

CIPOD/SIS/JNU 2014  
**M.Phil Course (IO 634) - Theoretical Issues in International Organization**  
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The course aims to explore and expose to a few principal conceptual and theoretical aspects of international organization. It is intended to enable you to begin with, and indeed go beyond, the mainstream IR theories to understand the complexities associated with both the conceptual issues and also the varied empirical forms of international organization. The central question concerns sources and effects of the behaviour of international organization in the interstate system. International organization is an evolving branch of knowledge, given the changing nature of expectations from and experiences of IOs in management of common concerns.

*Methodology*

The course themes will be approached through interactive lectures (twice a week – each of about 90 minutes' duration). Students' commitment in terms of reading of recommended literature before classes is a requirement. In addition to the theme-specific readings, the general and acclaimed works like *Swords into Plowshares* (by Inis Claude, 1971) and *Routledge History of International Organization* (by Bob Reinalda, 2009) *Yearbook of International Organizations* (JNU Library subscribes to online version), apart from journals like *Global Governance*, *International Organization*, *Journal of International Organization Studies* and *Review of International Organizations* would be useful. Active class participation is mandatory. Student evaluation will comprise group discussions, term paper presentations, book review, and an end semester examination. Plagiarism of any sort and/or lack of interest will be exemplarily dealt with. Students are welcome to see the Course Teacher separately when needed.

*THEMATIC BREEAK UP*

**1. International organization as a field (3 interactions)**

Hafner-Burton, Emilie, Jana von Stein and Erik Gartzke (2008). "International Organizations Count", *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 52(2): 175-188.

Cupitt, Richard, Rodney L. Whitlock and Lynn W. Whitlock (1996). "The (Im)mortality of intergovernmental organizations", *International Interactions*, 21(4): 389-404.

Reinalda, Bob (2013). "International Organization as a field of research since 1910", in *Routledge Handbook of International Organization*, ed. Bob Reinalda (New York: Routledge), pp. 1-23.

Rochester, J. Martin (1986). "The rise and fall of international organization as a field of study", *International Organization*, 40(4), pp. 777-813.

**2. International Organization as a Concept (2 interactions)**

Claude, Inis L. (1964). "International Organization" in *International Encyclopaedia of Social Sciences*, vol.8:33-40, London: Macmillan.

Virally, Michel (1981). "Definition and Classification of International Organization: A legal approach" in Georges Abi-Saab, ed., *The Concept of International Organization*, Paris: Unesco, 50-66.

**3. Rationalist and Constructivist Perspectives on IOs (4 interactions)**

Abbott, Kenneth W. And Duncan Snidal (2001). "Why States act through formal international organizations", Paul F. Diehl, ed., *The Politics of Global Governance: International Organizations in an Interdependent World*, Boulder: Lynne Rienner: 9-43.

Archer, Clive (2012). "Theories of International Organizations" in *International Relations: Perspectives for the Global South*, ed. Bhupinder S. Chimni and Siddharth Mallavarapu (New Delhi: Pearson), pp. 358-372.

Chimni, B.S. (2004). "International Institutions Today: An Imperial Global State in the Making", *European Journal of International Law*, 15(1): 1-37.

Martin, Lisa and Beth Simmons (2012). "International Organizations and Institutions", in *Handbook of International Relations* (London: Sage), pp. 326-351.

Oestreich, J.E. (2011). "Intergovernmental Organizations in International Relations and as Actors in World Politics" in *The Ashgate Research Companion to Non-State Actors*, ed. Bob Reinalda (Burlington, VT: Ashgate), pp. 161-172.

Rittberger, Volker (2012). "Theories of International Organizations" in *International Organization*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. By Volker Rittberger, Bernard Zangi and Andreas Kruck (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan), pp.15-34.

#### **4. Organization Theory and IO Performance** (3 interactions)

Balding, Christopher and Daniel Wehrenfennig (2011). 'An Organizational Theory of International Institutions', *Journal of International Organization Studies*, 2(1): 7-27.

Brechin, Steven R. and Gayl D. Ness (2013). "Looking Back at the Gap: International Organizations as Organizations Twenty-Five Years Later", *Journal of International Organization Studies*, 4(Special Issue): 14-39.

Ellis, David C. (2010). 'The Organizational Turn in International Organization Theory', *Journal of International Organization Studies*, 1(1): 11-28.

