

**PS 139: International Organization  
Course Syllabus  
Spring 2011**

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**LOCATION and TIME:**

MW 12:00 PM-1:15 PM  
PERLOFF 1102

Office hours for Professor Johns: Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 am – 10:30 am

**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 section. 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 (April 27): 30%

Final exam: 40%

There will be no make-up exams. If you miss an exam, you will receive a grade of zero. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

## 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:

<https://classes.sscnet.ucla.edu/course/view.php?name=11S-POLSCI1139-2>

## TOPICS AND READINGS

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

#### Week 1: The Need for International Institutions (Mar 28 & 30)

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

Section: No discussion materials. Sections will be administrative.

#### Week 2: Reputation and Cooperation (Apr 4 & 6)

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

### **Quiz #1.**

#### Week 3: Compliance (Apr 11 & 13)

Lecture: 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. – Read pages 379-384 and 387-399 only.

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

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

### **Quiz #2.**

#### Week 4: Multilateralism, Bargaining, and Enforcement (Apr 18 & 20)

Lecture: Gilligan, Michael J. (2004) "Is There a Broader-Deeper Trade-off in International Multilateral Agreements?" *International Organization*. 58 (Summer): 459-484. – Read 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. – Read pages 215-218 only for lecture.

Section: Blaydes (2004) – Read pages 213-215 and 218-222. Skim pages 228-236.

**Quiz #3.**

Week 5: Review Session (Apr 25) / Midterm Exam (Apr 27)

Lecture: Review session

**Week 5, Wednesday: Midterm Exam (Apr 27)**

Section: No section meetings. TAs will hold extra office hours early in the week for midterm prep.

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

Week 6: GATT/WTO (May 2 & 4)

Lecture: 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)

Pelc, Krzysztof J. (2009) “Seeking Escape: The Use of Escape Clauses in International Trade Agreements.” *International Studies Quarterly*. 53: 349–368.

Section: 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. --- Read pages 37-47 and 63-64 only.

**Quiz #4.**

Week 7: IMF (May 9 & 11)

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

**Quiz #5.**

Week 8: UN Security Council (May 16 & 18)

Lecture: Thompson, Alexander. (2006) "Coercion Through IOs: The Security Council and the Logic of Information Transmission." *International Organization*. 60 (Winter): 1-34. --- Read 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. --- Read pages 845-853 and 855-856 only.

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

**Quiz #6.**

Week 9: UN Peacekeeping Forces (May 23 & 25)

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

Section: Fortna (2008) – chapters 3 and 6

**Quiz #7.**

Week 10: Memorial Day Holiday (May 30) / NO LECTURE (Jun 1)

Section: Final exam review session.

**Final Exam on Tuesday, June 7, 2011, 11:30am-2:30 pm**