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Summary of Content:

The War on Iraq and the US and British invasion of the country in 2003 has led to huge tensions in geopolitics. At the same time, the supposed 'threat' of international terrorism and continuing financial turmoil in the world economy have both brought to the fore the global politics of co-operation and confrontation. Whilst it might be possible to agree on the significance of these events, the explanation and/or understanding of them is dependent on prior theoretical choices. The purpose of this module is to make students aware of the diversity of approaches to international theory. Within International Relations (IR) theory there exist highly divergent interpretations and applications of key concepts (e.g. power, the state, agency, structure, and world order) as well as contested views about the practical purpose underpinning theories of world politics. The overall aim of the module is to provide students with a solid theoretical and conceptual grounding of this diversity. As a result, it will be possible to recognise not only how international theory informs policy-making and practice but also, perhaps, how truly contested the underlying assumptions of world politics are.

Educational Aims:

The aims of this module are:

- to deliver a module that complements the other elements of the degree programme;
- to familiarise students with the contemporary literature and debates;
- to establish competence in a variety of approaches;
- to appreciate the strengths and weaknesses of competing approaches;
- to develop an understanding of how key concepts are conceived and applied in international relations;
- to develop a critical comparison of the application of the dominant explanatory models; and
- to understand the reasons for the use of specific approaches.

Learning Outcomes:

These will be:

i) Knowledge and understanding:

On completion of the module, students should be in a position to:

- understand the difference between positivist and post-positivist approaches at a meta-theoretical level;
- outline the core theoretical approaches of International Relations; and
- comprehend core concepts such as agency-structure in relation to different International Relations theories.

ii) Intellectual skills:

- demonstrate a particular knowledge in the area of International Relations theory covering conceptual considerations as well as a range of different approaches (to be assessed by a 3000 word essay and a two-hour exam);
- think about the nature of theory in a reflective and critical way.

iii) Professional/Practical skills:

- absorb and disseminate large quantities of data in a clear and concise manner;
- have the confidence to discuss issues of an abstract theoretical nature as well as linking these debates to concrete empirical examples (to be practised in tutorial discussions);

iv) Transferable & Key skills:

- the capacity to concentrate on core points and the ability to speak freely on the basis of a set of notes;
- the ability to write in a structured and concise way under time pressure (to be assessed in the exam); and
- the skill to write a thought-through, well argued longer piece of work (to be assessed in the 3000 word essay).

v) IT skills:

- able to deliver a professional, word-processed document with accompanying bibliography and footnotes;
- able to draw information and documents from the Nicenet internet website and equally download interviews with key thinkers from the web, included in the module reading list.

Module Evaluation:

Evaluation and feedback are crucial to the success of any module. The School wants students to have their say on Politics modules. Therefore modules are formally evaluated on a biennial basis, so please use this opportunity to have your say. If you have any other comments or queries regarding this module, please contact the Module Convenor.

Film Programme

The Fog of War, Dir. Erol Morris, 107 min., Sony Pictures, 2004, DVD —

Documentary following the insights of Robert S. McNamara, us Secretary of Defense (1961-68) in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations during the Vietnam War and the Cuban Missile Crisis. McNamara was subsequently the President of the World Bank (1968-1981)

Screening: Friday, 9 October 2009, 12 noon to 2 p.m., Room: B63 LASS.

Battle for Haditha, Dir. Nick Broomfield, 93 min., Contender Home Entertainment, 2007, DVD —

A recreation of an incident that occurred in Haditha, when 24 Iraqis were allegedly massacred by us Marines following the death of a Marine in a roadside bombing. *Battle for Haditha* follows three stories: that of the us troops; the insurgent who planted the bomb; and a civilian Iraqi family.

Screening: Friday, 6 November 2009, 12 noon to 2 p.m., Room: B63 LASS.

Lecture/Seminar Titles:

Under each lecture heading, a selection of literature is presented including recent literature and classic items. It is divided in essential reading and further reading. These should be referred to in connection with both lectures and class work on these topics. You are expected to have read at least two items of essential reading for each class. Students should also make use of the general textbooks mentioned below. *The ability to think laterally is necessary, if the module is to make sense as an integrated whole.*

Each of the sections contains at list of issues to be covered in the lecture and the related tutorial and an essay question that can also serve as themes for class discussion together with other relevant issues selected by the members of each class in conjunction with us.

