

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FIELD OF STUDY EXAM INSTRUCTIONS AND READING LIST
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FIELD OF STUDY EXAMINATION

I. STRUCTURE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS POLITICS FOS EXAMINATION

The International Relations FoS examination has three sections. Each section will have a number of questions that the student may choose from. Students will be expected to answer one question per section.

Section 1. General International Relations Theory

Section 2. Four Thematic Areas: For Section 2, students will read in all four of the following sub-sections:

- **Foreign Policy.**
- **Strategic Studies.**
- **International Institutions**
- **International Political Economy.**

Section 3. Area of Specialization: Section 3 focuses more specifically on a student's particular area of specialization through consultation with the Supervisor and the Supervisory Committee.

II. RECOMMENDED PREPARATORY COURSE WORK

The International Relations Field Caucus does not formally tie particular courses to particular sections of the FoS written examination. Students should consult with their Supervisor and look at the reading list below when selecting courses as preparation for the IR FoS written examination.

III. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE IR FOS EXAMINATION

As part of the preparation process, students, the Supervisor and the Supervisory Committee should reach a written agreement on the specific focus on the third section, and the Supervisor and Supervisory Committee should develop the necessary reading list for the student. That agreement, this list, and the list for the third section should be passed on to other members of the examining committee and to the IR caucus more generally when the exam is being developed.

Reading list for the International Relations Field of Study Examination
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SECTION 1: GENERAL IR THEORY

General Debates and History of the Field

Nicolas Guilhot ed. *The Invention of International Relations Theory*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2011.

Miles Kahler. "Inventing International Relations: International Relations Theory After 1945." In *New Thinking in International Relations Theory* edited by Michael W. Doyle and John G. Ikenberry. Boulder: Westview Press, 1997: 20-53.

David Lake. "Why 'isms' are Evil: Theory, Epistemology and Academic Sects as Impediments to Understanding and Progress." *International Studies Quarterly* 55(2) (2011).

Yosef Lapid. "The Third Debate: on the Prospects of International Theory in a Post-Positivist Era." *International Studies Quarterly* 33(13) (1989): 235-54.

Christian Reus-Smith and Duncan Snidal. *Oxford Handbook of International Relations*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008.

Peter Wilson. "The Myth of the 'First Great Debate'." *Review of International Studies* 24(5) (1998):1-16.

Science and Methods

Andrew Bennett and Colin Elman. "Qualitative Research: Recent Developments in Case Study Methods." *Annual Review of Political Science*, (2006): 455-476.

Henry E. Brady, and David Collier. *Rethinking Social Inquiry: Diverse Tools, Shared Standards*. 2nd ed. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2010.

Gary King, Robert O. Keohane, and Sidney Verba. *Designing Social Inquiry*. Illustrated edition. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1994.

Ruth Lane. "Positivism, Scientific Realism and Political Science: Recent Developments in the Philosophy of Science." *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 8(3) (1996): 361-82.

Approaches to Theory

Audie Klotz and Cecelia Lynch. *Strategies for Research in Constructivist International Relations*. Armonk, NY: M. E. Sharpe, 2007: 3-23.

David A. Lake and Robert Powell eds. *Strategic Choice and International Relations*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1999: 3-38.

Rose McDermott and Jacek Kugler. "Comparing Rational Choice and Prospect Theory Analyses: The US Decision to Launch Operation 'Desert Storm', January 1991." *Journal of Strategic Studies* 24 (3) (September 2001): 49–85.

Stephen Quackenbush. "The Rationality of Rational Choice Theory." *International Interactions* 30 (2) (2004): 87–107.

Herbert A. Simon. "Human Nature in Politics: The Dialogue of Psychology with Political Science", *American Political Science Review*, 79(2) (June 1985): 293-304.

Alexander Wendt. *Social Theory of International Politics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999.

DOMINANT THEORETICAL APPROACHES

REALISMS

General

Barry Buzan, "The Timeless Wisdom of Realism?" in Ken Booth, Steve Smith and Marysia Zalewski eds. *International Theory: Positivism and Beyond*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996: 47–65.

Joseph Grieco, "Realist International Theory and the Study of World Politics," in *New Thinking in International Relations Theory* edited by Michael W. Doyle and G. John Ikenberry. Boulder, Colo.: Westview, 1997: 163-201.

Marc Trachtenberg. "The Question of Realism: A Historian's View," *Security Studies*, 13(1) (Autumn, 2003): 156-194.

Kenneth N. Waltz, *Man, the State, and War*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1959.

Classical

E. H. Carr. *The Twenty Years' Crisis, 1919–1939: An Introduction to the Study of International Relations*. Houndmills: Palgrave, 2001.

Stephen Forde. "Classical Realism." In *Traditions of International Ethics* edited by Terry Nardin and David R. Marpel. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993.

