Contemporary International Policy-Making Environment:

Confronting Global Challenges

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides students with a general overview of how multilateralism and global governance may facilitate international policy making in meeting global challenges. The readings, discussions, and guest speakers survey emerging issues in the debate on global governance. Special attention is given to the role of international organizations, specifically the United Nations. Emerging security issues are discussed, including terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, peacekeeping operations, and prospects for peacebuilding in war-torn societies. The course concludes with a consideration of global policies on investment and trade, combating poverty, and the sustainable development.

REQUIREMENTS

A. ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION [10% of grade]
Students are expected to complete the assigned readings each week and actively participate in class discussion

B. ANALYTICAL CRITIQUES [20% of grade]
- Each student will write and circulate two critiques of the assigned readings. These critiques will be up to 500 words in length, with guidelines distributed for their format.
- Students will select two dates for their presentations and the course assistant will distribute the readings in the course pack so that no more than two students comment on a given article.
- Critiques should be sent to the class via e-mail on the Monday before class meets, with a hard copy submitted to the professor.
C. TAKE-HOME MIDTERM: [30% of grade]
The midterm will require that you choose two essay topics, chosen from an assigned list. Each essay will be limited to a maximum of five pages in length. The midterm is due on June 24.

D. FINAL EXAM or RESEARCH PAPER: [40% of grade]

Option #1
There will be an in-class final examination during the class period on July 22. Most students are expected to take the exam, but you may choose to write a research paper instead if you meet the necessary deadlines [see below]. The final exam covers all of the material in the course.

Option #2
You may choose to write a 15-page term paper instead of the final examination, if you have an approved research design by June 10, and one sample chapter completed by July 8. The paper is due July 22.

REQUIRED READINGS: COURSE PACK
Each student is expected to purchase a course reader for the class containing the articles for each week as listed below, available at Copy Quick (located on Amsterdam Avenue between 119th and 120th).

RECOMMENDED READINGS: BACKGROUD AND REFERENCE


TOPICS AND READINGS

Week 1 (5/20): Actors and Historical Legacies


Week 2 (5/27): Multilateralism and Global Governance

Bennis, *Calling the Shots*, Chapters 1 and 10.


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Week 3 (6/3): Terrorism and Counterterrorism


[Recommended: Weiss, *United Nations*, Chapter 4.]

[Recommended: *Global Agenda*, Chapter 2.]


[Recommended: *Global Agenda*, Chapter 1.]

Week 5 (6/17): Peacekeeping and Peace Enforcement


[Recommended: *Global Agenda*, Chapter 3.]
**Week 6 (6/24): Humanitarian Action**


[Recommended: Weiss, United Nations, Chapters 3, 5.]

[Recommended: Global Agenda, Chapter 4.]

**Week 7 (7/1): Transitional Justice and Democracy Promotion**


[Recommended: Weiss, United Nations, Chapters 6-7.]

[Recommended: Global Agenda, Chapter 7.]
Week 8 (7/8): Capacity Building


[Recommended: Weiss, United Nations, Chapter 10.]

[Recommended: Global Agenda, Chapter 6.]

Week 9 (7/15): Sustainable Development


[Recommended: Weiss, United Nations, Chapters 8-9.]

[Recommended: Global Agenda, Chapter 5.]

Week 10 (7/22): Final Examination