

# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

## Exam Study Guides (Summer 2009)



We will have an exam each Friday during the five week term. Below are lists of terms and concepts to guide you in these exams. These lists are by no way exhaustive nor will the exam be solely limited to terms from these lists. Nevertheless, these will provide a solid foundation for studying for the exams. You should also consult the terms at the end of the chapters of the Nau book. Please note that, depending on how quickly we get through lectures, it is possible that terms listed under one week might show up on another week's exam.

Beyond just memorizing definitions, you should also understand how these concepts connect together to explain the broader processes of world politics. To this end you should be able to:

- Identify the key actors in international politics and understand their roles
- Elaborate how and why the international system has changed over the centuries
- Identify factors at different levels of analysis
- Connect arguments to specific perspectives of international relations
- Articulate the key principles of the dominant IR perspectives and critically assess their utility for understanding world politics

### WEEK 1 (JUNE 12)

**Lectures: What is International Relations (IR)?; The International State System; IGOs and NGOs; and Levels of Analysis**

Levels of Analysis (Global, Domestic, Individual)

Purposes of Theory

Hypothesis

Rationalist Methodology

Counterfactual Reasoning

State, Nation, and Nation-State

Sovereignty

Self-Determination

Exogenous Variables

Collective Security

Concert of Europe

Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs)

Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

General Assembly

European Coal and Steel Community

European Union

Council of Ministers

Functionalism

EU Constitution

World Bank

IMF Quota

Multinational Corporations (MNCs)

Ideal Type

Empirical v. Normative Theory

Necessary and Sufficient Causes

Constructivist Methodology

Relativism, Universalism, and Pragmatism

Nationalism

Anarchy

Power (Hard & Soft; Relational & Situational)

Hegemony

Peace of Westphalia (1648)

International System

Changes in International System (17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Centuries)

Security Council (and Permanent Members)

Group of 77

Supranationalism

European Commission

European Parliament

Single Currency (euro)

Epistemic Communities

International Monetary Fund

World Trade organization (WTO)

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

## WEEK 2 (JUNE 19)

### Lectures: The Realist Perspective, The Liberal Perspective, the Identity Perspective

Classical Realism	Structural or Neorealism
Rational Actor	Unitary Actor
Balance of Power	<i>Realpolitik</i>
Prisoner's Dilemma	High Politics/Low Politics
National Interest	Absolute v. Relative Gains
Security Dilemma	Liberal Idealism
Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points	Neoliberal Institutionalism
Kellogg-Briand Pact	Democratic Peace
Identity Perspective	Social Construction (Agent-Structure Problem)
Logic of Appropriateness	Distribution of Identities
Two-Level Game	Path Dependence

## WEEK 3 (JUNE 26)

### Lectures: World War I; World War II; *The War of the World* video, Parts I and II.

Wars of German Unification	Schlieffen Plan
Entente Cordiale	Cult of the Offensive
Versailles Treaty	Social Darwinism
League of Nations	Reparations
Collective Security	Self-Determination
Manchurian and Ethiopian Invasions	Isolationism
Fascism	Appeasement
Adolph Hitler	Neville Chamberlain
<i>Anschluss</i> (Austria)	Rhineland
Munich Conference	Sudetenland
Self-Determination	Nazi-Soviet Pact
Lebensraum	Battle of Britain
Battle of Stalingrad	Normandy Invasion
Battle of the Bulge	'Rape of Nanking'
Hiroshima and Nagasaki	Yalta Conference

## WEEK 4 (JULY 3)

### Lectures: The Cold War, The Post-Cold War World and 9/11; *The War of the World* video, Part III; The Origins of Globalization

Kennan's long telegram	Bipolarity
Marshall Plan	Truman Doctrine
Division of Germany	Berlin Blockade
Containment	Korean War
NSC 68	Hungarian (1956) and Czech (1968) Invasions
Cuban Missile Crisis	Domino Theory
Bay of Pigs Invasion	Berlin Wall
Finlandization	Gulf of Tonkin Resolution
Tet Offensive	Mutual Assured Destruction (MAD)
Nuclear Triad	Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty
Massive Retaliation and Flexible Response	Problems of Détente
Détente	Carter Doctrine
Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan	<i>Glasnost</i> and <i>Perestroika</i>

Mikhail Gorbachev  
Fall of the Berlin Wall (1989)  
Somalia, Bosnia, and Kosovo  
African Embassy Bombings (1998)  
Asymmetric Warfare  
'End of History'  
Intifada  
Sunni and Shiite  
Nation-Building  
Mercantilism (Colonial Version)  
Hegemonic Stability Theory  
Elements of British Hegemony  
Gold Standard  
Demise of the Gold Standard  
Pax Americana  
General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)  
IMF and World Bank  
Stagflation

First Gulf War (1991)  
First World Trade Center Bombing (1993)  
*USS Cole* (2000)  
Clash of Civilizations  
Jihad  
Ethnic Cleansing  
Preemption  
Madrasahs  
Wahhabism  
Reasons for European Dominance  
Pax Britannica  
Repeal of the Corn Laws (1846)  
Sources of British Decline  
Beggar--Thy--Neighbor Trade Policies  
Bretton Woods  
Most-Favored-Nation (MFN) Principle  
Dollar Standard  
OPEC

## **WEEK 5 (JULY 10)**

### **Lectures: Globalization: Principles and Practice: Globalization Today; Economic Development**

Principles of (Economic) Liberalism  
"Invisible Hand" (Adam Smith)  
Comparative Advantage  
Terms of Trade  
Protectionism/Managed Trade  
Absolute v. Relative Gains  
Tariffs  
Gross Domestic Product/Gross National Product  
Per capita GDP  
Opportunity Costs  
Exchange Rates (Definition)  
Inflation and Deflation  
Balance of Payments (Definition and Components)  
Exchange Rate Changes & Effects on Trade  
Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)  
Money Supply  
Trade-Related Intellectual Property Issues (TRIPS)  
Doha Round  
Capital Mobility  
Sources of Globalization (Five Trends)  
"Golden Straitjacket"  
Multidimensional Security  
Capital Flight  
Dependency Theory  
Economic Autarky  
Neocolonial  
Official Development Assistance (ODA)

Principles of Mercantilism (Econ. Nationalism)  
"Creative Destruction" (Joseph Schumpeter)  
Laissez-Faire Economics  
Industrial Policies  
Economic Structure (as opposed to size)  
Voluntary Export Restraints  
Non-Tariff Barriers  
Productivity  
Purchasing Power Parity (PPP)  
Business Cycle  
Fixed v. Floating Exchange Rates  
Interest Rates and Discount Rate  
Balance of Payments Crisis  
Current Account Surplus/Deficit  
Fiscal and Monetary Policy  
Portfolio Investment  
Macroeconomic Policies  
Purchasing Power Parity (PPP)  
Patient Capital  
Globalization (Basic Definition)  
Eras of Globalization  
Multilevel Governance  
Crony Capitalism  
Development  
Informal Sector  
Concessional Aid  
Debt Relief