

# International Relations

## Text/Materials:

Karen A. Mingst and Ivan M. Arreguin-Toft. (2017). *Essentials of International Relations* (7<sup>th</sup> edition). New York: W.W. Norton. ISBN: 0-205-79130-1

Chum Mey with Documentation Center of Cambodia. (2012). *Survivor: The Triumph of an Ordinary Man in the Khmer Rouge Genocide*. Translated by Sim Sorya and Kimsroy Sokvisal. Phnom Penh, Cambodia: Documentation Center of Cambodia (DC-Cam). ISBN: 9789995060244

## Description of Course:

This course is an introduction to international relations and world politics. It includes studies of international relations theory, international conflict, terrorism, globalization, human rights, and poverty. As a corollary the course is designed to illustrate the dynamics of international relations and its issues through case examples from Southeast Asia in general and from the nation of Cambodia specifically. In this way the course introduces students to the discipline of international relations and how these forces shape and influence the region of Southeast Asia and Cambodia.

## Course Objectives:

Objective 1: Students will demonstrate concepts of international relations and theories as they relate to the foundation, background, and theory of international relations on an exam, papers, and discussion.

Objective 2: Students will demonstrate concepts of modern global conflict as they relate to America's role in the post-9/11 world and the nature of warfare on an exam, papers, and discussion.

Objective 3: Students will demonstrate concepts of international organizations as they relate to the international system on an exam, papers, and discussion.

Objective 4: Students will demonstrate concepts of globalization and global issues as they relate to the globalization process, human rights/genocide, terrorism, and global poverty on an exam, papers, and discussion.

Objective 5: Students will demonstrate knowledge of Southeast Asia and Cambodia.

## Week 1:

- August 16: An introduction to international relations and its evolution as a discipline.
  - Mingst and Arreguin-Toft – Chapter 1.
  
- August 18: A review of modern contemporary history and the introduction of IR terminology.
  - Mingst and Arreguin-Toft – Chapter 2, pp. 26-69.

## Week 2:

- August 23: Rise of the Nation-State
  - Mingst and Arreguin-Toft – Chapter 2, pp. 21-25, Chapter 5.
  - Herman M. Schwartz. (2010). States versus Markets. Chapter 1, pp. 11 – 42. “The Rise of the Modern State: From Street Gangs to Mafias.”

- August 25: Realism
  - Mingst and Arreguin-Toft – Chapter 3, pp. 71-83.
  - “[The Melian Dialogue](#)” (Essential to understanding Realism)
  - Video: [Theory in Action: Realism](#)

The below two articles apply to Realism, Liberalism, and Constructivism.

- Stephen M. Walt. (1998). "[International Relations: One World, Many Theories](#)," in *Foreign Policy*, issue 110, pp. 29-46.
- Snyder, Jack (November/December 2004). "[One World, Rival Theories](#)," in *Foreign Policy*, issue 145, pp. 52-62.

## Week 3:

- August 30: Liberalism
  - Mingst and Arreguin-Toft – Chapter 3, pp. 83-89.
  - Video: [Theory in Action: Liberalism](#)

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- Stephen M. Walt. (1998). "[International Relations: One World, Many Theories](#)," in *Foreign Policy*, issue 110, pp. 29-46.
- Syder, Jack (November/December 2004). "[One World, Rival Theories](#)," in *Foreign Policy*, issue 145, pp. 52-62.

- September 1: Constructivism
  - Mingst and Arreguin-Toft – Chapter 3, pp. 92-95.
  - Video: [Theory in Action: Constructivism](#)

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- Stephen M. Walt. (1998). "[International Relations: One World, Many Theories](#)," in *Foreign Policy*, issue 110, pp. 29-46.
- Syder, Jack (November/December 2004). "[One World, Rival Theories](#)," in *Foreign Policy*, issue 145, pp. 52-62.

Week 4:

- September 6: Marxism and Feminism
  - Mingst and Arreguin-Toft – Chapter 3, pp. 89-92, 95-97.
  - Khamboly Dy. (2007). Chapter 2, pp. 5-12. *A History of Democratic Kampuchea (1975-1979)*. Phenom Penh, Cambodia: Documentation Center of Cambodia.