The weekly lecture/seminar titles are as follows:

1) Introduction: What is Theory?

- the nature of theory in international relations: positivism vs. critical theory;
- the role of theory in international relations: explaining, understanding, predicting;
- the development of international relations as a social science: the great debates;

Key Reading:

Stanley Hoffman (1977) 'An American Social Science: International Relations', *Daedalus*, 106(3): 41-60.

[REPRINTED AS STANLEY HOFFMAN (1995) 'AN AMERICAN SOCIAL SCIENCE: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS', IN JAMES DER DERIAN (ED.) *INTERNATIONAL THEORY: CRITICAL INVESTIGATIONS*. LONDON: MACMILLAN. PP. 221-41.]

Additional Readings:

Ernst B. Haas (2000) 'Science and Progress in International Relations', Interview with Harry Kreisler in the 'Conversations with History' Series, <http://globetrotter.berkeley.edu/people/Haas/haas-con0.html>.

Robert W. Cox (1996) 'Realism, Positivism and Historicism', in Robert W. Cox with Timothy Sinclair, *Approaches to World Order*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 49-59.

Robert O. Keohane (1988) 'International Institutions: Two Approaches', *International Studies Quarterly*, 32(4): 379-91.

[REPRINTED AS ROBERT O. KEOHANE (1989) 'INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS: TWO APPROACHES', IN ROBERT O. KEOHANE (ED.) *INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND STATE POWER*. BOULDER: WESTVIEW PRESS, CHAPTER 7.]

Philip McMichael (1990) 'Incorporated Comparison within a World-Historical Perspective: An Alternative Comparative Method', *American Sociological Review*, 55(3): 385-97.

James N. Rosenau (2005) 'The Theoretical Imperative: Unavoidable Explication', in James N. Rosenau, *The Study of World Politics*, VOL.1. London: Routledge, pp. 97-106.

Steve Smith (1995) 'The Self-Images of a Discipline: A Genealogy of International Relations Theory', in Ken Booth and Steve Smith (eds.) *International Relations Theory Today*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 1-37.

Essay title:

'A theory of international relations needs to perform four principal tasks. It should describe, explain, predict, and prescribe' (Kegley). Discuss!

2) The Anarchy Problematique and Sovereignty: Neo-Realism and State Power

- classical realism (Morgenthau, Carr);
- the rise of neo-realism (Waltz);
- the differences between realism and neo-realism;
- latest developments: offensive versus defensive realism;

Key Reading:

1) Kenneth N. Waltz (1995) 'Realist Thought and Neorealist Theory', *Journal of International Affairs*, 44 (Spring/Summer 1990): pp. 21-37.

[REPRINTED IN KENNETH N. WALTZ (1990/2008) 'REALIST THOUGHT AND NEOREALIST THEORY', IN **KENNETH N. WALTZ (ED.) REALISM AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS. LONDON: ROUTLEDGE** AND IN **CHARLES W. KEGLEY (ED.) CONTROVERSIES IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORY: REALISM AND THE NEOLIBERAL CHALLENGE. NEW YORK: ST. MARTIN'S PRESS**].

Additional Readings:

Thomas J. Christensen and Jack Snyder (1990) 'Chain Gangs and Passed Bucks: Predicting Alliance Patterns in Multipolarity', *International Organization*, 44(2): 137-68.

Dale C. Copeland (1996) 'Neorealism and the Myth of Bipolar Stability: Toward a New Dynamic Realist Theory of Major War', in Benjamin Frankel (ed.) *Realism: Restatements and Renewal*. London: Frank Cass, pp. 29-89.

Robert G. Gilpin (1986) 'The Richness of the Tradition of Political Realism', in Robert O. Keohane (ed.) *Neorealism and Its Critics*. New York: Columbia University Press, pp. 301-21.

Stephen D. Krasner (2007) 'System Change or More of the Same', Interview with Harry Kreisler in the 'Conversations with History' Series, <http://globetrotter.berkeley.edu/people7/Krasner/krasner07-con0.html>.

John J. Mearsheimer (1990) 'Back to the Future: Instability in Europe After the Cold War', *International Security*, 15(1): 5-56.

John J. Mearsheimer (2001) *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics*. New York: Norton, pp. 29-54.

