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Global Governance and International Organization

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Tuesdays and Thursdays
12:30 – 2:00PM
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Introduction

This course focuses on the issue of global governance and the many different roles played by international organizations (both inter-governmental organizations and non-governmental organizations). The goal is to give students a better understanding of contemporary global governance issues and the breadth and substance of international organizations that exist in the international system, and provide students with the tools necessary to analyze the multitude of functions these organizations play in international politics, policy making and implementation. In addition, relationships between states and international organizations are explored in-depth.

The course is mainly structured around lectures, but also includes frequent in-class discussions where all students are expected to be prepared to answer questions and engage in informed debate. It begins with an introduction to the notion of global governance and an overview of major theoretical perspectives on the creation and functions of international organizations. This is followed by an historical look at the accelerated creation of inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations over the past century, also discussing major drivers and implications of this trend.

Next, the course examines the activities of international organizations in major issue areas such as peace and security, trade and economics, human development, human rights, the environment, and regional governance. During these classes, several organizations are examined, including the United Nations, the International Criminal Court, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the World Trade Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme, the African Union and the European Union. In addition, students participate in a United Nations simulation. The course ends by looking at the future of global governance, international organizations, and major challenges facing the world in the early 21st century.

Attendance & Grading

Great importance is placed on regular attendance (including arriving on time and not leaving early), active and productive class participation, and timely submission of assignments. There will be a penalty for late submissions of assignments and for irregular attendance, although individual emergencies will be accommodated as far as possible. In such cases, students should make every effort to talk with the instructor before the said class. The final grade for the class will be calculated as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Class Participation	30 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Take-Home Essay	50 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Mid-Term Examination	70 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Simulation	80 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Final Examination	70 points
TOTAL	300 points

Assignments

Assignments for the class are explained in greater detail on the first day of class and before each assignment, but students are required to complete different individual and collective assignments in addition to active class participation.

CLASS PARTICIPATION (30 points)

Active student participation is an important part of the class and students should come well prepared to speak their mind! At the discretion of the instructor, there may be a limited number of pop quizzes based on class readings. Students may also be asked to fulfill short assignments and bring them to class.

TAKE-HOME ESSAY (50 points)

Students are required to write an individual essay relating to a class topic. Essay instructions will be handed out in class #8 (September 25th) and the essay should be handed in at the beginning of class #10 (October 2nd).

MID-TERM EXAMINATION (70 points)

Students are required to take a written mid-term examination that will be held during class #12 (October 9th).

SIMULATION (80 points)

Students will partake in a United Nations simulation where they are divided into smaller groups. Each student is assigned a country-specific role and should represent the interests of that country on efforts to reform the United Nations. Simulation instructions will be handed out in class #18 (November 4th). Students will write an individual country-focused paper due in class #20 (November 11th) worth 40 points and group-wise present simulation outcomes in class #25 (December 2nd) and class #26 (December 4th) worth another 40 points.

FINAL EXAMINATION (70 points)

Students are required to take a written final examination held during the scheduled examination period – there will be NO exceptions!

Academic Honesty

The *American College Dictionary* defines plagiarism as “Copying or imitating the language, ideas, or thoughts of another author and passing off the same as one’s original work.” Plagiarism is intellectual theft and violates the student honor code. Exact quotations must have quotation marks and the appropriate citation. Paraphrases, even if not exact quotes, must

nonetheless have the appropriate citation. Submitting a paper written by someone else, whether 'borrowed' from a friend or purchased from a 'service', even if updated, constitutes plagiarism.

Using the Internet for research is encouraged, but plagiarizing resources is not allowed. Cheating of any sort, submitting the same work for more than one course, deliberately impeding the performance of others, and other forms of academic misconduct are serious offenses. As a general rule, if you have any doubts, give credit to the source; if you have any questions, talk to the instructor. Refer to the Academic Conduct Code, which will be strictly enforced: <http://www.bu.edu/academics/policies/academic-conduct-code/>.

Readings

There is one required textbook for the course:

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2010. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. 2nd Edition. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers.

