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IR 326 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course analyzes the evolution of international organizations. It also examines the potentials and limitations of these organizations in the modern international system. The major questions to be explored are:

- 1) Why do states create international organizations?
- 2) What is the role of international organizations in the performance of collective tasks?
- 3) How and why do international organizations change?
- 4) What is global governance?
- 5) What are the newer forms of global governance?

These questions will be addressed through an examination of the activities of both global and regional international organizations in different issue areas.

REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) Mid-term Exam (40%)
- 2) Final Exam (55%)
- 3) Participation (5%)

TEXTBOOKS

A. LeRoy BENNETT and J.K. OLIVER, International Organizations: Principles and Issues, 7th ed. (Prentice Hall, 2002).

Clive ARCHER, International Organizations, 3rd ed. (Routledge, 2001).

Kelly-Kate S. PEASE, International Organizations: Perspectives on Governance in the Twenty-First Century (Prentice Hall, 2000).

LECTURE TOPICS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

I. Introduction (Sept. 27)

Bennett, Ch. 1

Archer, Ch. 2

II. Alternative Perspectives on International Organization: Theories, Concepts, Models and Metaphors (Oct. 4- Oct. 11)

Archer, Ch. 4

Pease, Chs. 3 and 4.

E. Haas, "Why Collaborate? Issue-Linkage and International Regimes," World Politics, 32, April 1980, pp. 357-405.

M. Barnett and M. Finnemore, "The Politics, Power and Pathologies of International Organizations," International Organization, 53, Autumn 1999.

III. The United Nations System: Structures, Processes, Functions (Oct. 18- Nov. 15)

A. Historical Origins

Bennett, Ch. 2

B. Principles and Structures

Charter of the United Nations.

Bennett, Chs. 4, 5

D. Conflict Management

Bennett, Chs. 6, 7.

S. R. Ratner, The New UN Peacekeeping, 1996, Ch. 1 and 2.

E. Human Rights

Bennett, Ch. 15

Pease, Ch. 10

A. Destexhe, “The Shortcomings of the ‘New Humanitarianism’ “ in Paolini et. al, Between Sovereignty and Global Governance: The United Nations, the State and Civil Society, Ch.4.

F. The UN in the Post-Cold War Era

J. Rosenau, “Powerful Tendencies, Enduring Tensions and Glaring Contradictions: The United Nations in a Turbulent World”, in Paolini et. al., Ch. 12.

R. Falk, “The Outlook for the UN Reform: Necessary, but Impossible”, Paolini et. al, Ch. 14.

MID-TERM

IV. The Quest for Economic Stability and Equality (Nov. 15-Dec. 13)

A. Overview

Bennett, Ch. 12

Pease, Chs. 7 and 8.

B. The Management of Money

C. The Management of Trade

D. Issues of Socio-Economic Development

V. Regional Organizations: NATO (Dec. 20-Jan. 3)

Bennett, Ch. 10.

Pease, Ch. 5

P. Taylor, International Organization in the Modern World, (Pinter Publishers, 1993), Ch. 2.

R.B. McCalla, “NATO’s Persistence after the Cold War,” International Organization, Vol. 50, No. 3., 1996.

VI. Conclusions (Jan. 3)

Bennett, Ch. 17.