John J. Mearsheimer with Stephen M. Walt (2007) 'Domestic Politics and International Relations', Interview with Harry Kreisler in the 'Conversations with History' Series,

<http://globetrotter.berkeley.edu/people7/MearsheimerWalt/mearsheimerwalt-con0.html>.

Matthew Rendall (2006) 'Defensive Realism and the Concert of Europe', *Review of International Studies*, 32(3): 523-40.

Gideon Rose (1998) 'Neoclassical Realism and Theories of Foreign Policy', *World Politics*, 51(1): 144-72.

Justin Rosenberg (1990) 'What's the Matter With Realism?', *Review of International Studies*, 16(4): 285-303.

Kenneth N. Waltz (1959) *Man, the State and War: A Theoretical Analysis* (New York: Columbia University Press).

Kenneth N. Waltz (1979) *Theory of International Politics* (New York: McGraw Hill).

Kenneth N. Waltz, (2003) 'Theory and International Politics', Interview with Harry Kreisler in the 'Conversations with History' Series, <http://globetrotter.berkeley.edu/people3/Waltz/waltz-con0.html>.

William C. Wohlforth (1994/95) 'Realism and the End of the Cold War', *International Security*, 19(3): 91-129.

Essay title:

Is there a "timeless wisdom" to neorealism?

3) Transnationalism and Interdependence: Neoliberal Institutionalism

- roots in classical liberalism;
- interdependence and transnationalism;
- regime theory/neo-liberal institutionalism;
- international co-operation: absolute versus relative gains;

Key Reading:

1) Michael W. Doyle, 'Liberalism and World Politics', *American Political Science Review*, 80 (1986): 1151-69.

[REPRINTED IN MICHAEL W. DOYLE (1995) 'LIBERALISM AND WORLD POLITICS REVISITED', IN CHARLES W. KEGLEY (ED.) *CONTROVERSIES IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORY: REALISM AND THE NEOLIBERAL CHALLENGE*. NEW YORK: ST. MARTIN'S PRESS].

Additional Readings:

Joseph M. Grieco (1988) 'Anarchy and the Limits of Cooperation: A Realist Critique of the Newest Liberal Institutionalism', *International Organization*, 42(3): 485-507.

[REPRINTED IN CHARLES W. KEGLEY (ED.) (1995) *CONTROVERSIES IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORY: REALISM AND THE NEOLIBERAL CHALLENGE*. NEW YORK: ST. MARTIN'S PRESS, PP. 151-71 **AND** IN DAVID A. BALDWIN (ED.) (1993) *NEOREALISM AND NEOLIBERALISM: THE CONTEMPORARY DEBATE*. NEW YORK: COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY PRESS, CHAPTER 5.]

Robert Jervis (1999) 'Realism, Neoliberalism and Cooperation: Understanding the Debate', *International Security*, 24(1): 42-63.

Robert O. Keohane and Joseph S. Nye (1977) *Power and Interdependence: World Politics in Transition*. Boston: Little Brown, Chapters 1 and 2.

Robert O. Keohane and Joseph S. Nye (1987) 'Power and Interdependence Revisited', *International Organization*, 41(4): 725-53.

Robert O. Keohane (2004) 'Theory and International Institutions', Interview with James B. Duke in the 'Conversations with History' Series, <http://globetrotter.berkeley.edu/people4/Keohane/keohane-con0.html>.

Stephen D. Krasner (1976) 'State Power and the Structure of International Trade', *World Politics*, 28(3): 317-47.

Robert D. Putnam (1988) 'Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two-Level Games', *International Organization*, 42(3): 427-60.

John Gerard Ruggie (1982) 'International Regimes, Transactions, and Change: Embedded Liberalism in the Postwar Economic Order', *International Organization*, 36(2): 379-415.

Mark W. Zacher and Richard A. Matthew (1995) 'Liberal International Theory: Common Threads, Divergent Strands', in Charles W. Kegley (ed.) *Controversies in International Relations Theory: Realism and the Neoliberal Challenge*. New York: St. Martin's Press, pp. 107-50.

Essay title:

Two what extent are the theories of neo-realism and neo-liberalism similar to "two bald men fighting over a comb"?

