



Seminar: International Institutions and Global Governance

1st Term, Academic Year 2020-2021

Tuesdays, 09:00-11:00

Refectory / Sala del Capitolo (Badia Fiesolana)

First Seminar Session: 06.10.20

Last Seminar Session: 15.12.20

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Form of Instruction: This will be an in-class seminar, unless developments in the Covid pandemic prevent it - in which case, the class will take place via Zoom.

Description

This seminar surveys the literature on international institutions, international order, and global governance, considering both classic and contemporary work. Social theoretically, we range broadly, examining scholarship grounded in rationalism as well as social constructivism. Topics to be addressed include theorizing international institutions, organizations and governance; international institutions and human rights; international/regional organizations; identity and international institutions; peacekeeping and international institutions; legitimacy beyond the nation state; and the rising power push back / populist backlash against the institutions of the liberal order.

The seminar does not assume that institutions are always a force for good in global politics, or that they always matter; they often do not. Rather, our goal – by engaging a selection of cutting edge theories and arguments – is to understand better when, how, and through what processes and mechanisms they make a difference.

Format

This is a reading intensive seminar, with reading averaging 170 pages/week. (NB – The reading load for sessions #1 and #5 is especially heavy.) The bulk of your effort will be reacting to and debating each week's assigned readings. Researchers will take turns in helping lead the discussions.

Seminar Reading

Books

- Autesserre, Severine. 2010. *The Trouble with the Congo: Local Violence and the Failure of International Peacebuilding*. NY: Cambridge University Press.
- Barnett, Michael and Martha Finnemore. 2004. *Rules for the World: International Organizations in Global Politics*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.
- Fligstein, Neil. 2009. *Euroclash: The EU, European Identity, and the Future of Europe*. NY: Oxford University Press.
- Hooghe, Liesbet, Tobias Lenz and Gary Marks. 2019. *A Theory of International Organization*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Ikenberry, G. John. 2001. *After Victory: Institutions, Strategic Restraint, and the Rebuilding of Order after Major Wars*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- Johnston, Alastair Iain. 2008. *Social States: China in International Institutions, 1980-2000*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- Keohane, Robert. 1984. *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Risse, Thomas, Stephen Ropp and Kathryn Sikkink. Eds. 2013. *The Persistent Power of Human Rights: From Commitment to Compliance*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Simmons, Beth. 2009. *Mobilizing for Human Rights: International Law in Domestic Politics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Zuern, Michael. 2018. *A Theory of Global Governance: Authority, Legitimacy and Contestation*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Accessibility

- Books & Chapters in Books: All books are available electronically from the EUI Library. In the reading list below, these are indicated by **(E-Book)**, with the direct hyperlink to the holding embedded in the link.
- Difficult-to-Access Materials: Any difficult-to-access material – conference papers, forthcoming journal articles - will be uploaded to Brightspace.
- Journal Articles: These are easily obtained electronically from the EUI Library.

If you encounter any problems accessing seminar readings, please contact Adele Battistini.

Requirements

There are three requirements. To receive credit for the seminar, you must get a pass on each of them.

- 1) Seminar Debates/Discussions: Active participation in them.
- 2) Leading the Seminar Discussion / Setting an Agenda: Starting with Session #2, individual researchers will be responsible for setting an agenda for a given class.
 - ➔ Sign Ups: During the first class, we will decide which researchers are responsible for which session (#2 – #10).

- ➔ Assignment: If you are responsible for a particular session, please - by 1200/noon the day before our Tuesday seminar - upload to Brightspace a 5-page (double-spaced) reflection and analysis of that week's readings. Your comments can raise questions, probe for weaknesses, explore meta-theoretical matters (epistemology, ontology), address issues of theoretical, methodological or ethical operationalization, and the like.

During that week's seminar, we will start by having you raise key issues or points of contention – drawn from your 5-page memo. This gets us started, and we'll go from there. You are not responsible for running the entire 2-hour session!

3) Writing Exercise - Critical Reflection & Analysis: Due in class during Session #10, 15.12.20.

- ➔ It should be 8-10 pages in length (double-spaced), and should develop an argument to address the following statement.

'International institutions and organizations matter. Discuss.'

Your argument must engage the seminar literature.

Elective Term Paper

If you plan to write a term paper for the course, please submit - by 03.11.20 - a 1-page (double-spaced) summary/abstract/synopsis of the ideas you plan to address in the paper. Once I approve this, we will have a shared understanding of what the paper will deliver.

Schedule

All sessions are on Tuesdays.

- Session 1 (6 October, Refectory): International Institutions & Governance/Order - I
- Session 2 (13 October, Sala del Capitolo): International Institutions & Governance/Order - II
- Session 3 (20 October, Refectory): International Institutions & Governance/Order – III
- Session 4 (27 October, Refectory): International Institutions and Human Rights - I
- Session 5 (3 November, Refectory): International Institutions and Human Rights - II
- Session 6 (10 November, Refectory): International Institutions and Peacekeeping/Peacebuilding
- Session 7 (17 November, Sala del Capitolo): International Institutions and Identity - I
- Session 8 (24 November, Refectory): International Institutions and Identity – II
- Session 9 (1 December, Sala del Capitolo): International Institutions and Legitimacy
- 8 December – No Class (EUI Holiday)
- Session 10 (15 December, Refectory): Will the Liberal International Order Crash & Burn?

