Note: There will be some changes to Fall 2007 version.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

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The United Nations Charter begins: "to save succeeding generations from the
scourge of war...." What is the record of the United Nations on issues of war and peace?
What about regional organizations? What about the record of various organizations on
other issues, issues of decolonization, economic development, trade, environment, human
rights, health, food and population?

The number of international organizations (IO) is increasing exponentially. Does
this really matter? Does it change the character of the international system? The purpose
of this course is to explore the structure and functioning of international organizations and
their effect on the international system. The course will cover trends in the development
of IO from 1815 to present. Where did IO come from anyway? And why? It will cover
both inter-governmental (IGO) and non-governmental (NGO or INGO) organizations,
including multinational corporations (MNC), with special attention to the United Nations
system and the European Union. There will be a focus on policy-making in these
institutions and on the relative effectiveness of different types of organizations (regional
vs. global, multi-purpose vs. limited function, ad hoc vs. permanent) in dealing with
different problem areas.

The field of international organization can be approached in two ways. One looks
at various specific international organizations, such as the United Nations, the European
Union, NATO, ASEAN, how they were created and what they do. The other way is to
look at global governance and the organization of the international system itself, how the
system has changed over the course of time, the present directions of change, and other
ways in which the international system might be organized. This course will combine
these two ways of looking at the field.

Required Readings:

Karns, Margaret P. and Karen A. Mingst. International Organizations: The
Politics and Processes of Global Governance. Boulder: Lynne Rienner,
2004.
Turabian, Kate L. Student’s Guide for Writing College Papers. Chicago: Univ. of
Chicago Press, 1976. or
Turabian, Kate L. A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations.
The New York Times Monday-Friday (Aug. 22-Dec. 15)
Articles to be handed out in class, and/or on library reserve, and WebCT.

Recommended: Drakulich, Angela (ed.). A Global Agenda: Issues Before the 60th
Requirements:

Class attendance. Students are responsible for readings and for material covered in class, which will not always be the same as the readings. You will be expected to have read the books and articles by the class day on which they are to be discussed. *NY Times* daily reading required. Credit will be given for constructive participation (5%).

A research project, focusing on the international organization regime and its impact in a particular issue area or, in certain cases, on a conflict or another approved topic of your choice, will be a requirement of the class (40%). This will be done in stages. A one-paragraph proposal will be due Sept. 7. You should arrange a conference with me to discuss your thoughts on it. You will be expected to bring your insights on your area into class discussion. UH Manoa is a UN Depository Library; most of it was washed out by the flood, but there is some left. I will be more than happy to discuss your project with you at any stage. Bibliography and outline due Sept. 28, chronology Oct. 19. The final research paper will be due Dec. 5. Late papers will be downgraded, plagiarized papers failed. Start early, and if you don’t know what plagiarism is, see Turabian (1976, 4:60-64 or 1996, 5:2) or MLA Style Manual. See Turabian also on correct citation form.

There will be a mid-term Oct. 31. (25%)
The final exam, Tuesday, December 14, 9:45-11:45 a.m., will count 30%.

Course Schedule

I. THEORIES OF AND TYPES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

Aug. 22  Adminstrivia & Approaches to the Study of International Organization
Karns and Mingst, chapter 1, pp. 3-34.

Aug. 24  International Relations and International Organization Theories
Karns and Mingst, chap. 2
VIDEO: “The World is a More Dangerous Place” (#21633)

II. GLOBAL ORGANIZATION AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

Aug. 29  The League of Nations and the United Nations
Karns and Mingst, chap. 3
Nicholas, *The United Nations as a Political Institution*, chaps. 1,2,3.
Peruse: Covenant of the League of Nations

Aug. 31  United Nations: Structure and Evolution
Karns and Mingst, chap. 4
Rec.: Taylor and Groom, chaps. 2-7, or Nicholas, chaps. 4,5,6.
III. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION: THEORIES AND METHODOLOGIES

Sept. 5  International Regimes
Karns and Mingst, re-read pp. 42-43 on regime theory
Keohane, Robert and Joseph Nye, *Power and Interdependence*,

Sept. 7  Prepare for class debate.
PAPER PROPOSAL DUE

Sept. 12  Federalism vs. Functionalism
Grenville Clark. "World Peace through World Law"
Inis Claude. "World government" (For full version of plan, see Clark,
Grenville and Louis Sohn. *Introduction to World Peace Through*
CLASS DEBATE

Sept. 14  Regionalism vs. Globalism
Karns and Mingst, chap. 5, pp. 145-176.
George and Bache, parts 1 and 2. (EU theory and history)

IV. THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF REGIONALISM

Sept. 19  The European Union: the Member States
George and Bache, Part 3, pp. 147-212.