- September 8: Application of the Theories, Case Studies

Iraq

- Mingst and Arreguin-Toft – Chapter 3, pp. 97-105.
- Video: [The War in Iraq](#)

Asia

- Amitav Acharya. Theoretical Perspectives on International Relations in Asia. (2008). In, David Shambaugh and Michael Yahuda (Editors), *International Relations in Asia*. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield Publishers. Chapter 3, pp. 37-52.

Cambodia

- Hanna Samir Kassab. (2015). *Weak States in International Relations Theory*. New York: Palgrave. Chapter 8, "Autonomy Yet Civil War: Cases of Lebanon and Cambodia," pp. 163-207.

Week 5:

- September 13: War/Conflict – Categories and Types
  - Mingst and Arreguin-Toft – Chapter 8, pp. 261-270, 277-284
  
- September 15: War/Conflict – Causes

- Mingst and Arreguin-Toft – Chapter 8, pp. 270-277, 291-293.
- John G. Stoessinger. (2011). Chapter 10 & Epilogue, in *Why Nations Go to War* (11th Ed.), Boston: Wadsworth.

#### Week 6:

- September 20: War/Conflict – Managing Conflict
  - Mingst and Arreguin-Toft – Chapter 8, pp. 297-315.
- September 22: Grand Strategy
  - Feaver, Peter. (2009, April 8). “[What is Grand Strategy and Why do we Need it?](#)” *Foreign Policy*.
  - R. D. Hooker, Jr. (2014). [The Grand Strategy of the United States](#). Institute for National Security Studies, National Defense University.
  - Hanna Samir Kassab. (2015). *Weak States in International Relations Theory*. New York: Palgrave. Chapter 6, “Weak States and Great Power Grand Strategy,” pp. 103-120.

#### Cambodia

- Heng Sarith. (2014 September 11). “[Cambodia’s Foreign Policy Grand Strategy](#).” *The Diplomat*.

#### China

- Leon Whyte. (2015, July 25). “[China’s Elegant, Flawed, Grand Strategy](#).” *The Diplomat*.
- Simon Norton. (2015). [China’s Grand Strategy](#). China Studies Centre. The University of Sydney.

#### Documents to Review

- [U.S. National Security Strategy](#). (2015, February). White House.
- ASEAN. (2015). [ASEAN Security Outlook](#). Association of Southeast Asian Nations. (See Cambodia, pp. 27-32).

#### Week 7:

- September 27: Grand Strategy Exercise
  - In class exercise. Divide the class into groups of 5-6 and have each group developed their own grand strategy. Students should develop two grand strategies. One for the United States and one for a weaker state, such as Cambodia. Students should address the below questions? Compare grand strategies created by each group at the end of class.
    - What are the national interests?
    - What are the key threats to those interests?
    - How will you achieve, promote, protect those interests?

- When are you willing to use force to protect those interests?
- What are the costs and benefits of pursuing those interests – domestically and internationally?

➤ September 29: Clash of Civilization Argument

- Samuel P. Huntington. (1993). "[The Clash of Civilizations?](#)" *Foreign Affairs* 72(3): 22 – 49.
- Edward Said. (2001). "[The Clash of Ignorance](#)," in *Nation* 273(12): pp. 11-13.

Week 8:

➤ October 4: International Law

- Mingst and Arreguin-Toft – Chapter 7, pp. 240-245.
- "[International Law](#)" in *The CQ Researcher*, 14(44): 1049-1072. (2004).

➤ October 6: IGOs and NGOs

- Mingst and Arreguin-Toft – Chapter 7, pp. 209-214, 228-240, 246-258.

Week 9:

➤ October 11: United Nations

- Mingst and Arreguin-Toft – Chapter 7, pp. 214-220, 226-228.
- Website: [United Nations](#)
- Website: [UN Charter](#)
- Document: [The United Nations System](#) (Organizational Chart)
- Video: [The World in a Day - Behind the Scenes with the UN Secretary-General](#)

➤ October 13: ASEAN and Asian Regional Institutions

- Margaret P. Karns, Karen A. Mingst, and Kendall W. Stiles. (2015). *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*, (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition). Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers. Chapter 5, pp. 205-219.

