

Course Name/Code	: Theories of International Relations – CIR 203
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Aim of The Course

The main objective of the course is that students can use IR theories deeply, analyze classical and contemporary theories of IR, and interpret the role of political, economic, social and cultural aspects either civilizational or philosophical understandings within the global system which give birth to the emergence of state and which form law, norms, and political regimes. In addition, This course examines and analyzes international relations from a variety of perspectives. There are some approaches of the theories to conflict, the idealist, the realist and the neo-realist perspectives, constructivist, feminist, neo-marxist, postmodernism, English school, Critical theory, Frankfurt school, Postcolonialism', Normative theory, Historical sociology and Globalizations.

Course Outcomes

A student who successfully completes this course will be expected to be able;

1. To recognize approaches and theories of international politics and international relations.

- 1.1. To analyze "Grand Debate", realism and the problem of morality.
- 1.2. To use concepts such as pluralism, decision making, trans-nationality and interdependence as analytical framework.
- 1.3. To recognize approaches such as globalization, dependency, and capitalist world system.
- 1.4. To recognize normative approaches, Kantian peace and IR theories.

2. To analyze the history and future of IR as a scientific discipline.

- 2.1. To recognize main problematic and discussions such as the agent-structure problem, culture, social constructivism.
- 2.2. To analyze criticisms of IR's claim for scientific realism stemming from social theory.
- 2.3. To criticize theoretical and methodological discussions and epistemological criticisms on the dominant IR paradigm raised by critical and postmodern approaches.

3. To interpret main international problems from the mentioned IR perspectives.

- 3.1. To evaluate possibilities which democracies have against search for peace, war, and international political crisis.
- 3.2. To interpret the relationship between power and ethics in terms of foreign policy and global conflict.
- 3.3. To interpret the international system according to the roles of democratic security society, international law, World government and international organizations.
- 3.4. To evaluate the role of the state, of institutional subjectivity, process, and structural change in international politics.

Method

The instructor may use lectures, comparisons, and case studies from textbooks and visual materials, too.

Textbooks

Main Textbook: *International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity*, Tim Dunnes, Milja Kurki, Steve Smith, Oxford, 2013.

Introduction to International Relations Theories, Robert Jackson, Oxford, 2007.

International Relations, Christian-Smitand Duncan Snidal, Oxford, 2008.

Subsidiary texts:

Uluslar arası İlişkiler Teorileri, Der. Ramazan Gözen, İletişim Yayınları, 2014.

Uluslar arası ilişkilerde teoriden Pratiğe Güncel Yaklaşımlar, Sibel Turan, Dora Basım, 2015.

International Relations Theory, Paul R. Viotti, Marx Kauppi, Pearson, 2011.

International Relations Scholarship Around the World, ed. Arlene B. Tickner-Ole Waever, Routledge, 2009.

Perspectives on World Politics, 3.ed., Richard Little and Michael Smith, Routledge, 2006.

Contending Theories of International Relations, James E. Dougherty and Robert L. Pfaltzgraff, Pearson, 2000.

International Relations and World Politics, Paul R. Viotti, Marx Kaupp, Pearson, 2008.

Uluslar arası Politika ve Dış Politika Analizi, Faruk Sönmezoğlu, Der. Pub., 2012.

The Nation State and Global Order: A Historical Introduction to Contemporary Politics, Walter C. Opello and Stephen J. Rosov, Rienner, 2004.

Uluslar arası İlişkiler Teorileri, Scott Burchill, Andrew..., Çev: Ali Aslan, Küre Yayınları, 2012.

Uluslararası İlişkiler Teorisi: Çatışma, Hegemonya, İşbirliği, Tayyar Arı, Alfa Yayınları, Ekim 2008.

Uluslar arası İlişkiler ve Dış Politika, Tayyar Arı, MKM Pub., 2008.

The PostColonial Studies Reader, Ed. Bill Aschroft, Gareth Griffiths and Helen Tiffin, Routledge, 2002.

Devlet, Sistem ve Kimlik: Uluslar arası İlişkilerde Temel Yaklaşımlar, Der: Atila Eralp, İletişim Pub., 2001.

Uluslar arası Politika, Mehmet Gönlübol, Siyasal Kitabevi, 2000.

PostColonial Studies, Ed. Henry Schwarz and Sangeeta Ray, Blackwell, 2000.

Küreselleşme, Devlet, Kimli/Farklılık: Uluslar arası İlişkiler Kuramını Yeniden Düşünmek, E.Fuat Keyman, Alfa Pub., 2000.

