

## SOCIOLOGY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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The aim of this course is to develop a sociological perspective to international relations. In recent years we have witnessed two overlapping developments. One is the tendency of international relations theory to take a sociological form especially in the analysis of the interstate system. The other development is the increasing concern of sociological theory with issues that have been the traditional concern of international relations theory, more precisely the tendency of sociological theory to analyse its main concerns from an international perspective. This course will analyse these overlapping concerns in detail. However, another issue which is equally important is the necessity to analyse the main concepts of international relations such as the state, power, war, peace, order and law from a sociological perspective in contrast to orthodox international relations theory which deal with these concepts from a political theory perspective.

There are no specific text books on sociology of international relations. The subject is new. Different aspects of the subject are discussed in different books and articles. The books listed are aimed to give an idea to the students on the existing literature on sociology of international relations. Students are not expected to read them. Specific readings will be assigned during the course.

Students are expected to write an essay every two weeks on the subjects discussed during the class. There will be a final exam/ or a final term paper depending on the number of students in the class. Weekly essays will constitute 50% and final exam/term paper will constitute 40% of the final grade. Class attendance and class discussions will constitute 10%.

### RECOMMENDED BOOKS

Rosenberg, Justin, The Empire of Civil Society, London: Verso, 1994.

Alexander Wendt, Social Theory of International Politics, Cambridge: University Press, 1999, 2000 ed.

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Norris, C. Uncritical Theory: Postmodernism, Intellectuals and the Gulf War, London: Lawrence and Wishart, 1992.

Onuf, Nicholas G., World of Our Making: Rules and Rule in Social Theory and International Relations, Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press, 1989  
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Peterson, Spike, ed. Gendered States: Feminist (Re) Visions of International Relations Theory, Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 1992.

Robertson, R., Globalisation, London: Sage, 1992.

Rosenau, Pauline, Postmodernism and the Social Sciences: Insights, Inroads, Intrusions, Oxford: Princeton University Press, 1992.

Shaw, Martin, Dialectics of War: An Essay on the Social Theory of War and Peace, London: Pluto, 1988.

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