
Boston University

Department of International Relations

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Global Governance and International Organization

Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays
3:30 – 5:00PM
Room CAS 116

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Wednesdays 10:30AM-12:00PM
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Introduction

This course will focus attention on the issue of global governance and the role of international organizations in the international system (both inter-governmental organizations and non-governmental organizations). The goal is to give students a better understanding of the breadth and substance of international organizations that exist in the international system, and provide students with the tools to analyze the multitude of roles these organizations play in international politics, policy making and implementation. In addition, relationships between states and international organizations will be explored in-depth.

This course, which will be mainly structured around lectures but also include frequent in-class discussions, will begin with an introduction to the notion of global governance and an overview of major theoretical perspectives on global governance and the creation and function of international organizations. This will be continued by a historical look at the accelerated creation of international inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations over the past century, discussing major drivers of this trend.

Part of the course will be devoted to comparative case studies of selected organizations, and will examine similarities and difference between their creation, mandates and how they operate. Case studies of international organizations will include the United Nations and the European Union. This will be followed by an examination of the roles of international organizations in a series of issue areas such as peace and security; trade and economics; human development; human rights; and the environment. In addition, students will participate in a UN related simulation.

The course will end by looking at the future of international organizations and the challenges they face in the early 21st century.

Grading

The final grade for the class will be calculated as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Class Participation	10% (30 points)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Mid-Term Examination	35% (105 points)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Simulation	20% (60 points)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Final Examination	35% (105 points)
TOTAL	100% (300 points)

Assignments

Assignments for the class will be explained in greater detail on the first day of class, but students are required to complete different individual and collective assignments in addition to active class participation.

CLASS PARTICIPATION (10% of grade, 30 points)

Active student participation will be an important part of the class and students should come well prepared to speak their mind and to be called upon to speak their mind! At the discretion of the instructor, there may be a limited number of pop quizzes based on class readings. Students may also be asked to fulfill short assignments and bring them to class.

MID-TERM EXAMINATION (35% of grade, 105 points)

Students are required to take a written mid-term examination. The mid-term will include a take-home and an in-class portion. Instructions for the take-home portion will be handed out in class #7 (September 25) and should be handed in at the beginning of class #10 (October 4). The in-class portion will be held during class #10 as well. More information about the mid-term examination will be given in class.

SIMULATION (20% of grade, 60 points)

Students will partake in a UN simulation. Each student will be assigned a country role and will be asked to represent the interests of that country with respect to an issue to be discussed in the United Nations. More information regarding the simulation will be given in class #16 (October 30).

FINAL EXAMINATION (35% of grade, 105 points)

Students are required to take a written final examination. The final will include a take-home and an in-class portion. Instructions for the take-home portion will be handed out in class #29 (November 30) and should be handed in at the beginning of class #27 (December 11). The in-class portion will be held during scheduled final examination period; make sure you look at the final examination schedule before you book your trip home over winter break – there will be NO exceptions! More information about the final examination will be given in class.

Academic Honesty

The *American College Dictionary* defines plagiarism as “Copying or imitating the language, ideas, or thoughts of another author and passing off the same as one’s original work.” Plagiarism is intellectual theft and violates the student honor code. Exact quotations must have quotation marks and the appropriate citation. Paraphrases, even if not exact quotes, must nonetheless have the appropriate citation. Submitting a paper written by someone else, whether ‘borrowed’ from a friend or purchased from a ‘service’, even if updated, constitutes plagiarism.

Using the Internet for research is allowed and encouraged, but plagiarizing its resources is not allowed. Cheating of any sort, submitting the same work for more than one course, deliberately impeding the academic performance of others, and other forms of academic misconduct are serious offenses. As a general rule, if you have any doubts, give credit to the source; if you have any questions, talk to the instructor. Refer to the Academic Conduct Code which will be strictly enforced.

Readings

There are two required textbooks for the course:

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2004. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers.
- THOMAS D. ZWEIFEL. 2006. *International Organizations and Democracy: Accountability, Politics, and Power*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers.

The two textbooks are available for purchase at Barnes and Noble at Boston University Bookstore and various web based book sellers.

The course uses the CourseInfo system and all readings in addition to those found in the two required text books will be posted on CourseInfo under "Course Documents."

