

# POLS 318: Theories of IR

## Lecture 1: Introduction

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## TODAY'S PLAN:

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Review syllabus & course procedures
- 3 A general overview of topics
- 4 *eCampus*
- 5 Task 1

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## INTRODUCTIONS:

- Rotem Dvir - political science graduate student
- Major field: International Relations
- Focus: International security and foreign policy

MORE?

Check my website: <https://rotemdvir.wixsite.com/mysite>



# Syllabus Review

## Some basics

- Class 'meetings' time.
- Office hours: Tuesday & Thursday, Zoom link, also by email.

## What is this class?

- Leading theories of international relations; specific issues in foreign and economic policy, international conflict, and more.
- Main Objectives.

# Syllabus Review

## Your responsibilities

- Lectures: Online (Youtube channel links).
- Why pre-recorded lectures? [▶ LongLecture](#)
- Required Readings: links in syllabus, Google scholar.
- Read before class!!!

## Attendance Policy

- 5% of final grade.
- How do I follow attendance?
- Free unexcused absences, then what?
- Excused absences and make-up policy.

# Syllabus Review

## Grading

### SURVEY TASKS: (20%)

- Four surveys during the semester (Links by email).
- Points in exchange for serious and thoughtful answers

### MID-TERM TASK: (20%)

- Class topic (weeks 1-7): main arguments and implications.
- Three real world examples.

### TERM PAPER & PRESENTATION: (55%)

- By yourself or in a group (3 students max).
- IR Research question, empirical analysis.
- Approve paper by November 6, 2020.
- Due **December 6, 2020**.
- Presentation "as-if" we meet in-person.

# Syllabus Review

## COVID-19

- Stay safe, your health is priority number 1.
- University protocols - good for everyday routine.

## Communication

- 1 Ask anything - email me whenever you need my help.
  - 2 Office hours are for you - use it...
  - 3 Email response within 24 hours.
  - 4 Weekends: no email responses (unless urgent)
- eCampus - course material, grades, attendance.
  - Course website - soon.



# Course Topics: A Bird's eye view

- ① Theory construction in general and IR.
- ② Material theories of IR (Realism, Neorealism).
- ③ Liberalism and domestic politics.
- ④ Other theories: rationalism, constructivism.
- ⑤ Political psychology and leaders.
- ⑥ International political economy.
- ⑦ International Institutions.
- ⑧ Democratic peace and audience costs theory.
- ⑨ International conflict - reputation, deterrence, coercion,
- ⑩ Territorial disputes.
- ⑪ International Terrorism.
- ⑫ Modern warfare and covert action.

# Task 1

## SURVEY NUM. 1

- Link to email.
- Your concerns: this course and the Fall semester overall.
- 'Help me to help you'.
- Due: **08/23 Midnight.**

# Synchronize lectures

