

POLSCI 380: Theories of International Relations

<p>MEETING SCHEDULE</p> <p>M/W/F, 12:00 – 12:50 p.m.</p> <p>McCormack Hall, Rm. M01-0208</p> <p>INSTRUCTOR</p> <p>Brian Palmiter</p> <p>EMAIL</p> <p>Brian.Palmiter@umb.edu</p> <p>OFFICE LOCATION</p> <p>Wheatley Hall, 5th Floor, Rm. 64</p> <p>OFFICE HOURS</p> <p>Tu/Th 11:00 – 12:00 p.m., or by appointment</p>	<p>COURSE OVERVIEW</p> <p>This course surveys the most prominent themes in philosophical and scientific thought about international relations. It gives special consideration to the historical evolution of international relations scholarship, and to the most prominent debates among scholars, to facilitate understanding of the fundamental problems countries face and the broad patterns of their interactions with one another.</p> <p>ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Attendance & participation (10%)</i>• <i>Reading Quizzes (20%)</i>• <i>Midterm exam (20%): 24-hour take-home, due Mar 8 (F).</i>• <i>Paper (25%): 1200 – 1500 words, due Apr 3 (W).</i>• <i>Final exam (25%): Exam date TBA.</i> <p><i>Attendance & Participation:</i> Attendance and active participation are expected. Absences may be excused with a medical note or by prior permission of the instructor.</p> <p><i>Reading Quizzes:</i> Over the course of the semester, brief reading quizzes will occasionally be administered prior to the day’s lecture. They will focus on basic questions about the reading, such that they should be relatively easy for students who have done the readings with the required care. The idea is only to ensure that students are coming to lecture having done the necessary work. The schedule of the quizzes will not be announced in advance. Although students will not be permitted to retake the quizzes if they miss class (or arrive after the quiz has been given), I will not count each student’s worst quiz in order to provide students leeway for personal issues that may arise.</p> <p><i>Late Work Policy:</i> Late papers are penalized 1/3 of a letter grade per day late. (1/3 = A → A-)</p> <p>CLASSROOM POLICY</p> <p>No electronics in class. You are expected to bring hard copies of the course texts with you to class.</p> <p>ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY</p> <p>Dishonesty of any kind will not be tolerated in this course. Dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarizing, fabricating information or citations, facilitating acts of academic dishonesty by others, etc. The consequence for academic dishonesty is failure of the specific assignment, or (if a repeat offense) the course as a whole. Disciplinary procedures may also be initiated as outlined in the sections on Academic Standards, Cheating, and Plagiarism in the Code of Student Conduct in the University Undergraduate Catalog.</p>
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REQUIRED TEXTS

Robert Keohane, *Neorealism and Its Critics*, New York: Columbia University Press, 1986. [ISBN: 978-0231063494]

READING SCHEDULE

M	Jan 28	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Syllabus
W	Jan 30	What is Theory? <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Kenneth Waltz, "Laws and Theories," in Keohane, <i>Neorealism and Its Critics</i>, ch. 2.
F	Feb 1	Levels of Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ J. David Singer, "The Level-of-Analysis Problem in International Relations," <i>World Politics</i> 14, no. 01 (October 1961): 77–92.
I. REALISM VS. IDEALISM		
M	Feb 4	International Anarchy <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Thomas Hobbes, <i>Leviathan</i>, ch. 13▪ Thucydides, "The Melian Dialogue," <i>History of the Peloponnesian War</i> [excerpt]
W	Feb 6	Classical Realism <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Niccolò Machiavelli, <i>The Prince</i>, chs. 14 – 19, 21
F	Feb 8	Liberalism <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Immanuel Kant, <i>Toward Perpetual Peace</i>
M	Feb 11	Liberalism (cont'd) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Woodrow Wilson, "Address to Congress Asking for Declaration of War"▪ Woodrow Wilson, "The Fourteen Points"
W	Feb 13	The Marxist Response <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Marx and Engels, <i>Manifesto of the Communist Party</i>▪ V.I. Lenin, "Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism" [excerpt]
F	Feb 15	Carr's Classical Realism <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ E.H. Carr, <i>The Twenty Years' Crisis</i>, ch. 3
M	Feb 18	No Class – President's Day
W	Feb 20	Carr's Classical Realism (cont'd) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ E.H. Carr, <i>The Twenty Years' Crisis</i>, ch. 4
F	Feb 22	Carr's Classical Realism (cont'd) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ E.H. Carr, <i>The Twenty Years' Crisis</i>, ch. 5
M	Feb 25	Morgenthau's Classical Realism <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Hans Morgenthau, <i>Politics Among Nations</i>, ch. 1