The book is available for purchase at Barnes and Noble at Boston University Bookstore and various web based book sellers. The course uses Blackboard Learn and all additional readings are posted on the Blackboard Learn website under Course Documents (<https://learn.bu.edu>). To ensure meaningful class discussion, it is very important that students have read the assigned readings before each class!

Course Organization & Readings

Class #1

Course Introduction

Class #2

Analyzing Global Governance

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2010. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. 2nd edition. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 3-21.
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Class #3

Global Governance and Globalization

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2010. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. 2nd edition. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 21-33 and 63-93.
 - MARTIN WALKER. 2007. "Globalization 3.0" *Wilson Quarterly* 31(4): 16-24 (Blackboard).
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Class #4

Theoretical Perspectives on Global Governance I

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2010. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. 2nd edition. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 35-50.
 - ANNE-MARIE SLAUGHTER. 2003. "Leading through Law" *Wilson Quarterly* 27(4): 37-44 (Blackboard).
 - MICHAEL J. GLENNON. 2003. "Sometimes a Great Notion" *Wilson Quarterly* 27(4): 45-49 (Blackboard).
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Class #5

Theoretical Perspectives on Global Governance II

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2010. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. 2nd edition. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 50-60.
 - CAROL COHN. 1987. "Sex and Death in the Rational World of Defense Intellectuals" *Signs* 12(4): 687-718 (Blackboard).
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Class #6

The Many Roles of Inter-Governmental Organizations

- JON PEVEHOUSE, TIMOTHY NORDSTROM AND KEVIN WARNEKE. 2005. "International Governmental Organizations" in Paul F. Diehl (ed.) *The Politics of Global Governance: International Organizations in an Interdependent World*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers (Blackboard).
 - KENNETH W. ABBOTT AND DUNCAN SNIDAL. 1998. "Why States Act Through Formal International Organizations" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 42(1): 3-32 (Blackboard).
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Class #7

The Many Roles of Non-Governmental Organizations

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2010. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. 2nd edition. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 219-254.
 - DEVI SRIDHAR AND NGAIRE WOODS. 2013. "Tojan Multilateralism: Global Cooperation in Health" *Global Policy* 4(4): 325-335 (Blackboard).
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Class #8

States and Global Governance

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2010. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. 2nd edition. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 255-285.
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Class #9

The United Nations I

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2010. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. 2nd edition. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 95-143.
 - UNITED NATIONS: <http://www.un.org>
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Class #10

The United Nations II

- THOMAS G. WEISS. 2011. "Fundamental UN Reform: A Non-starter or Not?" *Global Policy* 2(2): 196-202 (Blackboard).
 - UNITED NATIONS REFORM: <http://www.un.org/events/panel/>
 - UNITED NATIONS STRENGTHENING: <http://www.un.org/en/strengtheningtheun/>
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Class #11

Kofi Annan Movie

- IAN JOHNSTONE. 2003. "The Role of the UN-Secretary-General: The Power of Persuasion Based on Law" *Global Governance* 9(4): 441-458 (Blackboard).
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Class #12

Mid-term Examination

Class #13

International Organizations and Peace and Security I

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2010. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. 2nd edition. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p.289-385.
 - UNITED NATIONS AND PEACE AND SECURITY: <http://www.un.org/en/peace/>
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Class #14

International Criminal Court Movie

- THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT: <http://www.icc-cpi.int>
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Class #15

International Organizations and Peace and Security II

- STEVEN C. ROACH. 2008. "Courting the Rule of Law? The International Criminal Court and Global Terrorism" *Global Governance* 14(1): 13-19 (Blackboard).
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Class #16

International Organizations and Financial Issues and Trade

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2010. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. 2nd edition. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p.387-396, 398-405 and 413-427.
 - INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND: <http://www.imf.org>
 - THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION: <http://www.wto.org>
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Class #17