Course Organization & Readings

September 4

Class #1

Course Introduction & Class Logistics

September 6

Class #2

Understanding Global Governance

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2004. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 3-20.
 - THOMAS D. ZWEIFEL. 2006. *International Organizations and Democracy: Accountability, Politics, and Power*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 5-30.
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September 11

Class #3

Global Governance and Globalization

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2004. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 21-34 and 63-96.
 - THOMAS D. ZWEIFEL. 2006. *International Organizations and Democracy: Accountability, Politics, and Power*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 31-58.
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September 13

Class #4

Theoretical Perspectives on Global Governance

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2004. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 35-60.
 - ANNE-MARIE SLAUGHTER. 2003. "Leading through Law" in *Wilson Quarterly*, Autumn, p.p. 37-44 (CourseInfo).
 - MICHAEL J. GLENNON. 2003. "Sometimes a Great Notion" in *Wilson Quarterly*, Autumn, p.p. 45-49 (CourseInfo).
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September 18

Class #5

The Many Roles of Inter-Governmental Organizations

- JON PEVEHOUSE, TIMOTHY NORDSTROM AND KEVIN WARNEKE. 2005. "International Governmental Organizations" Chapter 1 in Paul F. Diehl (Ed.) *The Politics of Global Governance: International Organizations in an Interdependent World*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers (CourseInfo).
 - KENNETH W. ABBOTT AND DUNCAN SNIDAL. 1998. "Why States Act Through Formal International Organizations" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 42(1): 3-32 (CourseInfo).
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September 20

Class #6

The Many Roles of Non-Governmental Organizations

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2004. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 211-248.

September 25

Class #7

States and International Organizations

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2004. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 249-274.

September 27

Class #8

The United Nations I

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2004. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 97-144.
- RUBEN P. MENDEZ. 1997. "Financing the United Nations and the International Public Sector: Problems and Reform" *Global Governance* 3(3): 283-310 (CourseInfo).
- UNITED NATIONS: <http://www.un.org>

October 2

Class #9

The United Nations II

- IAN JOHNSTONE. 2003. "The Role of the UN-Secretary-General: The Power of Persuasion Based on Law" *Global Governance* 9(4): 441-458 (CourseInfo).
- THOMAS D. ZWEIFEL. 2006. *International Organizations and Democracy: Accountability, Politics, and Power*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 59-84.
- SECRETARY-GENERALS HIGH-LEVEL PANEL ON THREATS, CHALLENGES AND CHANGE. 2004. *A More Secure World: Our Shared Responsibility* New York: United Nations (CourseInfo).
- UNITED NATIONS REFORM: <http://www.un.org/reform>

October 4

Class #10

In-Class Mid-Term Examination

October 11

Class #11

Regionalism and the European Union I

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2004. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 145-175.
- THOMAS D. ZWEIFEL. 2006. *International Organizations and Democracy: Accountability, Politics, and Power*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 147-174.
- AFRICAN UNION: <http://www.africa-union.org>
- EUROPEAN UNION: <http://europa.eu.int>

October 16

Class #12

The European Union II

- VIVIEN SCHMIDT. 2004. "The European Union: Democratic Legitimacy in a Regional State?" *Journal of Common Market Studies* 42(5): 975-997 (CourseInfo).
- THOMAS D. ZWEIFEL. 2006. *International Organizations and Democracy: Accountability, Politics, and Power*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 131-145.

October 18

Class #13

International Organizations and Peace and Security I

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2004. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p.277-306.
- LYNN H. MILLER. 1999. "The Idea and Reality of Collective Security" *Global Governance* 5(3): 303-332.
- UNITED NATIONS AND PEACE AND SECURITY: <http://www.un.org/peace>

October 23

Class #14

International Organizations and Peace and Security II

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2004. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p.306-354.
- PAUL F. DIEHL. 2000. "Forks in the Road: Theoretical and Policy Concerns for 21st Century Peacekeeping" *Global Society* 14(3): 337-360 (CourseInfo).