Additional Resources:

- Website: [ASEAN: Overview](#)
- Website: [ASEAN: History](#)
- Website: [ASEAN Organizational Structure](#)
- Document: [The ASEAN Charter](#)
- Document: [ASEAN Annual Report 2015-2016](#)

Week 10:

- October 18: Peacekeeping
  - Mingst and Arreguin-Toft – Chapter 7, pp. 220-226.
  - Alex J. Bellamy and Paul D. Williams. (2011). *Understanding Peacekeeping* (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition). Malden, MA: Polity Press. Chapters 1 and 2.
  - Website: [Peacekeeping Fact Sheet](#)
  - Video: PBS Now, [Can the U.N. Keep the Peace?](#) (2009).
  
- October 20: Peacekeeping Case Study
  - Alex J. Bellamy and Paul D. Williams. (2011). *Understanding Peacekeeping* (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition). Malden, MA: Polity Press. Chapter 10, Assisting Transition. Focus on “UNTAC in Cambodia (1991-1993),” pp. 243-247.
  - Gareth Evans. (1994). [Peacekeeping in Cambodia: Lessons Learned](#). *NATO Review*, 42(4), pp. 24-27.
  - Website: [United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia \(UNTAC\)](#)

Week 11:

- October 25: Human Rights
  - Mingst and Arreguin-Toft – Chapter 10
  - Website: [The Universal Declaration of Human Rights \(UDHR\)](#)
  - Website: [United Nations Commission on Human Rights](#)
  
- October 27: Case Study in Human Rights: Cambodia
  - Judy Ledgerwood and Kheang Un. (2003). Global Concepts and Local Meaning: Human Rights and Buddhism in Cambodia. *Journal of Human Rights*, 2(4): 531-549.
  - Website: [Human Rights Watch, Cambodia](#)
  - Website: [U.S. State Department, Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2015, Cambodia](#)

Additional Resources:

- Website: [Amnesty International, Cambodia](#)
- Website: United Nations, [Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia](#)
- Website: [Gender and Development for Cambodia \(GADC\)](#)

Week 12:

➤ November 1: Genocide and Mass Atrocity Crimes

- Mingst and Arreguin-Toft – Chapter 10, pp. 377-380.
- Adam Jones. (2006). [Genocide: A Comprehensive Introduction](#). New York: Routledge. Chapter 1, The Origins of Genocide.
- Chum Mey with Documentation Center of Cambodia. (2012). *Survivor: The Triumph of an Ordinary Man in the Khmer Rouge Genocide*.
- [Framework of Analysis for Atrocity Crimes](#). United Nations (2014)

Additional Resources

- Website: [Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide](#)
- Video: PBS Frontline. (2005). [Ghosts of Rwanda](#)

➤ November 3: Case Study in Genocide: Cambodia

- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. [Cambodia](#).
- Sydney H. Schanberg. (1975, May 9). [Cambodia Reds Are Uprooting Millions As They Impose a 'Peasant Revolution'](#). New York Times.
- [Documentation Center of Cambodia](#)

Additional Resources:

- [National Cambodian Heritage Museum & Killing Fields Memorial](#), Chicago, IL.
- [Cambodian Genocide Program – Yale University](#)
- Video: The Killing Fields
- Video: Red Wedding, ([Trailer](#))
- PBS Frontline World (2002). [Cambodia: Pol Pot's Shadow](#).
- Video: [S-21: The Khmer Rouge Killing Machine](#)
- David Chandler. (2002). S21, the Wheel of History, and the Pathology of Terror in Democratic Kampuchea. In, Judy Ledgerwood (Editor), *Cambodia Emerges from the Past: Eight Essays*. Southeast Asia Publications, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University.

Week 13:

➤ November 8: Case Study in Punishing the Guilty: Cambodia

- Website: [Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia \(ECCC\)](#)
- Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC). [An Introduction to the Khmer Rouge Trials](#), 4<sup>th</sup> Edition.
- Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC). [Verdict Leaflet: The Trial Chamber Verdict Case 001 Kaing Guek Eav alias Duch](#)

Additional Resources

- [Cambodia Tribunal Monitor](#)

- [United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials](#)

#### Additional International Tribunals

- [International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda](#)
- [International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia](#)

#### ➤ November 10: Responsibility to Protect (R2P)

- Evans, Gareth. (2007). [The Responsibility to Protect: Creating and Implementing a New International Norm](#), Gareth Evans. Presentation to Human Rights Law Resource Centre, Melbourne, 13 August 2007 and Community Legal Centres and Lawyers for Human Rights, Sydney, 28 August 2007.
- Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect. (2014). [Promoting the Responsibility to Protect in ASEAN: What role for Cambodia?](#) *Spotlight*, Issue 13.

