



# **SELECTED PROBLEMS OF IR THEORY**

**Fall Semester 2009**

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Tuesdays, 17.15-19.15

Room 4

The purpose of this course is to introduce the students to some of the important debates in the field and to its basic concepts. It is expected that all students have read the assignments before each class and participate in the discussion with focused and pertinent contributions.

## **Course requirements and participation**

There are three ways in which students can participate:

- 1) The student does all the readings, participates in class discussions, and write a paper. In that case the student will get full credit for the seminar and fulfils one of the departmental requirements.
- 2) The student does all the readings and participates in the class discussions. In this case the seminar requirements are met but not the paper requirement by the department.
- 3) This option is subject to explicit approval, since students taking options 1 and 2 have priority: The student “window shops” and participates only in the sessions that meet his/her interests, assuming of course familiarity with the assigned readings.

Students participating with either option 1 or 2 are not to miss more than two sessions. Otherwise they will not fulfil the seminar requirements. Since emergencies happen, it is suggested that students use their “wild cards” wisely.

## **Session I: Introduction and Defining the Field (6 October)**

Carr, Edward Hallett. *The Twenty Years' Crisis, 1919-1939: An Introduction to the Study of International Relations*. New York: Harper & Row, 1964. Ch. 5-6.

Lapid, Yosef. "The Third Debate: On the Prospects of International Theory in a Post-Positivist Era." *International Studies Quarterly* 33, no. 3 (1989): 235-54.

Thies, Cameron G. "Progress, History and Identity in International Relations Theory: The Case of the Idealist-Realist Debate." *European Journal of International Relations* 8, no. 2 (2002): 147-85.

Oliver Kessler, "Toward a Sociology of the International? International Relations between Anarchy and World Society ", *International Political Sociology* vol. 3 (2009): 87-108.

Adler, Emanuel, and Vincent Pouliot. "The Practice Turn." (2008, mimeo).

## **Session II: The Problem of "Science" (13 October)**

Hempel, Carl Gustav. "The Function of General Laws in History." In *Aspects of Scientific Explanation, and Other Essays in the Philosophy of Science*, edited by Carl Gustav Hempel, ix, 505 p. New York: Free Press, 1965. Ch. 9.

Diesing, Paul. *How Does Social Science Work?: Reflections on Practice*. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 1991. Ch. 2.

Kratochwil, Friedrich. "Evidence, Inference, and Truth as Problems of Theory-Building in the Social Sciences." In *Theory and Evidence in Comparative Politics and International Relations*, edited by Richard Ned Lebow and Mark Irving Lichbach. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007.

Blyth, Mark. "Elen Degenerates - or - Four Plus Two Reasons for Taking Ideas Very Seriously." (2007, mimeo).

### **Session III: The issue of “Realism”(20 October)**

Alex Wendt, Social Theory of International Politics (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999), chap. 2

Patrick Thaddeus Jackson, “Foregrounding Ontology: Dualism, Monism and IR Theory”, Review of International Studies, vol. 34 (2008): 129-53

Fred Chernoff, “The Ontological Fallacy: A Rejoinder on the status of Scientific Realism in International Relations”, vol. 35 (2009): 371-395).

Wight Colin, “Inside the Epistemological Cave all Bets are Off”, *Journal of International Development*, vol. 10, no 1 (2007): 40-56

Torsten Michael. “Pigs can’t fly , or can they?”, *Review of International Studies* vol. 35 (2009): 397-419.

### **Session IV: Critical Theory and the Pragmatic Turn (27 October)**

Cox, Robert W. "Social Forces, States and World Orders: Beyond International Relations Theory." *Millennium* 10, no. 2 (1981): 126-55.

Kratochwil, Friedrich. "Looking Back from Somewhere: Reflections on What Remains 'Critical' in 'Critical Theory'." *Review of International Studies* 33, no. special issue (2007): 25-47.

Owen, D. "Re-Orienting International Relations: On Pragmatism, Pluralism and Practical Reasoning." *Millennium* 31, no. 3 (2002): 653-73.

Kratochwil, Friedrich. "Ten points to Ponder about Pragmatism", in Harry Bauer, Elisabetta Brighi (eds.), Pragmatism in International Relations (Oxford: Routledge 2009), chap. 1.

## **Session V: Power as a Central Problematique (3 November)**

Baldwin, David A. "Money and Power." *The Journal of Politics* 33, no. 3 (1971): 578-614.

Baldwin, David A. "Power Analysis and World Politics: New Trends Versus Old Tendencies." In *Paradoxes of Power*. New York: Basil Blackwell, 1989.

Guzzini, Stefano. "The Concept of Power: A Constructivist Analysis." *Millennium* 33, no. 3 (2005): 495-521.

Barnett, Michael, and Raymond Duvall. "Power in International Politics." *International Organization* 59, no. 1 (2005): 39-75.

Schweller, Randall, and David Priess. "A Tale of Two Realisms: Expanding the Institutions Debate." *Mershon International Studies Review* 41, no. 1 (1997): 1-32.

