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Introduction to International Relations and History I

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Description

An introduction to the study of international relations and history with an emphasis in the first part on the fundamental concepts and problems of history, foreign policy, and war, and in the second part on the origins of the modern state and international dispensation. The course will trace the development of such concepts as anarchy, sovereignty, just war, natural law, the law of nations, nationalism, human rights, and the balance of power through twenty-four centuries of European and world history, from the Peloponnesian War of the fifth century BCE through the Peace of Westphalia in 1648 to the creation of the United Nations in 1945. Our historical survey will examine the period of revolution, imperialism, and nationalism of the 18th-19th centuries, its crisis and resolution in the ideological wars of the 20th century, and the post-Cold War convergence around issues of security, terrorism, humanitarian intervention, human rights, nuclear proliferation, energy, and commercial competition. The class will probe the relationship between regimes and their foreign policy and the powers, aims, and limitations of international institutions, alliances, treaties, and laws.

Readings will consist of seminal texts of political theory and philosophy of history, primary historical documents, and scholarly essays and analysis. During the second part of the course, we will read two works of historiography that narrate the political struggles that have given rise to the modern state and international state system. These are Philip Bobbitt's *Shield of Achilles* and Brendan Simms' *Europe: The Struggle for Supremacy*. A mandatory weekly discussion session will be held by Teaching Fellow Jyotsna Badrinarayanan.

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: none

Major/Minor Requirements: Required for the International Relations and History minor; counts toward the Politics, Philosophy and Economics major and Politics minor.

Assignments

Students will write three papers at weeks 5, 10 and 15, each counting for 25% of the total grade. Students will individually present a paper to the class linking the readings to a contemporary event or issue of their choice, counting for 15% of the grade. Class participation will count toward the remaining 10% of the grade.

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Course Texts

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Further Reading

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Plan

Part I - Foundations of International Relations and History

- A. Power, sovereignty, anarchy, self-help, friendship, morality - Group identity and solidarity - Family, tribe, nation, city, state, regime - Democracy and empire - Barbarian and civilization - Nomads and settled peoples - Group feeling - Rise and decline - Friends and enemies - Religion and ideology - Strategy - Geography - History our matter and teacher - Historical judgment - IR as social science - as pragmatic science - as art

Weeks 1-5

Thucydides, *Peloponnesian War*, I.1-23; I.24-88; I.89-146; II.34-65; III.36-50, 69-85; V.13-26, 84-116; VI.6-41, VII.1-18, 42-87

Week 5

Kautilya, *Arthashastra*, VI, VII topics 98-101, 108, 124-126

First paper

Weeks 6-8

Ibn Khaldun, *Muqaddimah*, Forward, Introduction pp. 11-14, 24-30, I.i 'First Prefatory Discussion' (pp. 45-48); I.ii.1-8, 14-23, 25-26, 28; I.iii.1-2, 4-8, 10-15, 22, 33, 35, 41, 44-47

Weeks 8-10

Hobbes, *Leviathan*, VI.6-7, X.1-15, 48, XI, XIII; XIV-XV; XX, XXI, XXVIII.22-23, XXX.30, XLVI.32, 35-36; XVII-XIX, XXIX.

Second Paper

- B. Ethics and international relations - War - *ius gentium* - Force and diplomacy - Heroism, courage, ambition - Chivalry, mercy, justice - Rearing of warriors - Battle trauma - Civilians and soldiers - Peace - Prospects of - Providence and progress - End of history

Weeks 10-11

Hesiod, *Works and Days*, lines 1-57, 235-335
Homer, *Iliad*, XX:455-503, XXI:34-135
Tyrtaeus, Elegies 10-12, in Edmonds, *Elegy and Iambus*, Vol. 1, pp. 69-77
Yamamoto Tsunetomo, *Hagakure*, pp. 1-3, 8-10, 28-30
Salvador Dali, 'The Face of War' (1941)
Tolstoy, *War and Peace*, I.iii.8-10 (pp. 260-73)
Shay, *Achilles in Vietnam*, Introduction, ch. 1 (chs. 2, 5 recommended)
Aristotle, *Politics*, 1306a19, 1307b19, 1308a24, 1313b16, 1338b9-1338b37
Plutarch, 'The Life of Pyrrhus,' sects. 5-22.2
Cicero, *On Duties*, I.34-41, III.20-27, 48-49, 86-87, 99-115

Further reading:

Bacon, *Essays*, 'Of Adversitie'
Rousseau, 'Discourse on the Virtue Most Necessary for a Hero'

Week 12

Old Testament, *Deuteronomy*, 20
New Testament, *Matthew*, 6
Machiavelli, *Discourses on Livy*, II.2
Augustine, *City of God*, IV.1-7, XIX.10-17
Bacon, *Essays*, 'Of Empire', lines 1-86, 155-67
Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, V.7-8
Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, II-II, Q. 40 ('Of War'), Q. 64 ('Of Murder')
Machiavelli, *Prince*, XV, XVIII
Ibn Khaldun, *Muqaddimah*, III.35

Further reading:

Plato, *Laws*, 628a-e
Cicero, *Laws*, II.10-13
UN Charter, Art. 51
McMahan, 'Rethinking the "Just War,"' Parts 1 and 2

Week 13

Rousseau, 'The State of War'
Clausewitz, *On War*, I.1-2
Kant, 'Idea for a Universal History from a Cosmopolitan Point of View'

Further reading:

Clausewitz, *On War*, II.1-5
Kautilya, *Arthashastra*, chs. IX-X, XIII
Carr, *The Twenty Years' Crisis*, chs. 1, 2, 9 (pp. 1-21, 146-169)
Grotius, *Rights of War and Peace*, I: i.1-3, 9-15; I.ii.1-4, 8; I.iii.1-4; I.v.1-4; II: i.1-5, 15-18, ii.1-12, 16, iii.8-13, ix.13, xx.1-9, 22-24, 32-34, 38-41, 44, 48, 51, xxi.1-8, 12-13, 17-18, xxii.1-12, xxiii.13, xxiv.1-4, 8-9, xxv.1-2, 4, 7, 9-10, xxvi; III: i.1-4, iii.1-4, iv.8-12, 15-19, viii.1-2, X.1-3, xi.14-15, xviii.1-2, xix.1, xxv

Weeks 14-15

Montesquieu, *Spirit of the Laws*, XX.1-4
Kant, 'Toward Perpetual Peace: A Philosophical Sketch'

Further reading:

Layne, 'Kant or Cant: The Myth of the Democratic Peace' (1994)

Carr, *The Twenty Years' Crisis*, ch. 10 (pp. 170-180)

Rousseau, 'A Lasting Peace through the Federation of Europe' (1756)

UN Charter, Ch. XIV: 'The International Court of Justice,' § 92-96

Geneva Conventions

Final paper