The Changing of Global Order, Ed. Nathan Gardels, Blackwell, 1997.

Theories of International Relations, ed. Scott Burchill and Andrew Linklater, St. Martin Press, 1996.

Classics of International Relations, ed. John Vasquez, 3rd Edition, Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle, New Jersey, 1995.

International Politics, A Framework for Analysis, K.J. Holsi, Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 1995.

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

A World of Who is making? Making the International: Economic Interdependence and Political Order, Simon Bromley and etc., Pluto Press, 2004.

The Evolution of International Society, Adam Watson, Routledge, 1992.

A History of International Relations Theory, Torbjorn L. Knutsen, Manchester, 1992.

The Study of Global Interdependence, James Rosenau, 1980.

Attendance Procedure

Punctuality and regular attendance in classes is of prime importance for successful completion of this course, just as the same punctuality and attendance is important in the business world. Students will be expected to arrive for class on time and to remain in class until the end of the class session.

Note: If you miss a class, it is **your** responsibility to e-mail your instructor, visit your instructor's office to find out what was covered in class and to find out your assignments for the following class. You also need to state how you will make up the missed work. If no contact is made, late assignments will **not** be accepted.

Reward for Good Attendance: If you have perfect attendance, your final grade will be increased one grade.

Course Changes:

The course syllabus provides a general plan for the course. The professor reserves the right to make periodic changes to the syllabus, including: assignments, case studies, time table, examinations, etc., in order to accommodate the needs of the class as a whole and fulfill the goals of the course.

Content of The Course

Period	Unit	Topic	Material	Assignment	Assessment
Week 1		Introduction: Grand Debates in IR- Emergence of International System	Book 1,2,3		
Week 2		Idealism, Balance of Power, Level of Analysis, Emergence of IR theory	Book 1,2,3		
Week 3		Realism-Neorealism	Book 1,2,3		
Week 4		International Liberalism	Book1-2-3		
		Neoliberalism	Book 1,2,3		
Week 5		Normative IR Theory	Book 1		
	MIDTERM				
Week 6		Marxism-Critical Theories-Frankfurt School	Book1, 2,3		
Week 7		Neo-Marxist Theories: World System and Dependency Theory	Book 1,2,3		
Week 8		English School	Book 1,2,3		
Week 9		Postcolonialism	Book 1		
Week 10		Green Theory	Book 1,3		
Week 11		Feminist Theory	Book 1,3		
Week 12		Constructive Theory	Book 1,3		
Week 13		Postmodernism	Book 3		
Week 14		Globalization- Poststructuralism	Book 1		

Evaluation Methods and Tools

Examinations will cover material presented in class and in the textbook. Unless announced otherwise, there will be a midterm examination and a final.

A summary of the grading follows:

Midterm: 40% - Final Exam: 50% - Attendance & Class Participation 10% =final grade.

Class Participation

Students are encouraged to ask questions to clarify understanding and to discuss and debate the theories, principles, and concepts from the text, case studies, and lectures. Students will be expected to participate in class and will be called upon on a regular basis.

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty will NOT be tolerated. Any student found to be involved in any verifiable incident of academic dishonesty (copying, cheating, plagiarizing, etc.) will receive a grade of "F" for the class.

Required Articles

- 1- Stephen M. Walt, "[International Relations: One World, Many Theories](#)," Foreign Policy, no. 110 (Spring 1998), pp. 29-46.
- 2- [Reciprocity in International Relations](#), [Robert O. Keohane](#) International Organization, Vol.