Robert Jervis. "Hans Morgenthau, Realism, and the Scientific Study of International Politics," *Social Research* 61(4) (1994): 853-876.

Hans J. Morgenthau. *Politics Among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf (various editions.)

Neo-/Structural

Barry Buzan, C. Jones and R. Little. *The Logic of Anarchy: Neorealism to Structural Realism*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1993.

Daniel Bessner and Nicolas Guilhot. "How Realism Waltzed Off: Liberalism and Decisionmaking in Kenneth Waltz's Neorealism," *International Security*, 40(2) (Fall 2015): 87-118.

John J. Mearsheimer. *The Tragedy of Great Power politics*, New York: Norton, 2014.

Kenneth N. Waltz. *Theory of International Politics*. Reading: Addison-Wesley, 1979.

Neo-Classical

J. W. Legro, and A. Moravcsik. "Is Anyone Still a Realist?" *International Security* 24 (2) (1999): 5–55.

Brian Rathbun. "A Rose by Any Other Name: Neoclassical Realism as the Logical and Necessary Extension of Structural Realism." *Security Studies*, 17 (2008): 294–321.

Gideon Rose. "Neoclassical Realism and Theories of Foreign Policy." *World Politics* (Oct. 1998): 144–172.

LIBERALISM**General**

Andrew Moravcsik. "Taking Preferences Seriously: A Liberal Theory of International Politics." *International Organization* 51(4) (1997): 513–553.

Andrew Moravcsik, "Liberal International Relations Theory: A Scientific Assessment." In *Progress in International Relations Theory: Appraising the Field*, edited by Colin Elman and Miriam Fendius Elman. Cambridge, Mass.: The MIT Press, 2003: 159–204.

Brian C. Rathbun. "Is Anybody Not an (International Relations) Liberal?" *Security Studies*, 19 (1) (2010): 2-25.

Mark Zacher and Richard Matthew. "Liberal International Theory: Common Threads, Divergent Strands," in *Controversies in International Relations Theory: Realism and the Neoliberal Challenge* edited by C. Kegley. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1995.

Institutionalism

James Fearons. "Bargaining, Enforcement, and International Cooperation". *International Organization*. 52(2) (1998): 269–305

Joseph M. Grieco, "Anarchy and the limits of cooperation: a realist critique of the newest liberal institutionalism." *International organization* 42(3) (1988): 485-507.

Robert O. Keohane and Lisa L. Martin. "The promise of institutionalist theory." *International Security* 20(1) (1995): 39-51.

Robert O. Keohane. *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy* 2nd ed. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2005.

Constructivism

Emanuel Adler and Vincent Pouliot. "International Practices." *International Theory* 3(1) (2011): 1–36.

Didier Bigo, "Pierre Bourdieu and International Relations: Power of Practices, Practices of Power." *International Political Sociology* 5(3) (2011): 225–58.

Martha Finnemore, and Kathryn Sikkink. "International Norm Dynamics and Political Change." *International Organization* 52(4) (1998): 887–917.

Katzenstein, Peter, ed. *The Culture of National Security: Norms and Identity in World Politics*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1996.

Onuf, Nicholas G. *World of Our Making: Rules and Rule in Social Theory and International Relations*. Routledge, 2012.

Alexander Wendt. *Social Theory of International Politics*. Cambridge : Cambridge University Press, 1999.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY, HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONALISM, AND SOCIOLOGICAL APPROACHES

Hedley Bull. *The Anarchical Society: a Study of Order in World Politics*. Columbia University Press or Macmillan, 1977.

Orfeo Fioretos. "Historical Institutionalism in International Relations." *International Organization* 65(2) (Spring 2011): 367-399.

Stephen Hobden and John M. Hobson eds. *Historical Sociology of International Relations* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002.

Andrew Linklater and Hidemi Suganami. *The English School of International Relations: A Contemporary Reassessment*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006.

James G. March and Johan P. Olsen. "The Institutional Dynamics of International Political Orders." *International Organization* 52 (Autumn 1998): 943-969.

Christian Reus-Smit. "The Constitutional Structure of International Society and the Nature of Fundamental Institutions." *International Organization* 51(4) (1997): 555-589.

CRITICAL THEORIES

General

Robert W. Cox. "Social Forces, States and World Orders: Beyond International Relations Theory," in *Neorealism and Its Critics* edited by Robert O. Keohane. New York: Columbia University Press, 1986: 204–254.

James Der Derian and Michael J. Shapiro eds. *International/Intertextual Relations: Postmodern Readings of World Politics*. Lexington: Lexington Books, 1989.

Jennifer Sterling-Folker and Rosemary E. Shinko. "Discourses of Power: Traversing the Realist-Postmodern Divide." *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* 33(1) (2005): 637-664.

