

**PS 139: International Organization  
Course Syllabus  
Winter 2010**

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**LOCATION and TIME:**

TR 11:00AM – 12:15PM  
Haines A18

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Office hours for Rahtz: TBA

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course will provide an overview of both the theory and functioning of international organizations in promoting international cooperation. This is an upper-level course and is designed for juniors and seniors who have already taken introductory courses in international relations.

**ASSIGNMENTS and GRADING**

Your grade in this course is based on the following:

Participation: 15%

Attendance at lectures, active participation in discussion sections, and demonstrated preparation and understanding of readings.

Weekly quizzes: 15%

Short quizzes will be administered each week in either section or lecture. These will consist of simple questions on the week's readings. The two lowest quiz grades will be automatically dropped. Make-up quizzes are not permitted: students who do not attend the section or lecture in which the quiz is administered will be given an automatic zero grade for that week's quiz.

Midterm Exam (Feb 4): 30%

There will be no make-up midterm exam, so please plan accordingly. If you are registered with the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) and are entitled to special testing arrangements, please notify Prof. Johns and your TA during the first two weeks of classes.

Final exam: 40%

## **TEXTS**

### Required texts:

Fortna, Virginia Page. (2008) *Does Peacekeeping Work?: Shaping Belligerent' Choices after Civil War*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Vreeland, James. (2008) *The International Monetary Fund: Politics of Conditional Lending*. New York: Routledge.

### Other required readings:

These will be made available on the course web-site:  
<http://classes.sscnet.ucla.edu/course/view/10W-POLSCI1139-1>

## **TOPICS AND READINGS**

### **Part I: Conceptual Issues in International Cooperation**

#### Week 1: The Need for International Institutions (Jan 5 & 7)

Lecture readings:

Abbott, Kenneth W., and Duncan Snidal. (1998) "Why States Act Through Formal International Organizations." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 42 (1): 3-32. – **pages 3-5 and 9-23 only**

Section readings:

None. Section meetings will be administrative.

Week 2: Reputation and Cooperation (Jan 12 & 14)

Lecture readings:

McGillivray, Fiona, and Alastair Smith. (2000) "Trust and Cooperation through Agent Specific Punishments." *International Organization*. 54(4): 809-824.

Milgrom, Paul R., Douglass C. North, and Barry R. Weingast. (1990) "The Role of Institutions in the Revival of Trade: The Law Merchant, Private Judges, and the Champagne Fairs." *Economics and Politics*. 2 (1): 1-23. – **EDITED, see PDF on class website**

Section readings:

Downs, George W., and Michael A. Jones. (2002) "Reputation, Compliance, and International Law." *Journal of Legal Studies*. 31: S98-S114.

Week 3: Compliance (Jan 19 & 21)

Lecture readings:

Simmons, Beth A. (1998) "Compliance with International Agreements." *Annual Review of Political Science*. 1: 75-93.

Chayes, Abram and Antonia Handler Chayes. (1993) "On Compliance." *International Organization*. 47: 175-205.

Downs, George W., David M. Rocke, and Peter N. Barsoom. (1996) "Is the Good News About Compliance Good News About Cooperation?" *International Organization*. 50 (3): 379-406.

Section readings:

Dai, Xinyuan. (2005) "Why Comply? The Domestic Constituency Mechanism." *International Organization*. 59 (Spring): 363-398. – **pages 363-366 and 374-389 only**

Retaliatory tariffs readings – see class website for edited articles from the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*

Week 4: Multilateralism, Bargaining, and Enforcement (Jan 26 & 28)

Lecture readings:

Gilligan, Michael J. (2004) "Is There a Broader-Deeper Trade-off in International Multilateral Agreements?" *International Organization*. 58 (Summer): 459-484. – **pages 459-461 and 475-477 only**

Blaydes, Lisa. (2004) "Rewarding Impatience: A Bargaining and Enforcement Model of OPEC." *International Organization*. 58 (Spring): 213-237. – **pages 215-218 only for lecture**

Section readings:

Blaydes (2004) – **read pages 213-215 and 218-222; skim pages 228-236**

Week 5: Review Session (Feb 2) / Midterm Exam (Feb 4)

Lecture readings:

None

Section readings:

None. TAs will hold extra office hours early in the week for midterm prep. No quiz.

**Part II: The Impact and Functioning of International Organizations**

Week 6: GATT/WTO (Feb 9) / IMF (Feb 11)

Lecture readings:

Van den Bossche, Peter. *The Law and Policy of the World Trade Organization*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

- WTO law and principles: section 1.3 (pages 35-44)
- WTO dispute settlement: sections 3.1-3.2 (pages 173-182)
- General exceptions: sections 7.1-7.2 (pages 596-624)

Goldstein, Judith, Doug Rivers, and Michael Tomz. (2007) "Institutions in International Relations: Understanding the Effects of the GATT and the WTO on World Trade." *International Organization*. 61: 37-67. --- **pages 37-47 and 63-64 only**

Vreeland (2008)

- Chapter 1: pages 5-11 and 20-25
- Chapter 2: all
- Chapter 3: pages 50-67
- Chapter 4: pages 73-74 and 84-94

Section readings:

Momani, Bessma. (2004) "The IMF, US War on Terrorism, and Pakistan: A Lesson in Economic Statecraft." *Asian Affairs*. 31(1): 41-50.

#### Week 7: UN Security Council (Feb 16 & 18)

Lecture readings:

Thompson, Alexander. (2006) "Coercion Through IOs: The Security Council and the Logic of Information Transmission." *International Organization*. 60 (Winter): 1-34. --- **pages 1-4 and 6-26 only**

Voeten, Erik. (2001) "Outside Options and the Logic of Security Council Action." *American Political Science Review*. 95: 845-858. --- **pages 845-853 and 855-856 only**

Section readings:

Johns, Leslie. (2007) "A Servant of Two Masters: Communication and the Selection of International Bureaucrats." *International Organization*. 61: 245-275. --- **pages 245-248 and 261-271 only**

#### Week 8: UN Peacekeeping Forces (Feb 23 & 25)

Lecture readings:

Fortna (2008) – chapters 1-2, 4-5, and 7

Section readings:

Fortna (2008) – chapters 3 and 6

### Week 9: International Courts and Tribunals (Mar 2 & 4)

Lecture readings:

Gilligan, Michael J., Leslie Johns, and B. Peter Rosendorff. (2010)  
“Strengthening International Courts and the Early Settlement of Disputes.”  
*Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

Gilligan, Michael J. (2006) “Is Enforcement Necessary for Effectiveness?  
A Model of the International Criminal Regime.” *International  
Organization*. 60: 935-967.

Section readings:

Gary J. Bass. (2003) “Milosevic in the Hague.” *Foreign Affairs*. 82 (3).

### Week 10: Human Rights (Mar 9 & 11)

Lecture readings:

Moravcsik, Andrew. (2000) “The Origins of Human Rights Regimes:  
Democratic Delegation in Postwar Europe.” *International Organization*.  
54 (2): 217-252.

Hollyer, James, and B. Peter Rosendorff. (2009) “Why Do Authoritarian  
Regimes Sign the Convention Against Torture? Signaling, Domestic  
Politics and Non-Compliance.” NYU Working Paper.

Blog commentary on Hollyer and Rosendorff --- PDF on class website

Section readings:

None. Final exam review session.