- 3- [The Kantian Peace: The Pacific Benefits of Democracy, Interdependence, and International Organizations, 1885-1992](#) John R. Oneal, Bruce M. Russett World Politics, Vol. 52, No. 1 (Oct., 1999), pp. 1-37
- 4- [International Relations Theory and the Study of Canadian-American Relations](#) Elizabeth Smy the Canadian Journal of Political Science / Revue canadienne de science politique, Vol. 13, No. 1 (Mar., 1980), pp. 121-147
- 5- [The Agent-Structure Problem in International Relations Theory](#), Alexander E. Wendt International Organization, Vol. 41, No. 3 (Summer, 1987), pp. 335-370
- 6- [International Relations and Its Discontents](#) Fred Halliday International Affairs (Royal Institute of International Affairs 1944-), Vol. 71, No. 4, Special RIIA 75th Anniversary Issue (Oct., 1995), pp. 733-746
- 7- [Absolute and Relative Gains in International Relations Theory](#) Robert Powell The American Political Science Review, Vol. 85, No. 4 (Dec., 1991), pp. 1303-1320
- 8- [Epistemology, Postmodernism and International Relations Theory: A Reply to Østerud](#) Steve Smith Journal of Peace Research, Vol. 34, No. 3 (Aug., 1997), pp. 330-336
- 9- [A Structural Approach to the Analysis of International Relations](#) Robert A. Bernstein, Peter D. Weldon The Journal of
- 10- [Winners or Losers? Democracies in International Crisis, 1918-94](#) Christopher F. Gelpi, Michael Griesdorf The American Political Science Review, Vol. 95, No. 3 (Sep., 2001), pp. 633-647
- 11- [Theories of International Regimes](#) Stephan Haggard, Beth A. Simmons International Organization, Vol. 41, No. 3 (Summer, 1987), pp. 491-517
- 12- [Do Intergovernmental Organizations Promote Peace?](#) Charles Boehmer, Erik Gartzke, Timothy Nordstrom World Politics, Vol. 57, No. 1 (Oct., 2004), pp. 1-38

Recommended Books

- Torbjorn L. Knutsen, A History of International Relations Theory,(Manchester, 1992).
- Robert Axelrod, Evolution of Cooperation (Basic, 1984).
- David Baldwin, ed., Neorealism and Neoliberalism (Columbia, 1993).
- Geoffrey Blainey, The Causes of War, 3rd ed. (Free Press, 1988).
- Michael Brown et al., eds., Debating the Democratic Peace (MIT, 1996).
- Hedley Bull, Anarchical Society (Columbia, 1995), either edition is fine.
- Tom Christensen and Jack Snyder, "Chain Gangs and Passed Bucks," International Organization 44 (1990), 137-68.
- Dale Copeland, The Origins of Major War (Cornell, 2001).
- James Fearon, "Bargaining, Enforcement, and International Cooperation." International Organization 52 (Spring 1998), 269-306.
- James Fearon, "Rationalist Explanations for War," International Organization 49 (Summer 1995), 379-414.
- Martha Finnemore, National Interests in International Society (Cornell, 1996).
- Robert Gilpin, Global Political Economy (Princeton, 2001).
- Robert Gilpin, US Power and the Multinational Corporation (Basic, 1975).
- Robert Gilpin, War and Change in World Politics (Cambridge, 1981).
- Charles Glaser and Chaim Kaufmann, "What is the Offense-Defense Balance? International Security 22 (Spring 1998), 44-82.
- Charles Glaser, "Realists as Optimists: Cooperation as Self-Help," International Security 19 (Winter 1994-95), 50-90.
- Lloyd Gruber, Ruling the World (Princeton, 2000).
- Stephen Haggard and Beth Simmons, "Theories of International Regimes," International Organization 41 (Summer 1987), 491-518.
- Samuel Huntington, Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order (Simon & Schuster, 1996).
- Alastair Iain Johnston, Cultural Realism (Princeton, 1998).
- John Ikenberry, After Victory (Princeton, 2001).

