STV 4224: Theories of International Relations

Lecture Plan – Spring 2008

Time: 0815 – 1000

Place: ESH 847

Part I: What Kind of Theory and What Kind of Epistemology?

Lecture #1 – 22 January: Introduction; IR as Discipline – American, Global or European?; Theory – Which Kind(s) and to What Purpose(s)?

Required: Schmidt (2002); Wæver (1998); Waltz (1986); Cox (1986); George

(1974)

Recommended: Singer (1961); Smith (2000); Hurrell (2004)

Lecture #2 – 24 January: Epistemologies – Positivist, Interpretative and Critical

Required: Jackson and Sørensen (2003; chapters 8-9); Marsh and Furlong (2002);

Wight (2002); Van Evera (1997; chapters 1-2); Smith (1996)

Recommended: Kratochwil and Ruggie (1986); Booth, Smith, Zalewski (1996); Monroe

(2005); Johnson (2006)

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Methods-Debate-Biblio.pdf

Part II: Theoretical Schools and Traditions

Lecture #3 – 29 **January:** Rationalism and IR (I) – Realism in its Various Guises

Required: Snidal (2002); Mearsheimer (2001; chapter 2); Brooks (1997); Legro

and Moravcsik (1999)

Recommended: Kahler (1998); Brooks and Wohlforth (2000/2001); Kang (2003); Lake

(2003); Williams (2004)

Lecture #4 – 31 January: Rationalism and IR (II) – Neoliberal Institutionalism

Required: Keohane (1984; chapters 1, 6); Keohane and Martin (1995); Martin and

Simmons (1998)

Recommended: Simmons (1993); Wallander (1999); Martin and Simmons (2002);

Kelley (2004)

Lecture #5 – 5 February: Rationalism in IR (III) – Liberalism

Required: Doyle (1986); Matthew and Zacher (1995); Moravcsik (1997)

Recommended: Moravscik (2000)

Lecture #6 – 6 February: Constructivism in IR (I) – Conventional and Modernist

Required: Adler (2002); Checkel (2007)

Recommended: Finnemore (1996; chapter 1); Keck and Sikkink (1998); Finnemore and

Sikkink (1998); Adler and Barnett (1998); Moravcsik (1999); Burgos

(2004); Klotz and Lynch (2007)

Lecture #7 – 7 February: Constructivism in IR (II) – Interpretative and Discourse Theoretic

Required: Bevir and Rhodes (2002); Neufield (1993); Guzzini (2000); Milliken

(1999); Hopf (2002; chapter 1); Price (1995)

Recommended: Hopf (2002; chapter 2); Neumann (2003); "Symposium: Interpretivism"

(2003); Callahan (2003); de Volo and Schatz (2004); "Symposium:

Discourse and Content Analysis" (2004); Hansen (2006)

Lecture #8 – 12 February: Constructivism in IR (III) – Critical, Feminist and Post-Modern

Required: Price and Reus-Smit (1998); Tickner (2002); Doty (1993); Zehfuss

(2002; chapter 1)

Recommended: Sylvester (1996); Laffey and Weldes (1997); Zehfuss (2002; chapter 2)

Seminar #1 – 14 February: Discussion/Debate – War, Gender and IR Theory

Required: "Symposium: War and Gender" (2003)

Recommended: Goldstein (2001); Carpenter (2003); Forum (2003); Caprioli (2004)

Part III: Cutting Edge Issues and Challenges

Lecture #9 – 19 February: Beyond 'Isms' in IR and Towards Bridge Building?

Required: Risse, Ropp, Sikkink (1999; chapter 1); Fearon and Wendt (2002);

Caporaso, Checkel and Jupille (2003); Zehfuss (2002; chapter 6)

Recommended: March and Olsen (1998); Checkel and Moravcsik (2001); Shain and

Barth (2003); Mueller (2004); Lewis (2005)

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Building-Biblio.pdf

Lecture #10 - 21 February: Taking 'Domestic Politics' Seriously

Required: Gourevitch (2002); Hopf (2002; Chapter 6)

Recommended: Milner (1992); Cortell and Davis (1996); Milner (1998); Cortell and Davis (2000); Acharya and Johnston (2007)