

Political Science 568: International Organization
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Purpose of the course: This is an advanced course intended for Ph.D. students. The course conducts a broad survey of the field, focusing on recent developments in the theory of international organization and making use of historical examples from a range of substantive issue areas.

Course Requirements: Each student writes a data-based research paper, described below. A draft of the paper is due Monday, December 6, at 5:00 pm, and the final version is due December 17 at 12:00 noon. There will be opportunities to present versions of the paper during the semester. There will be a take-home final exam, due December 20 at 4:00 pm. Grading: 1/3 class participation, 1/3 final paper, 1/3 final.

Research Papers: Although the papers are short (no more than 25 pages, please), the standards are high. The papers are expected to formulate a hypothesis, ground it in appropriate literature, illustrate an argument or puzzle using qualitative evidence, and test the hypothesis using quantitative evidence.

Books:

- Hawkins, Darren G., David A. Lake, Daniel L. Nielson, and Michael J. Tierney, eds. *Delegation and Agency in International Organizations*. Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press, 2006.
- Bagwell, Kyle, and Robert W. Staiger. 2002. *The Economics of the World Trading System*. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press.
- Keohane, Robert O. *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy*. (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 1984).
- Koremenos, Barbara, Charles Lipson and Duncan Snidal, eds. The Rational Design of International Institutions. *International Organization* 55 (4) (Autumn 2001). Reprinted as *Rational Design: Explaining the Form of International Institutions*, Cambridge University Press, January 2004.
- Moravcsik, Andrew. *The Choice for Europe: Social Purpose and State Power from Messina to Maastricht*. Ithaca: Cornell Univ. Press, 1998.
- Simmons, Beth A. *Mobilizing for Human Rights: International Law in Domestic Politics*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009).
- Stone, Randall W. *Lending Credibility: The International Monetary Fund and the Post-Communist Transition*. (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 2002).
- Thompson, Robert, Frans N. Stokman, Christopher H. Achen, and Thomas König. 2006. *The European Union Decides*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Selected chapters.

Course Outline:

Sept. 10: Overview

Stone, Randall W. 2008. Institutions, Power and Interdependence. In Helen Milner and Andrew Moravcsik, eds. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Sept. 17: Public Goods and Transaction Costs

Keohane, Robert O. 1984. *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy*. Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press.

Stone, Randall W., Branislav Slantchev and Tamar London. 2008. Choosing How to Cooperate. *International Studies Quarterly* 52 (2) (June): 335-62.

Gilligan, Michael J. 2008. A Defense of the Transactions Costs Approach to Understanding International Institutions. In Milner and Moravcsik, eds., Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press. (On his web page.)

Simmons, Beth A. 1993. Why Innovate? Founding the Bank for International Settlements. *World Politics*, Vol. 45, No. 3. (Apr.): 361-405.

Sept. 24: Institutional Design

Koremenos, Barbara. Contracting around International Uncertainty," *American Political Science Review* 99: 549-65, November 2005.

Koremenos, Barbara, Charles Lipson and Duncan Snidal, eds. 2001. The Rational Design of International Institutions. *International Organization* 55 (4) (Autumn). Reprinted as *Rational Design: Explaining the Form of International Institutions*, Cambridge University Press, January 2004.

Oct. 1: Delegation and Agency

Vaubel, Roland. A Public Choice Approach to International Organization. *Public Choice* 51 (1986): 39-57.

Hawkins, Darren G., David A. Lake, Daniel L. Nielson, and Michael J. Tierney, eds. 2006. *Delegation and Agency in International Organizations*. Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press.

Nielson, Daniel L. and Michael J. Tierney. 2003. Delegation to International Organizations: Agency Theory and World Bank Environmental Reform. *International Organization* 57 (2) (Spring): 241-76.

Oct. 8: Credibility and Institutional Effectiveness

Steinwand, Martin, and Randall W. Stone. The International Monetary Fund: A Review of the Recent Evidence. *Review of International Organizations* (forthcoming, 2008).

Stone, Randall W. *Lending Credibility: The International Monetary Fund and the Post-Communist Transition*. (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 2002).

Oct. 15: No Class

Oct. 22: Informal Governance

Stone, Randall W. 2011. *Controlling Institutions: International Organizations and the World Economy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Oct. 29: Voting in the UN Security Council and the EU

Thompson, Robert, Frans N. Stokman, Christopher H. Achen, and Thomas König. 2006. *The European Union Decides*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Selected chapters.

Fang, Songying. 2008. The Informational Role of International Institutions and Domestic Politics. *American Journal of Political Science* 52 (2): 304-21.

Voeten, Erik. 2001. Outside Options and the Logic of Security Council Action. *The American Political Science Review* 95 (4) (December): 845-858.

Voeten, Eric. 2005. The Political Origins of the Legitimacy of the United Nations Security Council. *International Organization* 59 (3) (Fall): 527-57.

Kuziemko, Ilyana and Eric Werker. 2006. How Much Is a Seat on the Security Council Worth? Foreign Aid and Bribery at the United Nations. *Journal of Political Economy* 114 (4): 905-30.

Nov. 5: Institutional Change in the European Union

Downs, George W., David M. Rocke, Peter N. Barsoom. 1998. Managing the Evolution of Multilateralism. *International Organization* 52 (2) (Spring): 397-419.

Moravcsik, Andrew. 1998. *The Choice for Europe: Social Purpose and State Power from Messina to Maastricht*. Ithaca: Cornell Univ. Press.

Tsebelis, G. and G. Garrett. 2001. "The Institutional Foundations of Intergovernmentalism and Supranationalism in the European Union" *International Organization* 55(2):357-90.

Henning, C. Randall. 1998. Systemic Conflict and Monetary Integration in Europe. *International Organization* 52 (3) (Summer): 537-74.

Nov. 12: *The WTO*

Bagwell, Kyle, and Robert W. Staiger. 2002. The Economics of the World Trading System. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press. Chapters.

Kucik, J. and Eric Reinhardt. 2008. Does Flexibility Promote Cooperation? An Application to the Global Trade Regime. *International Organization* 62 (3): 477-505

Steinberg, Richard. 2002. In the Shadow of Law or Power? Consensus-Based Bargaining and Outcomes in the GATT/WTO. *International Organization* 56 (2): 339-74.

Davis, Christina. 2004. International Institutions and Issue Linkage: Building Support for Agricultural Trade Liberalization. *American Political Science Review* 98 (1) (February): 153-69.

Nov. 19: *International Law and Domestic Politics*

Simmons, Beth A. *Mobilizing for Human Rights: International Law in Domestic Politics*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009).

Dai, Xinyuan. Why Comply? The Domestic Constituency Mechanism. *International Organization* 59 (2) (Spring 2005): 363-98.

Nov. 25: *Thanksgiving Break*

Dec. 3: *International Law and Courts*

Goldstein, Judith, Miles Kahler, Robert O. Keohane, and Anne-Marie Slaughter, eds. 2000. *Legalization and World Politics: A Special Issue of International Organization*. *International Organization* 54 (3) (Summer).

Reinhardt, Eric R. 2001. Adjudication without Enforcement in GATT Disputes. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 45 (April): 174-95.

Carrubba, Clifford J., Matthew Gabel and Charles R. Hankla. 2008. Judicial Behavior under Political Constraints: Evidence from the European Court of Justice. *American Political Science Review* 102 (4): 435-452.

Dec. 10: *No Class*