#### Additional Resources:

- Website: [Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect](#)
- [Responsibility to Protect – Cambodia](#), Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect
- The Asia-Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect. (2009). [The Responsibility to Protect in Southeast Asia](#). The Asia-Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect.
- International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect. (n.d.). [A Toolkit on the Responsibility to Protect](#). International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect.
- International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty. (2001). [The Responsibility to Protect](#). Report of the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty,

#### Week 14:

#### ➤ November 15: Terrorism

- Mingst and Arreguin-Toft – Chapter 8, pp. 284-291.
- John Horgan and Jessica Stern. (2013, May 8). [Terrorism Research Has Not Stagnated](#). *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.
- Yvonne Yazbeck Haddad. (2010). “Islamist Perceptions of US Policy in the Middle East.” In, *The Contemporary Middle East* (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition). Westview Press.

#### Additional Resources:

- [National Counter Terrorism Center](#)
- [How ISIS Works](#). New York Times. (2014)
- [The Evolution of ISIS](#). New York Times Video (2014)
- [US Department of State – Country Reports on Terrorism](#)

#### Cambodia/Asia Resources:

- [US Department of State – Country Reports: East Asia and Pacific Overview, 2015](#)



- Julia Wallace. (2013, April 4). [Cambodia's Terrorism Trump](#). *New York Times*.

➤ November 17: Globalization/International Economics

- Mingst and Arreguin-Toft – Chapter 9.
- Listen to: [Why U.S. Taxpayers Are Paying Brazilian Cotton Growers](#), NPR, All Things Considered, November 9, 2010.
- Watch the 5 short clips on the making of a t-shirt at Planet Money: <http://apps.npr.org/tshirt>
- Visit the photo essays by Edward Burtynsky on Manufactured Landscapes, [http://www.edwardburtynsky.com/site\\_contents/Photographs/introPhotographs.html](http://www.edwardburtynsky.com/site_contents/Photographs/introPhotographs.html)
- [Globalization Index](#)

Week 15:

➤ November 22: Global Economic Institutions

- Patrick Weller and Xu Yi-Chong. (2009). The World Bank: An Institution With Many Faces. *Social Alternatives*, 28(2), pp. 18-22.
- Margaret P. Karns, Karen A. Mingst, and Kendall W. Stiles. (2015). *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*, (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition). Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers. Chapter 8.

➤ November 24: Globalization in Southeast Asia

- Andrea Katalin Molnar and Kheang Un. (2009). Introduction: Globalization versus Traditionalism, the Cases of Burma, Thailand, and Cambodia. *Asian Affairs: An American Review*, 36(3):119-122.
- International Labor Organization. (2016, March). [How is Cambodia's Minimum Wage Adjusted?](#) *Cambodian Garment and Footwear Sector Bulletin*, Issue 3.
- Annuska Derks. (2008). *Khmer Women on the Move: Exploring Work and Life in Urban Cambodia*. Honolulu, HI: University of Hawaii Press. Chapter 4, Factory Work.
- Video: [A River Changes Course](#)
- Listen to: [As China Builds, Cambodia's Forests Fall](#), NPR, All Things Considered, January 23, 2013.

Week 16:

➤ November 29: Global Poverty

- Howard D. Leathers and Phillips Foster. (2009). *The World Food Problem: Toward Ending Undernutrition in the Third World*. (4<sup>th</sup> edition). Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers. (Chapters 1, 5, 6, & 17.)

- Chapter 1, Introduction
- Chapter 5, Impacts of Undernutrition
- Chapter 6, Undernutrition: Who, When, Where?
- Chapter 17, Policies Aimed at Raising the Incomes of the Poor.

➤ December 1: Poverty in Cambodia

- Asian Development Bank. (2014). [Cambodia: Country Poverty Analysis 2014](#). Asian Development Bank. Mandaluyong City, Philippines: Asian Development Bank.
- Website: [World Bank - Cambodia](#)
- Website: [Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations - Cambodia](#)
- Website: [Human Development Index - Cambodia](#)