

PO-C9: Theory of International Relations

Objectives: This course introduces the students to the evolution and important theories. Students need a brief history of international politics to understand why we study the subject and how current scholarship is informed by what preceded it. Theories provide interpretative frameworks for understanding what is happening in the world and the levels of analysis. Competing theories are presented.

1. Introduction: The end of the Cold war, the Classical tradition and International Change
2. Realism, Liberalism, Marxism
3. Behaviouralism and Systemic explanations, Structure and Polarity.
4. Geopolitical and Conflict Theories
5. Positivist and Post Positivist debates
 - a. Critical theory, post-modernism
 - b. Constructivism and Normative theory.
6. New Issues – Environment, Gender.

Readings:

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6. Doyle, Michael W. and G. John Ikenberry , (Ed) 1999, *New Thinking in International Relations Theory*, Boulder, Westview Press
7. Jackson, Robert and Georg Sorensen, 2010, *Introduction to International Relations – Theories and Approaches* (IV Edn) New-York, Oxford University Press.
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9. Ray, Ashwini K., 2004, *Western Realism and International Relations- A Non-Western view* Delhi, Foundation Books
10. Viotti, Paul R. and Mark. V. Kauppi , 2011, *International Relations Theory—Realism, Pluralism, Globalism, and Beyond*, Boston, Allyn and Bacon