R. B. J. Walker. *Inside/outside: international relations as political theory*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993.

Feminisms

Terrell Carver. "Gender and international relations". *International Studies Review* 5(2), (2003), 287-302.

Jean Bethke Elshtain. "Feminist Inquiry and International Relations." In *New Thinking in International Relations Theory* edited by Michael W. Doyle and G. John Ikenberry. Boulder, Colo.: Westview, 1997: 77-90.

Dan Reiter. The positivist study of gender and international relations. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 59(7) (2015): 1301-1326.

J. Ann Tickner. "You just don't understand: troubled engagements between feminists and IR theorists". *International Studies Quarterly* 41(4) (1997): 611-632.

Race, Post-Colonial and Decolonizing Approaches

Amitva Acharya. "Global International Relations (IR) and Regional Worlds: A New Agenda for International Studies." *International Studies Quarterly* 58 (2014): 647-659.

Alexander Anievas, Nivi Manchanda, and Robbie Shilliam, eds. *Race and Racism in International Relations: Confronting the Global Colour Line*. New York: Routledge, 2015.

David L. Blaney and Arlene B. Tickner. "Worlding, Ontological Politics and the Possibility of a Decolonial IR." *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* 45(3) (2017): 293-311.

W. E. B. Du Bois. "Worlds of Color." *Foreign Affairs* 3(3) (April 1925): 423-444.

Branwen Gruffydd Jones ed. *Decolonizing International Relations*. Roman & Littlefield, 2006.

T. D. Harper-Shipman and Lewis R. Gordon. "Race and ethics in International Relations." In, *Routledge Handbook to Rethinking Ethics in International Relations* edited by Birgit Schippers. New York: Routledge, 2020.

Emma Hutchison. *Affective Communities in World Politics. Collective Emotions after Trauma*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016.

Christian Reus-Smit. *On Cultural Diversity. International Theory in a World of Difference*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018.

Ananya Sharma. Decolonizing International Relations: Confronting Erasure Through Indigenous Knowledge Systems. *International Studies* 58(1) (2021): 25-40.

Robert Vitalis, *White World Order, Black Power Politics: the Birth of American International Relations*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015.

Cynthia Weber. *Queer International Relations*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016.

Kelebogile Zvobgo and Meredith Loken. "Why Race Matters in International Relations: Western Dominance and White Privilege Permeate the Field. It's time to change." *Foreign Policy* (June 19, 2020.)

SECTION 2: FOUR THEMATIC AREAS

A. FOREIGN POLICY

Graham Allison and Philip Zelikow. *Essence of Decision: Explaining the Cuban Missile Crisis*. New York: Pearson, 1999.

Klaus Brummer and Valerie M. Hudson eds. *Foreign Policy Analysis. Beyond North America*. New York: Lynne Rienner, 2015.

Valerie M. Hudson, and Benjamin S. Day. *Foreign Policy Analysis: Classic and Contemporary Theory*. 3rd ed. Plymouth: Rowman & Littlefield Publishing, 2019.

Laura Neack. *Studying Foreign Policy Comparatively: Cases and Analysis* 4th ed. Rowman and Littlefield 2018.

Steve Smith, Amelia Hadfield, and Tim Dunne eds. *Foreign Policy: Theories, Actors, Cases* 3rd Edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016.

Stephen G. Walker. *Rethinking Foreign Policy Analysis: States, Leaders and the Microfoundations of Behavioral International Relations*. New York: Routledge, 2011.

B. STRATEGIC AND SECURITY STUDIES

David Baldwin. "The Concept of Security." *Review of International Studies* 23(1) (1997): 5–26.

John Baylis, James J. Wirtz and Colin Gray eds. *Strategy in the Contemporary World* 6th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019.

Richard Betts. "Should Strategic Studies Survive?" *World Politics* 50 (October 1997):7–33.

Barry Buzan and Lene Hansen. *The Evolution of International Security*. Cambridge: Publisher: Cambridge University Press (overview of the field in 2009).

Barry Buzan, Ole Waever and Jaap de Wilde. *Security: A New Framework for Analysis*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publisher, 1998.

Lars-Erik Cederman, Kristian Skrede Gleditsch and Halvard Buhaug. *Inequality, Grievances, and Civil War*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013.

Alan Collins, *Contemporary Security Studies* 5th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019.

Stuart Croft and Terry Terriff, eds. *Critical Reflections on Security and Change*. London: Frank Cass & Co, 2000. [also all in *Contemporary Security Policy*, 20(3) (1999)].

J.D. Fearon, "Rationalist Explanations for War." *International Organization* 49(3) (1995): 379–414.

Keith Krause and Michael Williams. "Broadening the Agenda of Security Studies: Politics and Methods", *Mershon International Studies Review* 40 (1996).