Seminar Topics & Readings

Session 1: International Institutions & Governance/Order - I

Keohane, Robert. 1984. *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press – Chapters 1-7. ([E-Book](#))

Mearsheimer, John. 1994/95. "The False Promise of International Institutions." *International Security* 19/3: 5-49.

Ikenberry, G. John. 2001. *After Victory: Institutions, Strategic Restraint, and the Rebuilding of Order after Major Wars*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press – Chapters 1-3. ([E-Book](#))

Session 2: International Institutions & Governance/Order - II

Barnett, Michael and Martha Finnemore. 2004. *Rules for the World: International Organizations in*

Global Politics. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press – Chapters 1- 2, 5. ([E-Book](#))

Hooghe, Liesbet, Tobias Lenz and Gary Marks. 2019. *A Theory of International Organization*. Oxford: Oxford University Press – Chapters 1-4, 8. ([E-Book](#))

Session 3: International Institutions & Governance/Order - III

Zuern, Michael. 2018. *A Theory of Global Governance: Authority, Legitimacy and Contestation*. Oxford: Oxford University Press – Introduction, Chapters 1-4, 9-10. ([E-Book](#))

Session 4: International Institutions and Human Rights - I

Hafner-Burton, Emilie and James Ron. 2009. “Seeing Double: Human Rights Impact through Qualitative and Quantitative Eyes?” *World Politics* 61/2: 360-401.

Risse, Thomas, Stephen Ropp and Kathryn Sikkink. Eds. 2013. *The Persistent Power of Human Rights: From Commitment to Compliance*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press – Chapters 1, 4, 12-13, 15. ([E-Book](#))

Session 5: International Institutions and Human Rights - II

Simmons, Beth. 2009. *Mobilizing for Human Rights: International Law in Domestic Politics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press – Chapters 1-4, 6. ([E-Book](#))

Simmons, Beth and Allison Danner. 2010. “Credible Commitments and the International Criminal Court.” *International Organization* 64/2: 225–56.

Meierhenrich, Jens. 2013. “The Practice of International Law: A Theoretical Analysis.” *Law and Contemporary Problems* (Special Issue on the International Criminal Court) 76/3-4: 1-84.

Session 6: International Institutions and Peacekeeping/Peacebuilding

Autesserre, Severine. 2010. *The Trouble with the Congo: Local Violence and the Failure of International Peacebuilding*. NY: Cambridge University Press – Chapters 1, 4-5. ([E-Book](#))

Moncrief, Stephen. 2017. “Military Socialization, Disciplinary Culture, and Sexual Violence in UN Peacekeeping Operations.” *Journal of Peace Research* 54/5: 715–730.

Session 7: International Institutions and Identity - I

Johnston, Alastair Iain. 2008. *Social States: China in International Institutions, 1980-2000*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press – Chapters 1, 4-5. ([E-Book](#))

Checkel, Jeffrey T. 2020. “International Institutions and Domestic Politics: Rethinking the Institutions–Identity Nexus.” Paper presented at the European Consortium for Political Research General Conference (August).

Session 8: International Institutions and Identity - II

Fligstein, Neil. 2009. *Euroclash: The EU, European Identity, and the Future of Europe*. NY: Oxford University Press – Chapters 1, 5-8. ([E-Book](#))

Session 9: International Institutions and Legitimacy

Barnett, Michael and Martha Finnemore. 2004. *Rules for the World: International Organizations in Global Politics*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press – Chapter 6. ([E-Book](#))

Tallberg, Jonas and Michael Zuern. 2019. "The Legitimacy and Legitimation of International Organizations: Introduction and Framework." *Review of International Organizations* 14/4: 581–606.

Nielson, Daniel L., Susan D. Hyde and Judith Kelley. 2019. "The Elusive Sources of Legitimacy Beliefs: Civil Society Views of International Election Observers." *Review of International Organizations* 14/4: 685–715.

Hurd, Ian. 2019. "Legitimacy and Contestation in Global Governance: Revisiting the Folk Theory of International Institutions." *Review of International Organizations* 14/4: 717–729.

Hooghe, Liesbet, Tobias Lenz and Gary Marks. 2019. "Contested World Order: The Delegitimation of International Governance." *Review of International Organizations* 14/4: 731–743.

Session 10: Will the Liberal International Order Crash & Burn?

The Economist. 2020. "[Special Report: The New World Disorder](#)." 20 June.

Lake, David, Lisa Martin and Thomas Risse. Forthcoming. "Challenges to the Liberal International Order." *International Organization*, 75th Anniversary Special Issue.

Börzel, Tanja and Michael Zürn. Forthcoming. "Contestations of the Liberal International Order: From Liberal Multilateralism to Postnational Liberalism." *International Organization*, 75th Anniversary Special Issue.

Ikenberry, G. John. 2018. "Why the Liberal World Order Will Survive." *Ethics & International Affairs* 32/1: 17-29.

Hurrell, Andrew. 2018. "Beyond the BRICS: Power, Pluralism, and the Future of Global Order." *Ethics & International Affairs* 32/1: 89-101.

Mearsheimer, John. 2019. "Bound to Fail: The Rise and Fall of the Liberal International Order." *International Security* 43/4: 7-50.

Johnston, Alastair Iain. 2019. "China in a World of Orders: Rethinking Compliance and Challenge in Beijing's International Relations." *International Security* 44/2: 9-60.