

**MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
IR 231 – INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL POLITICS I  
2004-2005 FALL SEMESTER  
INSTRUCTOR: ASSIST. PROF. DR. ÖZLEM TÜR**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

The aim of this course is to introduce the students to international relations discipline and give a general framework for understanding and explaining how contemporary world politics work. The course combines history and theory in understanding current global politics. The course is composed of two parts: In the first part, the evolution of international society is studied from a historical perspective. In the second part, theoretical approaches for explaining and understanding international politics is studied as well as debates over methodological issues within the discipline.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

The course will mainly be held as a lecture, however student participation is highly encouraged. There will be one mid-term exam (40 %), one quiz (10%) and one final exam (50%).

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**Week 1 (5 October 2004)**

Introduction – Defining International Relations and Globalisation

Steve Smith and John Baylis (eds.), *The Globalisation of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) pp. 1-12

**Week 2 (12 October 2004) – NO CLASS**

**Week 3 (19 October 2004)**

Evolution of the International Society (the Historical Context until 1945)

Steve Smith and John Baylis (eds.), *The Globalisation of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) pp. 35-50, 51-73

Adam Watson, *The Evolution of International Society*, (London: Routledge, 1992), pp. 135-325

**Week 4 (26 October 2004)**

Evolution of the International Society 1945-90

Steve Smith and John Baylis (eds.), *The Globalisation of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) pp. 74-110

**Week 5 (2 November 2004)**

Post-Cold War Era and the International Society in a Globalizing World

Steve Smith and John Baylis (eds.), *The Globalisation of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) pp.111-137, 13-32

**Week 6(9 November 2004) - QUIZ**

Introduction to Theories of World Politics and Realism

Steve Smith and John Baylis (eds.), *The Globalisation of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) pp.141-161

**Week 7 (16 November 2004) – NO CLASS**

**Week 8 (23 November 2004)**

Liberalism

Steve Smith and John Baylis (eds.), *The Globalisation of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) pp. 162-181

**Week 9 (30 November 2004) MID-TERM EXAM**

**Week 10 (7 December 2004)**

Neo-realism and neo-liberalism

Steve Smith and John Baylis (eds.), *The Globalisation of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) pp.182-199

**Week 11 (14 December 2004)**

Marxist Theories of IR

Steve Smith and John Baylis (eds.), *The Globalisation of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) pp.200-223

**Week 12 (21 December 2004)**

Reflexivist and Constructivist Approaches

Steve Smith and John Baylis (eds.), *The Globalisation of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) pp.224-249

## **Week 13 (28 December 2004)**

Concluding Remarks

### **Suggested Additional Reading:**

Hedley Bull and Adam Watson (eds.), *The Expansion of International Society* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1984)

Hedley Bull, *The Anarchical Society – A Study of World Order in Politics*, (Basingstone: Macmillan, 1977)

Robert Jackson and Georg Sorensen, *Introduction to International Relations*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999)

Greg Fry and Jacinta O'Hagan, *Contending Images of World Politics*, (London: Macmillan, 2000)

Jan Aart Scholte, *Globalisation – A Critical Introduction*, (London: Macmillan, 2000)

Malcolm Waters, *Globalisation*, (London: Routledge, 1995, 2001)