4) Good Girls, Little Girls, and Bad Girls? Feminist International Relations

- Gender and IR theory;
- Empirical feminism;
- Gender as constitutive of International Relations;
- Gender as transformative of International Relations;

Key Reading:

1) Cynthia Weber (1994) 'Good Girls, Little Girls and Bad Girls: Male Paranoia in Robert Keohane's Critique of Feminist International Relations', *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, 23(2): 337-49 — **available as a short loan item from Hallward Library.**

Additional Readings:

Terrell Carver, Molly Cochran and Judith Squires (1998) 'Gendering Jones: Feminisms, IRS, Masculinities', *Review of International Studies*, 24(2): 283-97.

Fred Halliday (1988) 'Hidden From International Relations: Women and the International Arena', *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, 17(3): 419-428.

Robert O. Keohane (1989) 'International Relations Theory: Contributions of a Feminist Standpoint', *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, 18(2): 245-53 — **available as a short loan item from Hallward Library.**

Robert O. Keohane (1998) 'Beyond Dichotomy: Conversations between International Relations and Feminist Theory', *International Studies Quarterly*, 42(1): 193-8.

Adam Jones (1996), 'Does "Gender" Make the World Go Round? Feminist Critiques of International Relations', *Review of International Studies*, 22(4): 405-29.

Adam Jones (1998) 'Engendering Debate', *Review of International Studies*, 24(2): 299-303.

J. Ann Tickner (1988) 'Hans Morgenthau's Political Principles of Political Realism: A Feminist Reformulation', *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, 17(3): 429-40.

J. Ann Tickner (1997) 'You Just Don't Understand: Troubled Engagements between Feminists and IR Theorists', *International Studies Quarterly*, 41(4): 611-32.

J. Ann Tickner (1998) 'Continuing the Conversation . . .', *International Studies Quarterly*, 42(1): 205-10.

J. Ann Tickner (2002) 'Feminist Perspectives on International Relations', in Walter Carlsnaes et al (eds.) *Handbook of International Relations*. London: Sage, pp. 275-91.

Marysia Zalewski (2007) 'Do We Understand Each Other Yet? Troubling Feminist Encounters With(in) International Relations', *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, 9(2): 302-12.

Marysia Zalewski, Ann Tickner, Christine Sylvester, Margot Light, Vivienne Jabri, Kimberly Hutchings, and Fred Halliday (2008) 'Roundtable Discussion: Reflections on the Past, Prospects for the Future in Gender and International Relations', *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, 37(1): 153-179.

Essay title:

How does feminism trouble International Relations?

5) Anarchy is What States Make of It: The Constructed World of Sovereignty

- the constructivist turn in IR theory;
- constructivism as the *via media* of rationalist and interpretive approaches?
- the importance of ideas;

Key Reading:

- 1) Alexander Wendt (1992) 'Anarchy is What States Make of It: The Social Construction of Power Politics', *International Organization*, 46(2): 393-425.

Additional Readings:

Emanuel Adler (1997) 'Seizing the Middle Ground: Constructivism in World Politics', *European Journal of International Relations*, 3(3): 319-63.

Emanuel Adler (2002) 'Constructivism and International Relations', in Walter Carlsnaes *et al.*, (eds.) *Handbook of International Relations*. London: Sage, pp.95-118.

Mark Blyth (2002) *Great Transformations: Economic Ideas and Institutional Change in the Twentieth Century*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 17-45.

Friedrich Kratochwil and John Gerard Ruggie (1986), 'International Organization: A State of the Art on an Art of the State', *International Organization*, 40(4): 753-75.

John Gerard Ruggie (1998) *Constructing the World Polity: Essays on International Institutionalization*. London: Routledge, Introduction.

Jennifer Sterling-Folker (2000) 'Competing Paradigms or Birds of a Feather? Constructivism and Neoliberal Institutionalism Compared', *International Studies Quarterly*, 44(1): 97-119.

Steve Smith (2004) 'Singing Our World into Existence: International Relations Theory and September 11', *International Studies Quarterly*, 48(3): 499-515.

Alexander Wendt (1994) 'Collective Identity Formation and the International State', *American Political Science Review*, 88(2): 384-96.

Alexander Wendt (1999) *Social Theory of International Politics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Alexander Wendt (2003) 'Why a World State is Inevitable', *European Journal of International Relations*, 9(4): 491-542.

Essay question:

What are the key claims of constructivism and does it provide a more satisfactory explanation of International Relations?