International Organizations and Human Development

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2010. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. 2nd edition. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 396-398, 405-414 and 437-445.
 - G. PASCAL ZACHARY. 2008. "Humanitarian Dilemmas" *Wilson Quarterly* 32(3): 44-51 (Blackboard).
 - THE WORLD BANK: <http://www.worldbank.org>
 - UN MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS: <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals>
 - UN AND DEVELOPMENT: <http://www.un.org/en/development>
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Class #18

International Organizations and Human Rights

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2010. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. 2nd edition. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 447-495.
 - UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS: <http://www.un.org/en/rights/>
 - AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: <http://www.amnesty.org>
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Class #19

Simulation I

Class #20

International Organizations and the Environment

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2010. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. 2nd edition. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 497-534.
 - BJÖRN-OLA LINNÉR AND HENRIK SELIN. 2013. "The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development: 40 Years in the Making" *Environment and Planning C: Government & Policy* 31(6): 971-987 (Blackboard).
 - UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME: <http://www.unep.org>
 - UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: <http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/>
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Class #21

Simulation II

Class #22

Regionalism and the African Union

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2010. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. 2nd edition. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 145-153 and 178-218.
 - AFRICAN UNION: <http://www.au.int>
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Class #23

The European Union

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2010. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. 2nd edition. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 153-178.
 - EUROPEAN UNION: <http://europa.eu/>
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Class #24

Simulation III

Class #25

Student Presentations I

Class #26

Student Presentations II

Class #27

Future Challenges of Global Governance

- MARGARET P. KARNS AND KAREN A. MINGST. 2010. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. 2nd edition. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, p.p. 537-553.
- EDWARD C. LUCK. 2005. "Reforming the United Nations: Lessons from a History of Progress" in Paul F. Diehl (Ed.) *The Politics of Global Governance: International Organizations in an Interdependent World*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers (Blackboard).

Summary Outline of Class Schedule

Class #1	<i>September 2 (Tue)</i>	• Course Introduction
Class #2	<i>September 4 (Thu)</i>	• Analyzing Global Governance
Class #3	<i>September 9 (Tue)</i>	• Global Governance and Globalization
Class #4	<i>September 11(Thu)</i>	• Theoretical Perspectives on Global Governance I
Class #5	<i>September 16 (Tue)</i>	• Theoretical Perspectives on Global Governance II
Class #6	<i>September 18 (Thu)</i>	• The Many Roles of Inter-Governmental Organizations
Class #7	<i>September 23 (Tue)</i>	• The Many Roles of Non-Governmental Organizations
Class #8	<i>September 25 (Thu)</i>	• States and Global Governance
Class #9	<i>September 30 (Tue)</i>	• The United Nations I
Class #10	<i>October 2 (Thu)</i>	• The United Nations II
Class #11	<i>October 7 (Tue)</i>	• Kofi Annan Movie
Class #12	<i>October 9 (Thu)</i>	• Mid-term Examination
Class #13	<i>October 16 (Thu)</i>	• International Organizations and Peace and Security I
Class #14	<i>October 21 (Tue)</i>	• International Criminal Court Movie
Class #15	<i>October 23 (Thu)</i>	• International Organizations and Peace and Security II
Class #16	<i>October 28 (Tue)</i>	• International Organizations and Financial Issues and Trade
Class #17	<i>October 30(Thu)</i>	• International Organizations and Human Development
Class #18	<i>November 4 (Tue)</i>	• International Organizations and Human Rights
Class #19	<i>November 6 (Thu)</i>	• Simulation I
Class #20	<i>November 11 (Tue)</i>	• International Organizations and the Environment
Class #21	<i>November 13 (Thu)</i>	• Simulation II
Class #22	<i>November 18 (Tue)</i>	• Regionalism and the African Union
Class #23	<i>November 20 (Thu)</i>	• The European Union
Class #24	<i>November 25 (Tue)</i>	• Simulation III
Class #25	<i>December 2 (Tue)</i>	• Student Presentations I
Class #26	<i>December 4 (Thu)</i>	• Student Presentations II
Class #27	<i>December 9 (Tue)</i>	• Future Challenges of Global Governance