

PA 5801: Global Public Policy

Spring 2016

Wednesdays, 6-8:45 PM, HHH 35, West Bank

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Overview

This course is aimed at graduate students with an interest in world politics and policy. It caters to beginners and more advanced learners, and is also suitable for highly motivated undergraduates in their senior year, with instructor permission. The Humphrey School strongly encourages all MPP students to take this class in the first year of their degree if interested in pursuing a global-related concentration.

This course covers basic applied concepts, such as realism, global governance, and global civil society; armed conflict; international trade, finance and monetary policy; international law; human rights; the global environment; and nuclear non-proliferation. The course applies all general concepts to concrete policy institutions and debates, demonstrating their practical utility, and their relevance to the job-search process.

Classes will be held weekly. Following the principles of “[active learning](#),” the instructor will regularly call on students to demonstrate their understanding of the readings and class presentations. The conversation will be vigorous and inclusive; please come prepared to class.

Readings

Please purchase *World Politics* by Frieden, Lake and Schultz (Norton). You can purchase a second hand copy of the second edition, or [the new third edition online](#). Presently, they are only offering print copies of the third edition for sale, but the online version may become available soon. All other readings will be on Moodle.

Requirements for the first week of class

- **Updated Moodle profile:** Please load a picture and brief description of your academic interests, career goals, and global policy interests on the class Moodle site by the first day of class (January 20, 2016).
- **Baseline Geography and G20 World Leaders Quiz:** Please bring a laptop to the first class so that you can complete the two baseline quizzes. You will receive your unique login for the quiz website on the first day of class.

- **Oral Presentation Signup:** Please signup for one of the group oral presentations. The signup sheet will open at 9 am on Thursday, January 21, 2016, and will close at 9 pm that same day.
- **Subscribe to a Major Global News Podcast:** Please subscribe and listen weekly to a major world news podcast such as the BBC's *Global News*, *Business Daily*, or *The World This Week*.

Assignments & Grading

- **Class Attendance and Participation (10% of grade):** Please come to class and participate based on a careful reading of the assigned material, and close listening to instructor and student presentations. There will be a sign-up sheet at the end of each class to document your class presence.
- **Two Weekly Memos (25% of your grade):**
 - Within 24 hours of completing each class (i.e., by 9 pm the following Thursday), please post one short reflection memo, on Moodle, using 300 words to describe, *One or more interesting things I learned in the alst class' discussion, presentation, and/or readings.*
 - Then, within an additional 24 hours later (i.e., by 9 pm the following Friday), respond in 300 words to one of your classmates' memos.
 - These two weekly memos should be on distinct topics.
 - Please pay attention to grammar, sentence construction, spelling, style, and logic. Write these two concise memos as if you were corresponding with senior colleagues in a professional place of work.
- **Oral Presentation (30% of your grade):** Please sign up for one 12-minute oral presentation on the first day of classes.
 - Arrange to deliver a practice version to me *at least one week prior to your class presentation date*, via my assistant, Laura Noble (lnoble@umn.edu)
 - Without successfully delivering the practice version at least 7 days in advance, you cannot proceed to the class presentation.
 - Although each student will research and present their own work and topic, you are presenting together in a logically connected cluster. Please make your arrangements to meet with me in advance **as a group**, and plan to stay for everyone else's practice presentations, so that your materials are not redundant.
 - At least **seven days** prior to your presentation send me one short article that you'd like students to read before class about your topic. This item should be carefully chosen so that it is from a credible source; aimed at an educated but general audience; informative, rather than simply opinionated; and relevant background for your presentation.
- **Final Exam (35% of your grade):** On May 5, 2016 at 6 pm I will post five essay questions on Moodle.
 - You will have 48 hours to answer three of these, with open books, on Moodle. Each answer should be roughly 1000 words.