6) Uneven and Combined Development: Marxism and International Relations

- uneven and combined development;
- social relations of production and class struggle;
- social forces in the struggle over hegemony;

Key Reading:

1) Robert W. Cox (1981/1996) 'Social Forces, States and World Orders: Beyond International Relations Theory', *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, 10:2 (1981): 126-55 — **available as a short loan item from Hallward Library.**

[ALSO REPRINTED IN ROBERT W. COX WITH TIMOTHY SINCLAIR (EDS.) *APPROACHES TO WORLD ORDER*. CAMBRIDGE: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS, PP. 85-123].

Additional Readings:

Perry Anderson (2001) 'Reflections on the Left from the Left', Interview with Harry Kreisler in the 'Conversations with History' Series, <http://globetrotter.berkeley.edu/Elberg/Anderson/anderson-con0.html>.

Andreas Bieler and Adam David Morton (2004) 'A Critical Theory Route to Hegemony, World Order and Historical Change: neo-Gramscian Perspectives in International Relations', *Capital & Class*, 82: 85-113.

Simon Bromley (1999) 'Marxism and Globalisation', in Andrew Gamble, David Marsh and Tony Tant (eds) *Marxism and Social Science*. London: Macmillan, pp. 280-301.

Peter Burnham (1994) 'Open Marxism and Vulgar International Political Economy', *Review of International Political Economy*, 1(2): 221-31.

Alex Callinicos and Justin Rosenberg (2008) 'Uneven and Combined Development: The Social-Relational Substratum of "the international"? An exchange of letters', *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, 21(1): 77-112 [COPY AVAILABLE FROM LECTURERS].

Adam D. Morton (2007) 'Disputing the Geopolitics of the States System and Global Capitalism', *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, 20(4): 599-617 [COPY AVAILABLE FROM LECTURERS].

Justin Rosenberg (2006) 'Why is There No International Historical Sociology?', *European Journal of International Relations*, 12(3): 307-40.

Ellen Meiksins Wood (1995) *Democracy Against Capitalism: Renewing Historical Materialism*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Chapters 1 and 2.

Immanuel Wallerstein (1974) 'The Rise and Future Demise of the World Capitalist System: Concepts for Comparative Analysis', *Comparative Studies in Society & History*, XVI(4):387-415.

[REPRINTED IN IMMANUEL WALLERSTEIN, *THE CAPITALIST WORLD-ECONOMY*. CAMBRIDGE: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS, 1979, PP. 1-36 **AND** IMMANUEL WALLERSTEIN, *THE ESSENTIAL WALLERSTEIN*. NEW YORK: THE NEW PRESS, 2000, PP. 71-105].

Essay question:

What are the essential key features of a Marxist theory of IR?

7) Writing Security: Poststructuralism and War

- post-modern deconstruction in IR theory;
- the method of double reading;
- the relationship between power and knowledge.

Key Reading:

1) Richard K. Ashley (1988) 'Untying the Sovereign State: A Double Reading of the Anarchy Problematique', *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, 17(2): 227-62 – **available as a short loan item from Hallward Library.**

Additional Readings:

Richard K. Ashley (1984) 'The Poverty of Neorealism', *International Organization*, 38(2): 225-86.

Richard K. Ashley and R. B. J. Walker (1990) 'Reading Dissidence/Writing the Discipline: Crisis and the Question of Sovereignty in International Studies', *International Studies Quarterly*, 34(3): 367-416.

Richard K. Ashley (1989) 'Living on Border Lines: Man, Poststructuralism and War', in James Der Derian and Michael Shapiro (eds) *International/Intertextual Relations: Postmodern Readings of World Politics*. Toronto: Lexington Books.

Richard K. Ashley (1996) 'The Achievements of Post-Structuralism', in Steve Smith, Ken Booth and Marysia Zalewski (eds.) *International Theory: Positivism and Beyond*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 240-53.

David Campbell (1998) *Writing Security: United States Foreign Policy and the Politics of Identity*, revised edition. Manchester: Manchester University Press, pp. 00-00.

David Campbell (1998) *National Deconstruction: Violence, Identity, and Justice in Bosnia*. Minneapolis: University of Minneapolis Press.

Jenny Edkins (1999) *Post-structuralism & International Relations: Bringing the Political Back In*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner, Chapter 1.

Marieke de Goede (2001) 'Discourses of Scientific Finance and the Failure of Long-Term Capital Management', *New Political Economy*, 6(2): 149-70.