Jack S. Levy, and William R. Thompson. *Causes of war*. John Wiley & Sons, 2011.

Margaret MacMillan, *War: How Conflict Shaped Us*. London: Alan Lane, 2020.

John R. Oneal, and Bruce Russett. *Triangulating peace: Democracy, interdependence, and international organizations*. New York, NY: Norton, 2001.

Terry Terriff, Stuart Croft, Lucy James and Patrick Morgan. *Security Studies Today*. Cambridge: Polity Press, 1999.

Jessica Weeks. *Dictators at War and Peace*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2014.

Keren Yarhi-Milo. *Who Fights for Reputation: The Psychology of Leaders in International Conflict*. Princeton: Princeton University Press: 2018.

C. INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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

Abram Chayes, and Antonia Handler Chayes. "On Compliance." *International Organization* 47(2) (1993): 175–205.

Jeffrey T. Checkel. Why Comply? Social Learning and European Identity change. *International Organization*. 55(3), (2001) 553–588.

Christian Reus-Smit, ed., *The Politics of International Law*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004.

G.W. Downs and P. N. Barsoom. "Is the Good News about Compliance Good News about Cooperation?" *International Organization* 50 (3) (1996): 379–406.

Martha Finnemore and Michael Barnett. *The Politics, Power, and Pathologies of International Organizations*. *International Organization*. 53(4) (1999): 699–732.

Martha Finnemore and Kathryn Sikkink, "International Norm Dynamics and Political Change," *International Organization* 52 (1998): 887–917.

Jack L. Goldsmith and Eric A. Posner. *The Limits of International Law*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005.

Robert O. Keohane, "International Institutions: Two Approaches" *International Studies Quarterly*, 32(4) (1988): 379-396.

Barbara Koremenos, Charles Lipson, and Duncan Snidal. "The rational design of international institutions." *International Organization* 55(4) (2001): 761-799.

John J. Mearsheimer. "The False Promise of International Institutions." *International Security* 19 (3) (1994): 5-49.

Gerry Simpson. *Great Powers and Outlaw States: Unequal Sovereign in the International Legal Order*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004.

Antje Wiener and Uwe Puetter. "The Quality of Norms is What Actors Make of It: Critical Constructivist Research on Norms." *Journal of International Law and International Relations* 5(1) (2009): 1-16.

D. INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY

J.L. Broz, and J. A. Frieden. "The Political Economy of International Monetary Relations." *Annual Review of Political Science* 4(1) (2001): 317-343.

Robert Gilpin. *Global Political Economy: Understanding the International Economic Order*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2001.

Albert O. Hirschman. *National Power and the Structure of Foreign Trade*. University of California Press, 1980.

Charles P. Kindleberger, "Dominance and Leadership in the International Economy: Exploitation, Public Goods, and Free Rides." *International Studies Quarterly*, 25(2) (June 1981): 242-254.

David A. Lake. "Open Economy Politics: A Critical Review." *The Review of International Organizations* 4(3) (September 1, 2009): 219-44.

H.V. Milner and K. Kubota. "Why the Move to Free Trade? Democracy and Trade Policy in the Developing Countries." *International Organization* 59(1) (2005): 107-143.

Wolfgang Mommsen. *Theories of Imperialism*. London: Random House, 1980.

Kevin M. Morrison, "Oil, Nontax Revenue, and the Redistributive Foundations of Regime Stability." *International Organization* 63(1) (2009): 107-38.

Thomas H. Oatley. *International Political Economy* 6th ed. Oxfordshire: Routledge, 2018.

Ronald Rogowski. *Commerce and Coalitions: How Trade affects Domestic Political Alignments*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1989.

Nita Rudra. *Globalization and the Race to the Bottom in Developing Countries: Who Really Gets Hurt?* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008.

Ngairé Woods. *The Globalizers: the IMF, the World Bank, and their Borrowers*. Cornell University Press, 2006.

SECTION 3: SPECIFIC TOPICS

Section 3 will consist of specific topical foci for students, to be selected in consultation with the Supervisor, and with appropriate reading lists to be developed with the Supervisor. This could reflect additional topic specializations, or a further development of specific sectors from Sections 1 and 2 above. The topic areas listed below are meant to be illustrative, not exhaustive. The student should work out the focus and the reading list for this section in consultation with the Supervisor and the Supervisory Committee.

Some possible areas of specialization (examples only):

- a. Regime theory
- b. Culture and identity
- c. Normative and ethical theories, and theories about norms.
- d. Institutionalism (historical and other)
- e. Historical sociology.
- f. Other theories: feminism, post-modernism/post-structuralism, evolutionary/biological, English School, etc.
- e. Regional foci.

As well, specific topics in Foreign Policy and in Strategic Studies could be developed: for example, foreign policy issues for specific states and regions.