

INTA 3101A International Institutions

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Course Description:

This course scrutinizes the evolution of international institutions, and juxtaposes competing theoretical approaches for understanding the changing roles and functions of institutions in world affairs. Particular emphasis will be given to regional institutions in Europe and Asia.

Required Texts:

Margaret Karns and Karen Mingst, *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2009).

Michael Green and Bates Gill, *Asia's New Multilateralism: Cooperation, Competition, and the Search for Community*. (New York: Columbia University Press, 2009).

John McCormick, *Understanding the European Union: A Concise Introduction*. (Palgrave, 2008).

Course Requirements:

Students must have completed all their readings for each class and are expected to participate in classroom discussions. Students must also keep up with current events in world politics by regularly reading a high quality news source like the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times*, etc.

Regular attendance is expected and will be crucial for your success. Please note that Georgia Tech's Honor code is in effect for this course.

The course grade will be as follows:

2 Map Quizzes 10%

Midterm 30%

Class presentation and team paper 25% (further directions will be given in class)

Class participation 10%

Simulation 25%

Readings

- August 23** **Introduction**
syllabus
- August 25** **Understanding Global Governance**
Karns & Mingst chapter 1
- August 30** **Theoretical Foundations of Global Governance
(Liberalism/Realism)**
Karns & Mingst chapter 2
-Presentation assignments
- Sept. 1** **Theoretical Foundations of Global Governance
(Constructivism/Marxism)**
Karns & Mingst chapter 2
- Sept. 6** **Historical Foundations of Global Governance**
Karns & Mingst chapter 3
- Sept. 8** **Regional Organizations: The European Union
Historical Evolution**
McCormick chapters 1-3
- Sept. 13** **Map Quiz on Europe**
Regional Organizations: The European Union
Principal Institutions (Commission & Council of the EU)
McCormick chapter 4
- Sept. 15** **Regional Organizations: The European Union**
Principal Institutions (Parliament & ECJ)
McCormick chapters 4 & 6
- Sept. 20** **Regional Organizations: The European Union**
The Single European Act
McCormick chapter 7
- Sept. 22** **Regional Organizations: The European Union**
ESDP
Howorth & Keeler chapters 10 & 11
(on T-Square)
- Sept. 27** **Regional Organizations: The European Union**
From Convention to Lisbon Treaty
McCormick chapter 9
(group presentation)

- Sept. 29 Regional Organizations: The European Union
Enlargement & the Turkish Question**
McCormick chapter 9 & Conclusion
- Oct. 4 Midterm 1**
- Oct. 6 Regional Organizations: The Creation of NATO**
Karns & Mingst chapter 5
- Oct. 11 Regional Organizations: NATO Transformed**
NATO Handbook (skim)
<http://www.nato.int/docu/handbook/2001/index.htm#CH1>
(also see main NATO website <http://www.nato.int/>)
- Oct. 13 The United Nations**
Karns & Mingst chapter 4
(group presentation)
- Oct. 18 Fall Break**
- Oct. 20 The Search for Peace and Security**
Karns & Mingst chapter 8
(group presentation)
- Oct. 25 Regional Organizations: Asia's New Multilateralism & U.S. View**
Karns & Mingst, pp. 189-200.
Green & Gill, chapters 1 & 2
- Oct. 27 Map Quiz Asia**
**Regional Organizations: Asia's New Multilateralism (Chinese &
Korean Perspectives)**
Green & Gill, chapters 3-4
- Nov. 1 Regional Organizations: Asia's New Multilateralism (Japanese &
Indian Perspectives)**
Green & Gill, chapters 5-6
- Nov. 3 Regional Organizations: Asia's New Multilateralism (ASEAN &
Future Security Architecture)**
Green & Gill, chapters 8 & 11
- Nov. 8 Regional Organizations: Asia's New Multilateralism (Non-Traditional
Security & Future Challenges)**
Green & Gill, chapters 12 & 13

- Nov. 10** **Non-State Actors: NGOs, Networks, and Social Movements**
Karns & Mingst chapter 6
- Nov. 15** **TBA: Guest Speaker (CARE, Amnesty International?)**
- Nov. 17** **Protecting Human Rights**
Karns & Mingst chapter 10
(group presentation)
- Nov. 22** **Protecting the Environment**
Karns & Mingst chapter 11
(group presentation)
- Nov. 24** **Thanksgiving**
- Nov. 29** **Orientation Session for Simulation on International Security**
(hand out scenario and tasker; group assignments)
- Dec. 1** **Team Meetings for Simulation**
(in-class discussion and development of a 2-3 page position paper)
- Dec. 6** **Inter-Team Meetings for Simulation**
(in-class discussions to reevaluate negotiation positions; bring copies of your position papers for each team)
- Dec. 8** **Simulation**
(actual bargaining and negotiations among different teams)