## **Session VI: Power in Action: Sanctions and Peacekeeping (10 November)**

Baldwin, David A. "The Sanctions Debate and the Logic of Choice." *International Security* 24, no. 3 (1999/2000): 80-107.

Tostensen, Arne, and Beate Bull. "Are Smart Sanctions Feasible?" *World Politics* 54, no. 4 (2002): 373-403.

Kuperman, Alan J. "The Moral Hazard of Humanitarian Intervention: Lessons from the Balkans." *International Studies Quarterly* 52, no. 1 (2008): 49-80.

Cockayne, James, and David Malone. "United Nations Peace Operations Then and Now." *International Peacekeeping: The Yearbook of International Peace Operations* 9 (2005): 1-26.

Michel Lipson. "Peacekeeping: Organized Hypocrisy" , *European Journal of International Relations* vol 13 (2007): 5-34.

Doyle, Michael W., and Nicholas Sambanis. *Making War and Building Peace: United Nations Peace Operations*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2006. Ch. 2.

## **Session VII: Security (17 November)**

Waever, Ole. "What Is Security? – the Securityness of Security." In *European Security 2000*, edited by B. Hansen. Copenhagen: Copenhagen Political Studies Press, 1995.

Buzan, Barry, and Ole Waever. "Slippery? Contradictory? Sociologically Untenable? The Copenhagen School Replies." *Review of International Studies* 23, no. 2 (1997): 241-50.

Holger Stritzel, "Towards a Theory of Securitization: Copenhagen and Beyond", *European Journal of International Relations* vol 13 (2007): 357-83.

Deudney, Daniel. *Bounding Power: Republican Security Theory from the Polis to the Global Village*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2007. Ch. 1.

Dillon, Michael, and Luis Lobo-Guerrero. "Biopolitics of Security in the 21st Century: An Introduction." *Review of International Studies* 34, no. 2 (2008): 265-92.

Abrahamsen, R and Williams, Michael. "Privatization in Practice" (2008, mimeo).

## **Session VIII: Agents and Structures (24 November)**

Dessler, David. "What's at Stake in the Agent-Structure Debate?" *International Organization* 43, no. 3 (1989): 441-73.

Patomäki, Heikki. "How to Tell Better Stories About World Politics." *European Journal of International Relations* 2, no. 1 (1996): 105-33.

Wendt, Alexander. *Social Theory of International Politics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999. Ch. 4.

Jackson, Patrick, and Daniel Nexon. "Relations before States." *European Journal of International Relations* 5, no. 3 (1999): 291-327.

Lynn Doty, Roxanne. "Aporia: A Critical Exploration of the Agent-Structure Problematique in International Relations Theory." *European Journal of International Relations* 3, no. 3 (1997): 365-92.

## **Session IX: Systems as Constitutions (1 December)**

Reus-Smit, Christian. "The Constitutional Structure of International Society and the Nature of Fundamental Institutions." *International Organization* 51, no. 4 (1997): 555-89.

Strange, Susan. *States and Markets*. London: Pinter, 1988. Ch. 1 and 11.

Werner, Wouter G., and Jaap H. De Wilde. "The Endurance of Sovereignty." *European Journal of International Relations* 7, no. 3 (2001): 283-313.

Kratochwil, Friedrich. "On the Notion Of "Interest" In International Relations." *International Organization* 36, no. 1 (1982): 1-30.

Gourevitch, Peter. "The Second Image Reversed: The International Sources of Domestic Politics." *International Organization* 32, no. 4 (1978): 881-912.

## **Session X: Actors (10 December)**

Moravcsik, Andrew. "Taking Preferences Seriously: A Liberal Theory of International Politics " *International Organization* 51, no. 4 (1997): 513-53.

Putnam, Robert D. "Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two-Level Games." *International Organization* 42, no. 3 (1988): 427-60.

Keck, Margaret, and Kathryn Sikkink. "Transnational Advocacy Networks in International and Regional Politics." *International Social Science Journal Unesco*, Vol 51 no. 159 (1999): 89-101.

Kratochwil, Friedrich. "Global Governance and the Emergence of 'World Society'." In *Varieties of World-Making: Beyond Globalization*, edited by Nathalie Karagannis and Peter Wagner. Liverpool: University of Liverpool Press, 2007.

## **Session XI: International Political Economy (15 December)**

Gilpin, Robert. *The Political Economy of International Relations*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1987. Ch. 1-2.

Strange, Susan. *States and Markets*. London: Pinter, 1988. Prologue.

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

Hall, Rodney Bruce. "The Discursive Demolition of the Asian Development Model." *International Studies Quarterly* 47, no. 1 (2003): 71-99.

de Goede, Marieke. "Beyond Economism in International Political Economy." *Review of International Studies* 29, no. 1 (2003): 79-97.

Oliver Kessler, "Finance as a Transnational Space and the Memory of the Gold Standard (mimeo 2009).

Krugman, Paul. *The Return to Depression Economics*. London: W. W. Norton, 2000. Ch. 6-7, 9.