In this course, we will read, discuss, and engage the modern literature on international institutions, regimes, and organizations. The focus will be on intergovernmental institutions and agreements. International politics is increasingly institutionalized in all issue-areas. Understanding the dynamics of international conflict and cooperation therefore requires that we understand the sources and consequences of institutionalization.

The course will be theory-driven, with the first few weeks devoted to studying theoretical frameworks used by international relations scholars to understand institutions. Then we will move into empirical applications of these theories. We will address most of the major issue-areas in international politics, including political economy, security, and environmental issues.

My goal in this course is to encourage you to develop your own ideas for research and writing. To that end, the last week of class is set aside for presentation of research proposals by students. The assignments for the course are also designed to move you toward identifying researchable topics for study, preparing a research proposal, and writing a research paper.

Readings

All of the assigned articles should be easily accessible on line. Please let me know if you have any problems finding the assigned readings. You may find it useful to purchase the following 7 books. These books have been ordered at the University Bookstore. They should also be easy to purchase online, and have been requested for reserve.

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Requirements

Discussion questions will be posted on learn@uw by the Thursday before class. Students will be asked to select two questions for which they will take responsibility for beginning the discussion. Students should come to class having completed the readings and being prepared to participate fully in discussion.

Most weeks during the semester, we will have a distinguished outside speaker present a working paper to us via Skype. You will be asked to serve as a discussant on a working paper once or twice (depending on enrollment).

2 page identification of research topic due March 7

5-10 page research design paper due April 11

Research paper due May 9

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Course schedule and readings

January 25  Introduction

February 1  Background and general theory

Robert Keohane, After Hegemony (1984, 2005), chps. 1, 4-7 (pp. 5-17, 49-134)


**February 8**

*Theoretical developments*


Beth A. Simmons. 1998. “Compliance with International Agreements.” *Annual Review of Political Science* 1: 75-93


Presentation by Daniella Donno, University of Pittsburgh, human rights commitments in EU agreements

**February 15**

*Human rights*


Presentation by Stephen Chaudoin, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, contestation in the ICC

**February 22**  
*Delegation models*


Hawkins et. al, chapters 1 and 5


Presentation by Oliver Westerwinter, University of St. Gallen, informal governance in international relations

**February 29**  
*The United Nations Security Council*


Presentation by Songying Fang, Rice University, IO arbitration

March 7  

*International trade*


Presentation by Soo Yeon Kim, National University of Singapore, texts in preferential trade agreements

March 14  

*International financial institutions*  

Research topic due


Presentation by Randall Stone, University of Rochester, MNC influence on World Bank projects

March 28  
*(Institutional design)*


Presentation by Leslie Johns, UCLA, design of enforcement mechanisms

April 4  
*(Socialization)*


Presentation by Christina Davis, Princeton University, IO membership politics

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April 11  *Alliances and conflict*  
Research Design due


Presentation by Peter Rosendorff, NYU, how PTAs and BITs influence leader survival

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April 18  *Environmental issues*


Presentation by Robert Keohane, Princeton University, organizational sociology and climate organizations

April 25  
*No class: work on paper*

May 2  
*Student presentation of research designs*

May 9  
*Paper due*