Mark Laffey (2000) 'Locating Identity: Performativity, Foreign Policy and State Action', *Review of International Studies*, 26(3): 587-604.

Jan Selby, 'Engaging Foucault: Discourse, Liberal Governance and the Limits of Foucauldian IR', *International Relations*, 21(3): 324-45. [AVAILABLE FROM THE LECTURERS].

R. B. J. Walker (1993) *Inside/Outside: International Relations as Political Theory*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Essay question:

What are the consequences of the poststructural critique of international theory?

Contesting the Canon:

8) The State and Modernity

- what is the state?
- the emergence of the international state-system;
- the state as a performative act;

Key Reading:

1) Richard Devetak (1995) 'Incomplete States: Theories and Practices of Statecraft', in John MacMillan and Andrew Linklater (eds.) *Boundaries in Question: New Directions in International Relations*. London: Pinter, pp. 1-37 — **available as a short loan item from Hallward Library.**

Additional Readings:

Jens Bartelson (2001) *The Critique of the State*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Chapter 1.

Andreas Bieler and Adam David Morton (2003) 'Globalisation, the State and Class Struggle: A 'Critical Economy' Engagement with Open Marxism', *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, 5(4): 467-99.

[REPRINTED IN ANDREAS BIELER, WERNER BONEFELD, PETER BURNHAM AND ADAM DAVID MORTON, *GLOBAL RESTRUCTURING, STATE, CAPITAL AND LABOUR: CONTESTING NEO-GRAMSCIAN PERSPECTIVES*. LONDON: PALGRAVE, 2006, PP. 155-75.]

Johanna Kantola (2007) 'The Gendered Reproduction of the State in International Relations', *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, 9(2): 270-83.

Hannes Lacher (2005) 'International Transformation and the Persistence of Territoriality: Toward a New Political Geography of Capitalism', *Review of International Political Economy*, 12(1): 26-52.

Adam D. Morton (2005) 'The Age of Absolutism: Capitalism, the Modern States-System and International Relations', *Review of International Studies*, 31(3): 495-517.

Justin Rosenberg (1994) *The Empire of Civil Society: A Critique of the Realist Theory of International Relations*. London: Verso, Chapter 5.

Cynthia Weber (1995) *Simulating Sovereignty: Intervention, the State and Symbolic Exchange*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Chapter 2.

Essay question:

What are the problems and promises of contending approaches to the state?

9) History, Agency and Structure

- the interplay of structure and agency;
- structuration theory;
- structure and agency in IR theory;

Key Reading:

1) Andreas Bieler and Adam David Morton (2001) 'The Gordian Knot of Agency-Structure in International Relations: A neo-Gramscian Perspective', *European Journal of International Relations*, 7(1): 5-35.

Additional Readings:

Walter Carlsnaes (1992) 'The Agency-Structure Problem in Foreign Policy Analysis', *International Studies Quarterly*, 36(3): 245-70.

Roxanne Lynn Doty (1997) 'Aporia: A Critical Exploration of the Agent-Structure Problematique in International Relations Theory', *European Journal of International Relations*, 3(3): 365-92.

Bob Jessop (2007) *State Power: A Strategic-Relational Approach*. Cambridge: Polity Press, Chapter 2.

Hidemi Suganami (1999) 'Agents, Structures, Narratives', *European Journal of International Relations*, 5(3): 365-86.

Alexander Wendt (1987) 'The Agent-Structure Problem in International Relations', *International Organization*, 41(3): 335-70.

Colin Wight (1999), 'They Shoot Dead Horses Don't They? Locating Agency in the Agent-Structure Problematique', *European Journal of International Relations*, 5(1): 109-42.

Colin Wight (2006) *Agents, Structures and International Relations: Politics as Ontology*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Chapters 2 and 3.

Essay question:

Do we have to prioritise either agents or structures in the explanation of international politics?

10) The Social Function of Ideology

- organic intellectuals;
- intellectuals of statecraft;
- the material structure of ideas;

Key Reading:

1) Andreas Bieler and Adam David Morton (2008) 'The Deficits of Discourse in IPE: turning base metal into gold?', *International Studies Quarterly*, 52(1): 103-28.