- John Ikenberry, ed., *America Unrivalled* (Cornell, 2002).
- Robert Jervis, "Cooperation Under the Security Dilemma," *World Politics* 30 (1978), 167-214.
- Peter Katzenstein, *Culture of National Security* (Columbia, 1996).
- Margaret Keck and Katherine Sikkink, *Activists Beyond Borders: Advocacy Networks in International Politics* (Cornell, 1998).
- Robert Keohane and Joseph Nye, *Power and Interdependence*, multiple editions.
- Joseph Nye, *Understanding International Conflicts*, (Longman, 2003)
- Robert Keohane, *After Hegemony* (Princeton, 1984)
- Robert Keohane, "The Demand for International Regimes" in Krasner, ed., *International Regimes* (Cornell, 1983).
- Susan Strange, *States and Markets*, (Pinter Publishers,1994).
- R.B.J. Walker, *Inside/Outside: International Relations as a Political Theory*,(Cambrdg,1995).
- Gearod O Tuthail and Simon Dalby, *Rethinking Geopolitics* (Routledge,1998).
- Robert Keohane, ed., *Neorealism and Its Critics* (Columbia, 1986).
- Friedrich Kratochwil and Rey Koslowski, "Understanding Change in International Politics: The Soviet Empire's Demise and the International System" *International Organization* 48 (Spring, 1994), 215-248.
- Stephen D. Krasner, ed. *International Regimes* (Cornell, 1983).
- Stephen D. Krasner, "Global Communications and National Power: Life on the Pareto Frontier," *World Politics* 43 (April 1991), 336-56
- Stephen D. Krasner, *Sovereignty: Organized Hypocrisy* (Princeton, 1999).
- David Lake and Robert Powell, *Strategic Choice and International Relations* (Princeton, 1999).
- Jeffrey W. Legro and Andrew Moravcsik, "Is Anybody Still a Realist?" *International Security* 24 (Fall 1999), 5-55.
- Helen Milner, *Interests, Institutions, Information* (Princeton, 1997).
- Andrew Moravcsik, "Taking Preferences Seriously," *International Organization* 51 (Autumn 1997), 513-53.
- Andrew Moravcsik, *The Choice for Europe* (Cornell, 1998)
- Hans Morgenthau, *Politics among Nations*, multiple editions (earlier ones have a clearer overall argument).
- James D. Morrow, ""Modelling the Forms of International Cooperation: Distribution Versus Information," *International Organization* 48 (1994), 387-423.
- Kenneth Oye, ed., *Cooperation Under Anarchy* (Princeton, 1985)
- Robert Powell, *In the Shadow of Power* (Princeton, 1999).
- Richard Rosecrance, *Rise of the Trading State* (Perseus, 1986).
- John Gerard Ruggie, *Constructing the World Polity* (Routledge, 1998).
- Bruce Russett, *Controlling the Sword* (Harvard, 1990).
- Bruce Russett, *Grasping the Democratic Peace* (Princeton, 1993).
- Paul Schroeder, "Historical Reality versus Neorealist Theory," *International Security* 19 (Summer 1994), 108-48.
- Randall Schweller, "Bandwagoning for Profit: Bringing the Revisionist State Back In," *International Security* 19 (1994), 72-107.
- Randall Schweller, "Neorealism's Status Quo Bias: What Security Dilemma?" *Security Studies* 5 (Spring 1996), 90-121.
- Hendrik Spruyt, *The Sovereign State and Its Competitors* (Princeton, 1994).
- Nina Tannenwald, "Nuclear Taboo: The United States and the Normative Basis of Nuclear Non-Use," *International Organization* 53 (Summer 1999), 433-68.
- Stephen Van Evera, *Causes of War* (Cornell, 1999).
- Stephen Walt, *Origins of Alliances* (Cornell, 1990).
- Kenneth Waltz, *Theory of International Politics* (McGraw-Hill, 1979).
- Kenneth Waltz, *Man, the State, and War* (Columbia, 1965).

William Wohlforth, "The Stability of a Unipolar World," *International Security* 24 (Summer 1999), 5-41

Recommended Articles

Kenneth N. Waltz, "The Origins of War in Neorealist Thought." (First published in *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 18:4 (Spring 1988), pp. 615-628) in Betts, *Conflict After the Cold War*, pp. 88-95.40, No. 1 (Winter, 1986), pp. 1-27

[International Relations Theory and Multilateralism: The Search for Foundations James A. Caporaso](#) *International Organization*, Vol. 46, No. 3 (Summer, 1992), pp. 599-632

[Rationality in International Relations Miles Kahler](#) *International Organization*, Vol. 52, No. 4, *International Organization at Fifty: Exploration and Contestation in the Study of World Politics* (Autumn, 1998), pp. 919-941

[Political Theory and International Relations: Promised Land or Exit from Eden? Nicholas Rengger](#) *International Affairs* (Royal Institute of International Affairs 1944-), Vol. 76, No. 4 (Oct., 2000), pp. 755-770

[Justice, International Relations and Human Rights, Geoffrey Best](#), *International Affairs* (Royal Institute of International Affairs 1944-), Vol. 71, No. 4, Special RIIA 75th Anniversary Issue (Oct., 1995), pp. 775-799

[Locke on the Moral Basis of International Relations Lee Ward](#) *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 50, No. 3 (Jul., 2006), pp. 691-705

The Use and Abuse of Thucydides in International Relations [The Use and Abuse of Thucydides in International Relations, Laurie M. Johnson Bagby](#) *International Organization*, Vol. 48, No. 1 (Winter, 1994), pp. 131-153, [Article InformationPage of First MatchPDFExport this Citation](#)

[International History and International Relations Theory: A Dialogue beyond the Cold War Caroline Kennedy-Pipe](#), *International Affairs* (Royal Institute of International Affairs 1944-), Vol. 76, No. 4 (Oct., 2000), pp. 741-754

[Prospect Theory, Rational Choice, and International Relations Jack S. Levy](#), *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 41, No. 1 (Mar., 1997), pp. 87-112