- Please cite (author, date, page) appropriate materials to support your argument, including assigned readings, lectures, student presentations, and class discussions.
- **Geography quiz (pass/fail):** During the last class on May 4, 2016, you must score a minimum of 85% on [this world country quiz](#) and on [this G20 world leader quiz](#), in “strict test” mode.

Abbreviated Semester Plan
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Date	Topic	Online quiz	Student Presentation Topic
1. Jan 20	Course overview	All Countries G20 Leaders	None
2. Jan 27	Global Governance	Western Asian Countries	None
3. Feb 3	Global Civil Society	Asian Countries (Without Western Asia)	1. Catholic Relief Services 2. Human Rights Watch 3. Islamic Relief
4. Feb 10	States & Realism	European Countries	4. US foreign policy initiative 5. US foreign policy initiative 6. US foreign policy initiative
5. Feb 17	War & International institutions	African Countries	7. Ethiopia-Eritrea War 8. US invasion of Iraq 9. Indo-Pakistan War
6. Feb 24	Civil War	The Americas	10. Syrian Civil War–trajectory 11. Syria – Security Council 12. Syria – Russian policies
7. March 2	International Trade	G20 Leaders	13. WTO: Doha Round 14. Trans Pacific Partnership 15. NAFTA
8. March 9	International Finance & Currency	Western Asian Countries	16. Eurozone Crisis 17. Asian Financial Crisis 18. Ruble Crisis
9. March 23	International Development	Asian Countries (Without Western Asia)	19. China’s growth 20. MDGs & SDGs 21. Millennium Challenge Corporation
10. March 30	International Law & Norms	European Countries	22. NPT 23. IHL 24. Law of the Sea
11. April 6	Human rights	African Countries	25. UDHR/ICCPR/ICESCR 26. Spiral/boomerang models 27. ICC & Bashir
12. April 13	Managing Global Humanitarian Crises (Dean Eric Schwartz, guest presenter)		
13. April 20	Humanitarian crises in the Middle East, Central Asia & Eastern Europe (Kevin Hartigan, Catholic Relief Services Regional Director, guest presenter)		
		The Americas	
14. April 27	Global Climate Change	All Countries	28. Kyoto agreement 29. US-China agreement 30. Paris agreement
15. May 4	Global Convergence or Divergence?	All Countries G20 Leaders	

1. Course Overview (January 20, 2016)

- Baseline [global country quiz](#)
- Baseline [G20 global leader quiz](#)
- Determine your LizzardPoint login number
- Signup on January 21 for your oral presentation

2. IGOs and Global Governance

- [Western Asian Countries](#) quiz
- Hurd, Ian. (2013). *International Organizations: Politics, Law, Practice* (2nd ed.). New York: Cambridge University Press. Chapters 1, 2, 5,
- Barnett, M. N., & Finnemore, M. (1999). The Politics, Power, and Pathologies of International Organizations. *International Organization*, 53(4), 699–732.
- Avant, Deborah Martha Finnemore, & Susan K. Sell (Eds.), *Who Governs the Globe?* New York: Cambridge University Press, pp. 1-25

3. NGOs & Global Civil Society

- [Asian Countries](#) (Without Western Asia) quiz
- Mathews, J. T. (1997). Power Shift. *Foreign Affairs*, 76(1), 50–66.
- Sikkink, K. (1993). Human Rights, Principled Issue-Networks, and Sovereignty in Latin America. *International Organization*, 47(3), 411–441.
- Wapner, P. (1995). Politics Beyond the State: Environmental Activism and World Civic Politics. *World Politics*, 47(3), 311–340.
- Siméant, J. (2005). What is Going Global? The Internationalization of French NGOs “Without Borders.” *Review of International Political Economy*, 12(5), 851–883.

Presentations: Catholic Relief Services, Human Rights Watch, Islamic Relief

4. States and Realism

- [European Countries](#) quiz
- Mearsheimer, John. (2001). Anarchy and the Struggle for Power. In *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* (pp. 54–72). New York: Norton.
- Pape, Robert. A. (2005). Soft Balancing against the United States. *International Security*, 30(1), 7–45.
- Rosato, S., & Schuessler, J. (2011). A Realist Foreign Policy for the United States. *Perspectives on Politics*, 9(04), 803–819.