II. HISTORICISM VS. BEHAVIORALISM

Reductionist and Systematic Theories

- W Feb 27
- Kenneth Waltz, "Reductionist and Systematic Theories," in Keohane, *Neorealism and Its Critics*, ch. 3

Neorealism

- F Mar 1
- Kenneth Waltz, "Political Structures," in Keohane, *Neorealism and Its Critics*, ch. 4

The Balance of Power and Its Consequences

- M Mar 4
- Kenneth Waltz, "Anarchic Orders and Balances of Power," in Keohane, *Neorealism and Its Critics*, ch. 5

Extensions of Neorealism: Threat

- W Mar 6
- Stephen Walt, "Explaining Alliance Formation"

Midterm Exam Due

Threats and Alliances

- F Mar 8
- Victor D. Cha, "Powerplay: Origins of the U.S. Alliance System in Asia"

M Mar 11 *No Class – Spring Vacation*

W Mar 13 *No Class – Spring Vacation*

F Mar 15 *No Class – Spring Vacation*

Extensions of Neorealism: The Security Dilemma

- M Mar 18
- Robert Jervis, "Cooperation Under the Security Dilemma"

Extensions of Neorealism: Game Theory and Cycles

- W Mar 20
- Robert Keohane, "Theory of World Politics," in Keohane, *Neorealism and Its Critics*, ch. 7

Extensions of Neorealism: Post-Cold War IR

- F Mar 22
- John Mearsheimer, "Back to the Future"

The Second Debate

- M Mar 25
- Hedley Bull, "International Theory: The Case for a Classical Approach"

The Second Debate (cont'd)

- W Mar 27
- Robert Cox, "Social Forces, States, and World Orders," in Keohane, *Neorealism and Its Critics*, ch. 8

The Second Debate (cont'd)

- F Mar 29
- Richard Ashley, "The Poverty of Neorealism," in Keohane, *Neorealism and Its Critics*, ch. 9

M Apr 1 **The Second Debate (cont'd)**

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- Kenneth Waltz, Reflections on *Theory of International Politics*,” in Keohane, *Neorealism and Its Critics*, ch. 11
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III. NEOREALISM VS. NEOLIBERALISM & CONSTRUCTIVISM

Paper Due

W Apr 3 **Neoliberalism and Regimes**

- Robert Keohane, “The Demand for International Regimes”
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F Apr 5 **No Class – Cancelled By Instructor**

M Apr 8 **Neorealists Respond**

- Joseph Grieco, “Anarchy and the Limits of Cooperation”
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W Apr 10 **Neoliberalism and Ideology**

- Andrew Moravcsik, “Taking Preferences Seriously”
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F Apr 12 **Neoliberalism at All Levels?**

- Tanisha M. Fazal, “Rebellion, War Aims & the Laws of War”
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M Apr 15 **No Class – Patriot’s Day**

W Apr 17 **Constructivism**

- Alexander Wendt, “Anarchy is What States Make of It”
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F Apr 19 **Norms**

- Nina Tannenwald, “Stigmatizing the Bomb: Origins of the Nuclear Taboo”
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M Apr 22 **Is Change Possible?**

- James Ray, “The Abolition of Slavery and the End of International War”
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IV. FEMINISM, ANTI/POSTCOLONIAL & POSTMODERN CRITIQUES

W Apr 24 **Feminism: Gendering IR**

- J. Ann Tickner, “Man, the State, and War: Gendered Perspectives on National Security”
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F Apr 26 **(Trans) Gendering IR**

- Laura Sjoberg, “Toward Trans-gendering International Relations?”
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M Apr 29 **Race and Gender**

- Roxanne Doty, “The Logic of *Difference* in International Relations”
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W May 1 **Anti-Colonialism**

- Frantz Fanon, *The Wretched of the Earth*, ch. 1
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F May 3 **Race and International Liberation**

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Randolph B. Persaud, “Re-envisioning Sovereignty: Marcus Garvey and the Making of a Transnational Identity”
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M	May 6	<p>Post-Colonial IR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sanjay Seth, “Postcolonial Theory and the Critique of International Relations”
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W	May 8	<p>African IR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tandeka C. Nkiwane, “Africa and International Relations: Regional Lessons for a Global Discourse”
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F	May 10	<p>Asian IR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alastair Ian Johnston, “What (If Anything) Does East Asia Tell Us About International Relations Theory?”
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M	May 13	<p>Chinese IR Theory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yaquing Qin, “A Relational Theory of World Politics”
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W	May 15	<p>Postmodernism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ James Der Derian, “Post-Theory”