October 25

Class #15

International Organizations and Trade and Economics

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2004. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p.355-373 and 380-392.
- THOMAS D. ZWEIFEL. 2006. *International Organizations and Democracy: Accountability, Politics, and Power*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 101-130.
- LESLIE ELLIOTT ARMIJO. 2001. "The Political Geography of World Financial Reform: Who Wants What and Why?" *Global Governance* 7(4): 379-396 (CourseInfo).
- THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION: <http://www.wto.org>

- INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND: <http://www.imf.org>

October 30

Class #16

Simulation I

November 1

Class #17

International Organizations and Human Development

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2004. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 373-380 and 402-412.
- THOMAS D. ZWEIFEL. 2006. *International Organizations and Democracy: Accountability, Politics, and Power*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 85-100.
- THE WORLD BANK: <http://www.worldbank.org>
- UN MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS: <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals>
- UN AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: <http://www.un.org/esa>

November 6

Class #18

Simulation II

November 8

Class #19

International Organizations and Human Rights

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2004. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 413-457.
- ANDREW S. NATSIOS. 1995. "NGOs and the UN System in Complex Humanitarian Emergencies: Conflict or Cooperation?" *Third World Quarterly* 16(3) 405-419 (CourseInfo).
- UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS: <http://www.un.org/rights>
- AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: <http://www.amnesty.org>

November 13

Class #20

Simulation III

November 15

Class #21

International Organizations and the Environment

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2004. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 459-495.
- ADIL NAJAM. 2003. "The Case Against a New International Environmental Organization" *Global Governance* 9(3): 367-384 (CourseInfo).
- UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME: <http://www.unep.org>

- UN DIVISION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: <http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev>

November 20 Class #22

Simulation IV

November 27 Class #23

Student Presentations I

November 29 Class #24

Student Presentations II

December 4 Class #25

Kofi Annan Movie

December 6 Class #26

Challenges of Global Governance I

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2004. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 499-520.
- THOMAS D. ZWEIFEL. 2006. *International Organizations and Democracy: Accountability, Politics, and Power*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 175-188.
- EDWARD C. LUCK. 2005. "Reforming the United Nations: Lessons from a History of Progress" Chapter 18 in Paul F. Diehl (Ed.) *The Politics of Global Governance: International Organizations in an Interdependent World*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers (CourseInfo).
- CHADWICK F. ALGER. 1996. "Thinking About the Future of the UN System" *Global Governance* 2(3): 335-360 (CourseInfo).

December 11 Class #27

Challenges of Global Governance II

Summary Outline of Class Schedule

Class #1	<i>September 4 (Tue)</i>	• Course Introduction & Class Logistics
Class #2	<i>September 6 (Thu)</i>	• Understanding Global Governance
Class #3	<i>September 11 (Tue)</i>	• Global Governance and Globalization
Class #4	<i>September 13 (Thu)</i>	• Theoretical Perspectives on Global Governance
Class #5	<i>September 18 (Tue)</i>	• The Many Roles of Inter-Governmental Organizations
Class #6	<i>September 20 (Thu)</i>	• The Many Roles of Non-Governmental Organizations
Class #7	<i>September 25 (Tue)</i>	• States and International Organizations
Class #8	<i>September 27 (Thu)</i>	• The United Nations I
Class #9	<i>October 2 (Tue)</i>	• The United Nations II
Class #10	<i>October 4 (Thu)</i>	• Mid-term Examination
Class #11	<i>October 11 (Thu)</i>	• Regionalism and the European Union I
Class #12	<i>October 16 (Tue)</i>	• The European Union II
Class #13	<i>October 18 (Thu)</i>	• International Organizations and Peace and Security I
Class #14	<i>October 23 (Tue)</i>	• International Organizations and Peace and Security II
Class #15	<i>October 25 (Thu)</i>	• International Organizations and Trade and Economics
Class #16	<i>October 30 (Tue)</i>	• Simulation I
Class #17	<i>November 1 (Thu)</i>	• International Organizations and Human Development
Class #18	<i>November 6 (Tue)</i>	• Simulation II
Class #19	<i>November 8 (Thu)</i>	• International Organizations and Human Rights
Class #20	<i>November 13 (Tue)</i>	• Simulation III
Class #21	<i>November 15 (Thu)</i>	• International Organizations and the Environment
Class #22	<i>November 20 (Tue)</i>	• Simulation IV
Class #23	<i>November 27 (Tue)</i>	• Student Presentations I
Class #24	<i>November 29 (Thu)</i>	• Student Presentations II
Class #25	<i>December 4 (Tue)</i>	• Kofi Annan Movie
Class #26	<i>December 6 (Thu)</i>	• Challenges of Global Governance I
Class #27	<i>December 11 (Tue)</i>	• Challenges of Global Governance II