Additional Readings:

Judith Goldstein and Robert O. Keohane (1993) 'Ideas and Foreign Policy: An Analytical Framework', in Judith Goldstein and Robert O. Keohane (eds.) *Ideas and Foreign Policy: Beliefs, Institutions, and Political Change*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

Adam David Morton (2003) 'The Social Function of Carlos Fuentes: A Critical Intellectual or in the "Shadow of the State"?', *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, 22(1): 27-51.

Gearóid Ó Tuathail and John Agnew (1992) 'Geopolitics and Discourse: Practical Geopolitical Reasoning in American Foreign Policy', *Political Geography*, 11(2): 190-204.

[REPRINTED IN GEARÓID Ó TUATHAIL, SIMON DALBY AND PAUL ROUTLEDGE (EDS) (2006) *THE GEOPOLITICS READER*. SECOND EDITION. LONDON: ROUTLEDGE, CHAPTER 12].

Christian Reus-Smit (2002) 'The Idea of History and History with Ideas', in Stephen Hobden and John M. Hobson (eds.) *Historical Sociology of International Relations*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 120-40.

Georg Sørensen (2008) 'The Case for Combining Material Forces and Ideas in the Study of IR', *European Journal of International Relations*, 14(1): 5-32.

Benno Teschke and Christian Heine (2002) 'The Dialectic of Globalisation: A Critique of Social Constructivism', in Mark Rupert and Hazel Smith (eds.) *Historical Materialism and Globalisation*. London: Routledge, pp. 165-87

Ngairé Woods (1995) 'Economic Ideas and International Relations: Beyond Rational Neglect', *International Studies Quarterly*, 39(2): 161-80.

Essay question:

Assess in what ways ideas may be constitutive of international politics?

11) Conclusion: *cui bono*?

Key Reading:

1) Benjamin J. Cohen (2007) 'The Transatlantic Divide: Why are American and British IPE so different?', *Review of International Political Economy*, 14(2): 197-219.

Additional Readings:

Noam Chomsky (2002) 'Activism, Anarchism and Power', Interview with Harry Kreisler in the 'Conversations with History' Series, <http://globetrotter.berkeley.edu/people2/Chomsky/chomsky-con0.html>.

Brian Schmidt (2008) 'International Relations Theory: Hegemony or Pluralism?', *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, 36(2): 295-304.

Steve Smith (2008) 'Debating Schmidt: Theoretical Pluralism in IR', *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, 36(2): 305-10.

Essay question

How does posing the question *cui bono*? (*who benefits?*) help in revealing the value-laden assumptions in International Relations Theory?

Seminar discussions will be based on readings listed above, please ensure that you have familiarised yourself with the relevant required readings before the seminars.

Please note that registers will be taken in seminars, should you be unable to attend, please email the Module Convenor.

Method and Frequency of Class:

Activity	Number of Sessions	Duration of a Session
Lecture	11	1h
Seminar	11	1h

Location of Lecture:	UP-CLIVEG-A39+
Day:	Thursday
Time:	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Location of Seminar:	Several seminar slots
Day:	Thursday and Friday
Time:	Depends on particular seminar slot

After each lecture, the lecture notes will be posted on WebCT, which can be accessed at <http://webct.nottingham.ac.uk> using your University network username and password. This will allow you to compare your own notes with the lecture notes and to go through the material learned in the lecture in an organised and systematic way. Once registered you can access the class at any time from any PC with an internet connection. You are expected to connect to the classroom at least once a week.

Method of Assessment:

This 20 credit/15 credit module will be assessed on the following basis:

Assessment Type	Weight	Requirements
Exam 1	50 per cent	Two-hour exam
Coursework 1	50 per cent	3000 words for 20 credits 2000 words for 15 credits

You must submit an electronic copy of your essay via the module's WebCT site, taking note of the individual ID number that will be generated once you have successfully uploaded it. This process is self-explanatory.

After you have done that – and only then - you must submit **two** hard copies of the essay to the School Office by Friday **20th November 2009**. A submission sheet should be completed and attached to both copies of the essay. You are required to enter the WebCT ID number on the cover sheet, as proof that you have already electronically submitted the essay. The submission sheet and the top of page of each copy of your essay should then be date stamped, and submitted in person to the School Office where you will be issued with a receipt. Please note that the School Office will be open from 10am till 4pm (Monday to Friday) on submission days. Essays

handed in after 4pm will be stamped as late and the usual University penalties will be applied.

