968).

T. Geiger, The Conflicted Relationship: The West and the Transformation of Asia, Africa, and Latin America (1964).

A. Mazrui, Towards a Pax Africana (1967).

S. Hay, Asian Ideas of East and West (1970).

Gong, Gerritt W. The Standard of 'Civilization' in International Society, Oxford, Clarendon Press (1984).

Zhang, Yongjin China in the International System, 1918-1920 (1991).

Zhang, Yongjin, China in International Society since 1949 (1998).

J. Jackson Preece, Minority Rights: Between Diversity and Community (2005).

Week 12. Democracy

Required readings:

Jackson & Sørensen, Ch. 4.

Background Readings and Further References

T. Paine, The Rights of Man (1791).

J.S. Mill, Considerations on Representative Government (1861).

Alfred Cobban, The Nation-State and National Self-Determination (1940).

J.L. Talmon, The Origins of Totalitarian Democracy (1952).

T. Carothers, In the Name of Democracy (1991).

W. McDougall, Promised Land/Crusader State (1997).

M.E. Brown et al, Debating the Democratic Peace.

K. von Hippel, Democracy by Force (2000).

David Held, Democracy and the Global Order (1995).

A. Archibugi and D. Held (eds.), Cosmopolitan Democracy (1995).

Commission on Global Governance, Our Global Neighbourhood (1995).

J. Crawford, Democracy in International Law (1994).

F. Barnaby (ed.), Building a More Democratic United Nations (1991).

Francis Fukuyama, The End of History and the Last Man (1992).

Georg Sørensen, Democracy and Democratization (1993).

Week 13. Course Review for Exam

Week 14. Course Review & Office Consultation