Presentations: Three US Foreign Policy Initiatives

5. War & International Institutions

- [African Countries](#) quiz
- Frieden et al., *World Politics*, Chapters 3-5
- Hurd, Ian. (2013). *International Organizations: Politics, Law, Practice* (2nd ed.). New York: Cambridge University Press, chapters 6, 8

Presentations: Ethiopia/Eritrea; US in Iraq; Indo-Pakistan

6. Civil War

- [The Americas](#) quiz
- Frieden, et al, *World Politics*, Chapter 6
- Posen, B. R. (1993). The Security Dilemma & Ethnic Conflict. *Survival*, 35(1), 27–47

Presentations: Syria; Syria & Security Council; Syria & Russia

7. International Trade

- [G20 Leaders](#) quiz
- Frieden et al, *World Politics* Chapter 7
- Hurd, Ian. (2013). *International Organizations: Politics, Law, Practice* (2nd ed.). New York: Cambridge University Press, Chapter 3

Presentations: WTO & the Doha Round; TPP; NAFTA

8. International Finance & Currency

- [Western Asian Countries](#) quiz
- Frieden et al, *World Politics*, Chapters 8-9
- Hurd, Ian. (2013). *International Organizations: Politics, Law, Practice* (2nd ed.). New York: Cambridge University Press, Chapter 4

Presentations: Eurozone Crisis; Asian Financial Crisis; Ruble Crisis

9. International Development

- [Asian Countries](#) (Without Western Asia) quiz
- Frieden et. al., *World Politics*, Chapter 10
- Glennie, J., & Sumner, A. (2014). *The \$138.5 Billion Question: When Does Foreign Aid Work (and When Doesn't It)?* (Center for Global Development Policy Paper No. 049). Washington D.C.

Presentations: China; MDGs/SDGs; Millennium Challenge Corporation

10. International Law and Norms

- [European Countries quiz](#)
- Frieden et al, *World Politics*, Chapter 12
- Louis Henkin, 1979, *How Nations Behave*, **Selections**

Presentations: Law of the Sea; International Humanitarian Law; Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty

11. Human Rights

- [African Countries](#) quiz
- Frieden et al, *World Politics*, Chapter 12
- Hurd, Ian. (2013). *International Organizations: Politics, Law, Practice* (2nd ed.). New York: Cambridge University Press, chapters 9

Presentations: UDHR/ICCPR/ICESCR; Boomerang/Spiral models; ICC & Bashir

12. Managing Global Humanitarian Crises

Guest lecture by Dean Eric Schwartz
Readings TBA

13. Humanitarian Action in Syria

Guest lecture by Kevin Hartigan, Middle East Regional Director, Catholic Relief Services
Readings TBA

14. Global Environment

- [The Americas quiz](#)
- Frieden et al, *World Politics*, Chapter 13
- Mancur Olsen, J. (1971). *The Logic of Collective Action*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press. Chapters 1 and 2.

Presentations: Kyoto, US/China, Paris

15. Global Converge or Divergence?

- Final [global country quiz](#)
- Final [G20 global leader quiz](#)
- Meyer, J. W., Boli, J., Thomas, G. M., & Ramirez, F. O. (1997). World Society and the Nation-State. *American Journal of Sociology*, 103(1), 144–181.
- Friedman, Tom. (2007). *The World is Flat 3.0: A Brief History of the 21st Century*. New York: Macmillan. **Selections.**
- Kupchan, C. (2013). *No One's World: The West, the Rising Rest, and the Coming Global Turn*. New York: Oxford University Press. **Selections.**

Jacques, M. (2009). *When China Rules the World: The End of the Western World and the Birth of a New Global Order*. New York: Penguin. Chapters 1, 5