

CONCEPTUAL FOUNDATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
SECTION POLICY SHEET

During discussion sections, we will discuss the themes of the course through closer analysis of the readings and apply these to contemporary policy issues.

Attendance: Attendance is mandatory at our weekly discussion sections. If you are unable to attend due to an emergency or other reason, please let me know.

Make-up Work: An excused absence (an absence cleared with me due to some reasonable conflict like a family emergency) can be made up by submitting 2 typed double spaced pages answering the discussion questions sent out by me before section.

Participation: Good participation is defined by regular contributions in section that demonstrate attentiveness in lecture, diligent work on course readings, and active listening to your peers. You cannot be a good participant if you do not listen to other participants in the conversation. You also cannot be a good participant if you do not come to section prepared. Participation can take many forms, such as asking clarification questions, putting forward your own arguments about the material, or engaging with other students' questions or arguments.

Presentations: Everyone will give one presentation at the beginning of a discussion section this semester. The presentation should discuss and analyze a current event that is related to the themes of the week in class for three to five minutes. Presenters should also prepare three additional discussion questions to stimulate broader a discussion after the presentation. With our class size, there will be about two students presenting in each week. Feel free to coordinate or to conduct separate group activities.

Section Outline: Every section will be organized as follows: 1) attendance and ice-breaker 2) logistical updates and questions 3) student presentations and discussion 4) substantive questions and discussion.

Section Logistics: My sections meet at the following places and times:

Section 010: Wednesdays 9-10:50am: IAB 409

Section 011: Wednesdays 6:10-8pm: IAB 501A

Section 012: Thursdays 9-10:50am: IAB 402B

Assignments: I will provide feedback along with grades for the major assignments in the course. We will discuss specific guidelines for the papers and the debate leading up to those assignments.

Contacting Me: You can reach me at sjh2205@columbia.edu. I aim to respond to all emails related to class within 24 hours. Please do not email me substantive questions but rather bring them to office hours or preferably to section. I hold office hours on Mondays and Tuesdays, 9-10am. Meetings are on zoom (<https://columbiauniversity.zoom.us/j/91964770080>) unless otherwise requested. If you have class at both of these times, we will schedule a separate time to meet as needed.

DISCUSSION SECTION COURSE SCHEDULE

- 1** Week of September 12 – Do We Really Need Theories of International Relations?
- 2** Week of September 19 – Power Politics: Is There Any Other Kind?
- 3** Week of September 26 – All Regimes Are Not the Same – And Why It Matters
- 4** Week of October 3 – Is the Balance of Power All in Our Minds?
- 5** Week of October 10 – States and Markets
- 6** Week of October 17 – State-Making and State-Failing
- 7** Week of October 24 – Political Development and Democratization
- 8** Week of October 31 – Race and International Relations
- 9** Week of November 7 – The World’s Rising Powers
Note: No lecture this week. Section discussion corresponds to the November 14 lecture
- 10** Week of November 14 – Populism, Inequality, and Unrest in Latin America & Confronting Colonial Legacies
Note: Section discussion corresponds to the November 21 and 28 lectures
- 11** Week of November 21 – no sections (Thanksgiving)
- 12** Week of November 28 – Debates Held in Section
- 13** Week of December 5 – The Unraveling of the American Global Order & American Primacy and Humanitarian Intervention
Note: This corresponds to the December 5 and 12 lectures
- 14** Week of December 12 – no sections (reading period)