

IR 306—International Organizations Fall 2007

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This course is intended as a survey of the role of international organizations in world politics. These organizations have been a part of the international system for centuries, but have increased in importance in recent decades. We will ask the following:

- 1) What are the most influential organizations in world politics?
- 2) In what way do these organizations exercise authority, especially when considering the central role of sovereignty in international law?
- 3) What is the relationship between international organizations and global democratization?
- 4) How do international organizations act?
- 5) How do international organizations promote norms?
- 6) What future does global governance hold?

This course will start with an examination of the UN. We will then move to regional organizations which are tasked to the same role, with particular focus on Africa. Next we turn to international economic organizations and their interaction with NGOs. Finally, the International Criminal Court will then be our focus, as the newest and potentially one of the most important organizations in dealing with the specific issues of war crimes prosecutions and human rights preservation. Throughout the course, we will examine the role that democratization plays in IOs, and evaluate the future democratic developments within organizations.

The grades for this course are as follows:

Research paper	35%
mid-term	25%
in-class final	30%
class participation	10%

The research paper is a piece of empirical research on a topic that we mutually agree upon. The mid-term and final are in-class. Class participation is required, which includes attendance of the class, demonstration of prior completion of the reading, and thoughtful response to questions posed. **The penalty for late work is 10 points a class.** The only excuses accepted are University sanctioned excuses, and must be documented. Also, this course will follow all of the guidelines for reasonable accommodations laid out in the University Handbook.

The books for this class are as follows:

- Boulden, Jane. Dealing with Conflict in Africa: The United Nations and Regional Organizations. Palgrave MacMillan, 2003. ISBN: 1403960801
- O'Brien, Richard. Contesting Global Governance: Multilateral Economic Institutions and Global Social Movements. Cambridge University Press, 2000. ISBN: 0521774403
- Schabas, William. An Introduction to the International Criminal Court. 2nd edition. Cambridge University Press, 2004. ISBN: 0521537568
- Weiss, Thomas G, David Forsythe and Roger A. Coate. The United Nations and Changing World Politics. 4th edition. Westview Press, 2004, ISBN: 0813342066

Zwiefel, Thomas D. International Organizations and Democracy: Accountability, Politics, and Power. Lynne Reinner, 2006, ISBN: 1588263924

- August
- 27: Hand out Syllabi, Introductions
 - 29: A history of International Organizations
Zwiefel, Chapter 2, pgs 31-58
 - 31: Introduction to the United Nations
Weiss, Introduction, pgs xxxix-lvi
Weiss Chapter 1, pgs 3-28
- September
- 3: Labor Day, no classes
 - 5: A Realist Critique of International Organizations
John Mearsheimer, "The False Promise of International Institutions."
<http://mearsheimer.uchicago.edu/pdfs/A0021.pdf>
 - 7: The drive for democracy worldwide
Zwiefel, Chapter 1, pgs 5-30
 - 10: The UN, Collective Security, and the Cold War
Weiss, Chapter 2, pgs 29-46
 - 12: The UN After the Cold War
Weiss, Chapter 3, pgs 47-92
 - 14: The UN and the War on Terror
Weiss, Chapter 4, pgs 93-125
 - 17: The UN and the Iraq War
Mark A. Drumbl, "Self-Defense and the Use of Force: Breaking the Rules, Making the Rules, or Both?" **ON RESERVE**
 - 19: The UN and Human Rights
Weiss, Chapter 5, pgs 129-152
 - 21: Applying Human Rights Standards
Weiss, Chapter 6-7, pgs 153-217
 - 24: The UN and economic development
Weiss, Chapter 8-9, pgs 221-284
 - 26: The UN and Globalization
Weiss, Chapter 10 and conclusion, pgs 285-347
 - 28: no class, ISA-West conference
- October
- 1: Is the UN promoting democracy?
Zwiefel, Chapter 3, pgs 59-84
 - 3: The OAU, the AU, democracy, and regional organization

- Zweifel, Chapter 8, pgs 147-158
- 5: The UN Security Council and Africa
Boulden, Chapter 1-2, pgs 11-77
- 8: Do Regional Organizations Matter?
Boulden, Chapter 3, pgs 79-108
- 10: ECOWAS and Liberia and Sierra Leone
Boulden, Chapter 4-5, pgs 111-152
- 12: The OAU and Ethiopia/Eritrea and Burundi
Boulden, Chapter 6 and 8, pgs 153-184, 215-251
- 15: The IGADD and the Sudan
Boulden, Chapter 7, pgs 185-214
- 17: The Mess in the Congo
Boulden, Chapter 9, pgs 253-303
- 19: Conclusions—Can African Regional Organizations Work?
Boulden, Conclusion, pgs 305-315
- 22: Democratization and the EU
Zweifel, Chapter 7, pgs 131-145
- 24: Are regional organizations more democratic than states?
Zweifel, Chapter 9, pgs 159-174
- 26: **Mid-Term**
- 29: NGOs and Global Governance
O'Brien, Chapter 1, pgs 1-23
- 31: The World Trade Organization and democratization
Zwiefel, Chapter 6, pgs 115-130
- November 2: The WTO and Labor
O'Brien, Chapter 3, pgs 67-108
- 5: The World Bank and Democratization
Zwiefel, Chapter 4, pgs 85-100
- 7: The World Bank and women's movements
O'Brien, Chapter 2, pgs 24-66
- 9: Environmental Movements, the World Bank, and the WTO
O'Brien, Chapter 4, pgs 109-158
- 12: The IMF and democracy
Zwiefel, Chapter 5, pgs 101-113

- 14: The IMF and social movements
O'Brien, Chapter 5, pgs 159-205
- 16: GSMs vs MEIs
O'Brien, Chapter 6, pgs 206-234
- 19: What is the International Criminal Court?
Schabas, Chapters 1-2, pgs 1-66
- 21: Jurisdiction
Schabas, Chapter 3, pgs 67-89
Papers due
- 23: Thanksgiving, no class
- 26: General Principles of Criminal Law
Schabas. Chapter 4, pgs 90-116
- 28: The Pre-trial
Schabas, Chapter 5, pgs 117-142
- 30: Trial and Appeal
Schabas, Chapter 6, pgs 143-161
- December 3: Punishment and the Rights of Victims
Schabas, Chapter 7, pgs 162-175
- 5: Structure and Administration of the Court
Schabas, Chapter 8, pgs 176-192
- December 7: Do international organizations lead to global citizenship?
Zweifel, Chapter 10, pgs 175-188

Final Exam Wednesday, December 12, 11:00-1:00