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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course attempts to provide an overview over the major issues in the field, focusing not only on what international organizations do but how different forms of organizing (organization in the coll. Singular) international relations have emerged and contributed to cooperation and peaceful change but have also had negative externalities. Thus the analytical focus is on the reproduction of the state system as well as those systems interacting with it, such as the economy, science and on the emergence of a world society.

In particular we will examine 3 problems in process of reproduction: how transparency provides the relevant actors (state and non-state) with assurances hoe knowledge impacts on the definition of problems and their “solution” and how legitimacy is gained (and lost).

In this way the problem of order and change in world politics can be examined challenging some established approaches in international relations analysis (realism, functionalism) as well the traditional international law/international organization perspective which concerns itself largely with what international organizations do.

All students are expected to have the assignments read before each class and provide a summary of each article as well as a “thought piece” on each week’s reading for the second weekly session.
**WEEKLY READINGS AND SESSIONS**

Week 1: **Introduction: Nature of the field**


Week 2: **The organization of the state system**


Week 3: **The Twenty Years Crisis and the Post WWII Settlement**

E.H. Carr, The Twenty Years Crisis


Week 4: **The emergence of regimes**


Week 5: **Regimes and the fragmentation of the International Order**


Oliver Kessler, Friedrich Kratochwil, “Functional Differentiation and the “oughts” and “musts” of International Law” (mimeo 2011).


Week 6: **Regimes and Organizations**


Week 7: **New Actors and new organizational forms**


Week 8: **Legitimacy**


**Week 9: Transparency**


**Week 10: Sanctioning**


**Week 11: Organizational Pathologies and the Problem of Reform**


Week 12: **Peacekeeping, peacemaking**


M.J. Williams, (Un)sustainable Peacebuilding: NATO’s Sustainability for Post Conflict Reconstruction”, *Global Governance*, vol. 17 (2011): 115-34.