Gutner, Tamar and Thompson Alexander (2010). "The politics of IO performance", *Review of International Organizations*, 5(3), pp.227-248.

Ness, G.D. and Brechin, S.R. (1988). "Bridging the Gap: International Organizations as Organizations", *International Organization*, 42(2): 245-73.

Schemeil, Yves (2013). "Bringing International Organizations in: Global Institutions as Adaptive Hybrids", *Organization Studies*, 34(2), pp.219-252.

#### **5. On Design** (2 interactions)

Blake, Daniel J. And Autumn Lockwood Payton (2014). 'Balancing design objectives: Analysing new data on voting rules in intergovernmental organizations', *Review of International Organizations*, 14(4):

Martinez-Diaz, Leonardo (2009). "Boards of Directors in International Organizations: A framework for understanding the dilemmas of institutional design", *Review of International Organization*, 4(4), pp.383-406.

Koremenos, Barbara, Charles Lipson and Duncan Snidal (2001). "The rational design of international institutions", *International Organization*, 55(4), pp.761-799.

Wendt, Alexander (2001). "Driving with the rear view mirror: On the rational science of institutional design", *International Organization*, 55(4): 1019-1049.

#### **6. Autonomy, Delegation and Leadership** (3 interactions)

Barnett, Michael and Martha Finnemore (2004). *Rules for the World: International Organizations in Global Politics* (Cornell: Cornell University Press), Chapter 2, pp.16-44.

Cox, Robert W. (1969) "The Executive Head: An Essay on Leadership in International Organization", *International Organization*, 23(2): 205-230.

Haftel, Yoram Z. and Alexander Thompson (2006). 'The Independence of International Organizations: Concept and Applications', *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 50(2): 253-275.

Hawkins, Darren G. and Wade Jacoby (2006). "How Agents Matter" in *Delegation and Agency in International Organizations*, ed. D.G. Hawkins and others (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), pp.199-228.

Rittberger, Volker, Bernard Zangi and Andraas Kruck (2012), "Policy Making in International Organizations", in *International Organization*, chapters 4-7, pp.73-140.

#### **6. Change and Legitimacy (2 interactions)**

Buchanan, Allen and Robert Keohane (2006). "The Legitimacy of Global Governance Institutions", *Ethics and International Affairs*, 20(4): 405-437.

Haas, Peter and Ernst B. Haas (1995). "Learning to Learn: Improving International Governance", *Global Governance*, 1(1), pp.255-284.

Kapur, Devesh (2002). "Processes of Change in International Organizations", in *Governing Globalization: Issues and Institutions*, ed. Deepak Nayyar (Oxford: OUP), pp.334-355.

Shanks, Cheryl, et al (1996). "Inertia and Change in the Constellation of Inter-Governmental Organizations, 1981-1992", *International Organization*, 50(4): 594-627.

#### **7. Competition and Collaboration among organizations (3 interactions)**

Biermann, Rafael (2008). "Towards a Theory of Inter-organization networking: The Euro-Atlantic security institutions interacting", *Review of International Organizations*, 3(2): 151-177.

Jonsson, Christer (1986). "Interorganization Theory and International Organization", *International Studies Quarterly*, 30: 39-57.

Morse, Julia C. and Robert Keohane (2014). "Contested Multilateralism", *Review of International Organizations*, 9(3) (online).

Murdie, Amanda and David R. Davis (2012). "Looking in the Mirror: Comparing IGO Networks across issue areas", *Review of International Organizations*, 7(2), pp.177-202.

#### **8. Limits and Pathologies (3 interactions)**

Barnett, Michael and Martha Finnemore (1999). "The Politics, Power and Pathology of International Organizations", *International Organization*, 53(4): 699-732.

Dahl, Robert (1999). "Can International Organizations be Democratic?: A Sceptic's View", in *The Global Transformations Reader: An Introduction to the Globalization Debate*, ed. David Held and Anthony McGrew (Cambridge: Polity Press), pp.530-541.

Gallarotti, Giulio (1991). "The Limits of International Organization", *International Organization*, 45(2): 183-220.

Lopes, Dawisson and Guilherme Casarroses (2010). "Can International Organizations be Democratic? Rethinking Robert Dahl's Skeptical Argument", PSA Paper.

Ruggie John G. (2002). "The United Nations and Globalization: Patterns and Limits of Institutional Adaptation", *Global Governance*, 9(3), pp.301-321.