Sept. 21  The European Union: Institutions
George and Bache, Part 4, pp. 213-304.

Sept. 26  The European Union: Policies
George and Bache, Part 5, pp. 305 on.

Sept. 28  Other regional organizations: OAS, AU, ASEAN, etc.

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND OUTLINE DUE

V. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION STRUCTURES AND DECISION-MAKING

Oct. 3  INGOs, RINGOs, BINGOs, WINGOs, and QUANGOs
Karns and Mingst, chap. 6
Kriesberg, Louis, "How a Plowing Contest Can Ease World Tensions,"

Oct. 5 States and the Membership of International Organizations
Karns and Mingst, chap. 7
VI. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, PEACE AND SECURITY

Oct. 10  Third-party conflict resolution: Mediation, Arbitration, Adjudication
Karns and Mingst, chap. 8, pp. 277-296.
Chaps. 22-24 on the Congo, pp. 299-360.

Oct. 12  Collective Security, Collective Defense and the Concept of Security
Karns and Mingst, pp. 154-158 and chap. 8, pp. 297-306
Recommended:
NATO Handbook, Brussels.
Introduction,” *Peace and Change* VII:4 (Fall 1982).

Oct. 17  Conflicts, Peacemaking, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding
Karns and Mingst, chap. 8, pp. 306-326.
UN Secretary-General, *Agenda for Peace*. 1992 (or 1995).
Recommended:
Stephenson, Carolyn. “Peacekeeping and Peacemaking,” in Snarr and

VIDEO: THE BLUE HELMETS (#5278)

Oct. 19  Law, Justice and Reconciliation: Tribunals and Truth Commissions
Re-read Karns and Mingst, pp. 87-96.
CHRONOLOGY DUE

Oct. 24  Arms Control and Disarmament
Karns and Mingst, chap. 8, pp 327-335
Non-Proliferation Treaty

Oct. 26  Terrorism, Drugs, and Crime
Karns and Mingst, chap. 8, pp. 344-354.

Oct. 31  MID-TERM EXAM

VI. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND THE ECONOMY

Nov. 2  Global Economic Organization: Trade and Finance
Karns and Mingst, chap. 9

Nov. 7  HOLIDAY: Election Day
Nov. 9     Development, the Group of 77, and the Non-Aligned Movement
         Singham and Hune, "Antecedents and Origins of the Non-Aligned
         Movement", Ch. 3, Non-Alignment in an Age of Alignments.
         Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States (UN General Assembly
         Resolution 3281), Dec. 1974 (excerpts)

Nov. 14    Development: trickle-down to Trickle-Up, MNCs, OPEC, & MDGs
         VIDEO: "If Given the Opportunity" (Trickle-up Program, 25 min., UNDP)

VIII. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND THE SOCIETY

Nov. 16    Social Justice and Human Rights
         Karns and Mingst, chap. 10, pp. 413-458.
         UN Declaration on Human Rights, 1948 (www.un.org)

Nov. 21    Human Rights: Women's Rights, Health Rights, Human Security
         Documents of the U.N. Fourth World Conference on Women,
         Beijing, 4-13 Sept., 1995.

Nov. 23    HOLIDAY: Thanksgiving

IX. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Nov. 28    The Commons, Population, and the Environment
         Garrett Hardin, "The Tragedy of the Commons," Science
         (www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/162/3859/1243)
         (request PDF)

Nov. 30    Environment and Sustainable Development
         Karns and Mingst, chap. 11.
         UN Conference on Environment and Development,
         Agenda 21 (summary) and the Rio Declaration, 1995.
         VIDEO: "Your ocean and mine" (video 2825, 27 min.)

X. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

Dec. 5     Reforming the United Nations, Governing the Globe
         Karns and Mingst, chap. 12
         TERMPAPER DUE (late papers will be downgraded)

Dec. 7     Conclusion and review

December 14, Thursday  9:45-11:45 a.m.    FINAL EXAM