The electronic copies will be scanned to detect plagiarism. It is therefore imperative that you consult the Student Handbook, which outlines what is counted as plagiarism and advises you how to avoid it. Failure to submit an electronic copy even if you submit two hard copies on time will mean that the essay will be counted as having not been submitted.

Any essay handed in after the deadline will have 5% of the original mark deducted per working day, unless an extension has been approved in advance. Applications for extensions will not normally be considered retrospectively. Any student wishing to apply for an extension should collect and complete the necessary forms from the School Office and submit these to the relevant Year Tutor together with any necessary documentary evidence.

Reading Information:

You are strongly advised to purchase one of the following texts:

- 1) Adam David Morton (2007) *Unravelling Gramsci: Hegemony and Passive Revolution in the Global Political Economy* (London: Pluto Press). ISBN: 978-0745323848.
- 2) Scott Burchill et al (eds.) (2009) *Theories of International Relations*, Fourth edition (London: Palgrave). ISBN: 978-0230219236.
- 3) Tim Dunne, Milya Kurki and Steve Smith (eds.) (2006) *International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press). ISBN: 978-0199298334. NOTE – SECOND EDITION DUE IN DECEMBER 2009.

There are also a number of new introductory texts and more advanced volumes that you can consult as library copies, or consider as additional purchases as supplementary texts, or as book shares:

- 1) Cynthia Weber (2009) *International Relations: A Critical Introduction*, Third edition (London: Routledge). ISBN: 978-0415778428.
- 2) Jenny Edkins and Maja Zehfuss (eds) (2009) *Global Politics: A New Introduction* (London: Routledge). ISBN: 978-0415431316.
- 3) Jenny Edkins and Nick Vaughan-Williams (eds) (2009) *Critical Theorists and International Relations* (London: Routledge). 978-0415474665.

Journals

The major analytical journals are *International Organization*, *International Studies Quarterly* and *Review of International Studies*. All journal articles referred to in this

module guide are in the Library, either as a printed copy or in an electronic version on line. You may have to search both the Online Catalogue (UNLOC) and the electronic journals in order to find them.

Coursework Support:

The Hallward Library and Halls of Residence have a number of networked PCs to facilitate access to information on holdings.

As Module Convenor please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any difficulties with the module or assessed work. I will be available without appointment during my office hours. Appointments to meet at other times can be made by calling me on my direct line or via email. My contact details together with office hours are noted at the front of this module outline.

Guidance to Essay Writing:

A short guide for students on essay writing skills and an outline of the marking criteria used by staff is available from the School Intranet.

Assessed Essay Titles:

1. 'A theory of international relations needs to perform four principal tasks. It should describe, explain, predict, and prescribe' (Kegley). Discuss!
2. Is there a "timeless wisdom" to neorealism?
3. To what extent are the theories of neo-realism and neo-liberalism similar to "two bald men fighting over a comb"?
4. How does feminism trouble International Relations?
5. What are the key claims of constructivism and does it provide a more satisfactory explanation of International Relations?
6. What are the essential key features of a Marxist theory of IR?
7. What are the consequences of the poststructural critique of international theory?
8. What are the problems and promises of contending approaches to the state?
9. Do we have to prioritise either agents or structures in the explanation of international politics?
10. Assess in what ways ideas may be constitutive of international politics?
11. How does posing the question *cui bono?* (*who benefits?*) help in revealing the value-laden assumptions in International Relations Theory?

Reminder: submission date is 4pm on 20 November 2009

Example of Past Exam Paper:

This is a re-launched and thoroughly revised module running in its second year. Reliance on past exam papers is therefore not a recommended practice as there is only one such example (see below). For indicative exam questions, also see essay questions.

Please answer *two* of the following eight questions:

1. 'A theory of international relations has the task of formulating empirically testable hypotheses.' Discuss.
2. 'Neo-realist theory is theory of, by, and for positivists' (Richard Ashley). Discuss.
3. Is co-operation between states possible in international relations?
4. How does "doing" feminist-informed analysis of gender and international politics contribute to the "undoing" of the discipline of International Relations?
5. What does historical materialism bring to International Relations with its focus on the social relations of production as its starting-point of analysis?
6. How does the poststructuralist method of 'double-reading' assist in deconstructing power/knowledge relations in international politics?
7. Are there always "two stories to tell" in relation to the agent-structure debate in International Relations?
8. What does a focus on ideas contribute to our understanding of international politics?