

**MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**  
**IR 110. HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL THEORY**  
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### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The basic purpose of this undergraduate course is to introduce the students to the classical political thought by following the eminent thinkers from Thucydides to Clausewitz. In this course, the ideas of individual scholars on politics and their implications on international relations are to be explored. In examining these ideas, the method to be adopted is both textual and contextual. This involves an attempt to give due regard to the thoughts (texts) expressed by the authors and to the social environments (contexts) in which they have been expressed.

The course will be conducted in the mode of lecture.

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Students will be asked to sit for one mid-term examination with 40% weight on the final grade. The final examination will count for 60% of the final grade.

### **TEXTBOOK**

David Boucher, *Political Theories of International Relations*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001.

### **RECOMMENDED BOOKS**

Mark V. Kauppi and Paul R. Viotti, *Global Philosophers: World Politics in Western Thought*, New York: Lexington Press, 1992.

Howard L. Williams, *International Relations in Political Theory*, Milton Keynes: Open University Press, 1991.

## **THE ORGANISATION OF THE COURSE**

**Week 1. Introduction**

**Week 2. Thucydides**

**Week 3. Plato**

**Week 4. Aristotle**

**Week 5. Polybius and Cicero**

**Week 6. Augustine and Aquinas**

**Week 7. The Foundations of Modern Political Thinking**

**Week 8. Machiavelli**

**Week 9. Bodin, Grotius and Puffendorf**

**Week 10. Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau**

**Week 11. Kant**

**Week 12. Hegel**

**Week 13. Marx**

**Week 14. Clausewitz**