



## Korea University International Summer Campus (KU ISC) 2021

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### ISC511 – Issues and Theories in International Relations

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#### II. Textbook

Required Textbook	:	Steven Lamy, John S. Masker, John Baylis, Steve Smith and Patricia Owens, <b>Introduction to Global Politics, Brief Edition, Third Edition (2015)</b> , published by Oxford University Press.
Recommended Additional Readings	:	On Blackboard

#### III. Course Description and Objectives

##### Course Description

This course is designed to facilitate knowledge of international politics to students. Students are introduced key concepts and theoretical perspectives in international relations as well as main themes that shape interaction between countries such as power politics, norms, policies and laws. However, the knowledge of international politics is not limited to simple facts or straightforward comprehension. Students practice their knowledge of international politics for application and analysis of international phenomenon. The quality knowledge of international politics is utilized for understanding and evaluating major debates of international relations in a critical manner. In doing so, students synthesize concepts and frameworks to create their own thinking of originality with respect to contemporary events at the global level. Moreover, this course will give you a basis for further and independent study in international relations. This class does not assume that you are a political science major, although if you are.

##### Course Objectives

Students will become aware of what international politics is like with the major concepts and theories of international relations. From power politics to neoliberal institutionalism, a variety of theories of international relations have attempted to explain international phenomenon in their own specific ways. Students will become familiar with the theoretical frameworks and able to evaluate their strengths and weaknesses. Beyond the realm of theories of international relations, students will be exposed to some global issues that have significant impacts on your daily lives as global

citizenry. Such themes as wars, nuclear proliferation, international terrorism, turbulent global economy, global North and global South, environmental degradation and global COVID-19 pandemic will be discussed. The agenda will be accompanied with an introduction of certain international mechanisms that would contribute to constructively dealing with the agenda as potential solutions like international law, international organizations or humanitarian intervention. At last, students will leave this class with more systematic and critical perspectives about international politics on the basis of basic instruments of historical knowledge and theoretical framework beyond a commonsensical and individualistic opinion on global phenomenon.

#### IV. Grading

Midterm Exam		35%
Final Exam	:	35%
Assignments	:	30%
Participation	:	10%

#### V. Class Outline

Date	Topic	Chapter	Remarks
June 28 (Mon)	Course Orientation		Online
June 29 (Tue)	How Do We See International Politics?		Online
June 30 (Wed)	Classical Realism vs Structural Realism		Online
July 1 (Thu)	Liberalism, Marxism and Constructivism		Online
July 5 (Mon)	Application of IR Theories to the Case of China's Rise		Online
July 6 (Tue)	Film 'No Man's Land'		Online
July 7 (Wed)	Is Democratic Peace Feasible?		Online
July 8 (Thu)	International Political Economy		Online
July 13 (Tue)	Global Inequality		Online
July 14 (Wed)	Globalization and Sovereignty		Online
July 15 (Thu)	Film 'Life and Debt'		Online
July 16 (Fri)	Mid-Term Exam		Online
July 19 (Mon)	Is International Law a Feasible Option?		Online
July 20 (Tue)	International Criminal Court (ICC)		Online
July 21 (Wed)	Nuclear Proliferation		Online
July 22 (Thu)	Iranian Nuclear Crisis		Online
July 26 (Mon)	United Nations and Humanitarian Intervention		Online
July 27 (Tue)	Film 'Ghost of Rwanda'		Online
July 28 (Wed)	Responsibility to Protect (R2P)		Online
July 29 (Thu)	COVID-19 and International Relations		Online
Aug 2 (Mon)	Origin of Violence: Is War Part of Human Nature?		Online
Aug 3 (Tue)	Conclusion		Online
Aug 4 (Wed)	Final Exam		Online
Aug 5 (Thu)	/ Graduation Day		