

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

International Political Theory
Internationell politisk teori

**7.5 Higher Education
Credits**
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	SV7063
Valid from:	Autumn 2015
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Department	Department of Political Science
Main field:	Political Science
Specialisation:	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

The syllabus has been decided by the Board of the Department of Political Science, Stockholm University, 2013-04-25.

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Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

A Bachelor of Arts Degree (180 ECTS credit points or the equivalent), with a major in political science. English B(Swedish upper secondary school course) or the equivalent.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
7001	International political theory	7.5

Course content

This course offers a broad introduction to normative theory in international relations as well specialization on specific issues within this area of research. The themes covered in the course include distributive justice, international law, human rights, political self-determination, migration, democracy, war and ideal and non-ideal theory. The course offers the students a possibility to critically scrutinize different proposals for a more just, democratic, and legitimate world order.

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of the course students should be able to:

1. Knowledge and understanding

- Account in oral as well as written for alternative conceptions of: sources of legitimacy in international politics; subjects of legitimate international politics; and concepts of human-rights, self-determination, migration, justice, and legitimate violence in international relations.

2. Skills and abilities:

- Identify and analyze normative judgments of international politics as well as their empirical or other preconditions.
- Apply normative theories to practical normative problems in international politics.

3. Evaluation and approach:

- Evaluate normative judgments of international politics as well as their empirical or other preconditions.
- Relate theoretical themes distinguished in the first course aim to each other, through independently pursued comparison, critique, or synthesis of two or more of the theoretical themes.

Education

The course is organized as a series of compulsory seminars with high degree of student activity. Information about how absences may be compensated will be distributed at the beginning of the course.

Forms of examination

Examination will be in written form, undertaken continuously in conjunction with teaching and/or at the end of the course.

For the grading, the course will employ a scale of seven steps, where A, B, C, D and E signify multiple degrees of pass, and F and Fx signify two degrees of fail. The grading is based on assessment criteria that will be distributed at the beginning of the course. It may be possible for a student to supplement the examination task if the grade is Fx and if information about this possibility is included in the supervising description of the course. In such cases the complementary work must be submitted within a week from when the examining teacher has informed the student about the task. If the complementary task is accepted and has the character of supplementing a lack of understanding, a minor misunderstanding, minor errors, or too limited discussions for some part, the grade E will be applied. If the complementary task is accepted and has the character of correcting simple formal errors the grades A-E will be applied.

A student that has received a passing grade may not take part in a re-examination in order to obtain a higher grade. Students who have failed the course twice have the right to request another examiner. This request should be addressed to the departmental unit that has appointed the examiner.

Interim

When the course is no longer offered or when its content has been significantly modified, the student has the right to be examined according to this syllabus once each semester during a period of three semesters

Misc

The language of instruction is English

Required reading

Agné, Hans (2010): Why democracy must be global: self-founding and democratic intervention. *International Theory* 2 (03): 381-409.

Bell, Duncan (2010): *Ethics and World Politics*. Oxford. (a selection of chapters, ca 200 pages).

Blake, Michael (2005): "Immigration." *A Companion to Applied Ethics*. Eds. R.G. Frey and Christopher Heath Wellman. Malden, MA: Blackwell, p. 224-37.

Bohman, James (2005): "From Demos to Demoi: Democracy cross Borders", *Ratio Juris* 18 (2005): 293-314.

Carens, Joseph (2003): "Who Should Get in? The Ethics of Immigration Admissions." *Ethics & International Affairs* vol 17 issue 1 p.95-110.

Cohen, Jean L. (2004): Whose sovereignty? Empire versus international law. *Ethics & International Affairs* 18 (3): 1-24.

Erman, Eva (2011): "Human Rights do not Make Global Democracy", *Contemporary Political Theory* Vol. 10 (2011): 463-481.

Erman, Eva and Möller, Niklas (2013): "Three Failed Charges Against Ideal Theory". *Social Theory & Practice* 39, No. 1: 19-44.

Farrelly, Colin (2007): "Justice in Ideal Theory: A Refutation", *Political Studies* 55 (2007): 844-64.

Goodhart, Michael (2008): "Human Rights and Global Democracy", *Ethics & International Affairs* 22 (2008): 395-420.

Habermas, Jürgen (1998): "Remarks on legitimation through human rights", *Philosophy & Social Criticism*

Vol.24 (1998): 145-171.

Lee, Steven P. (2011): *Ethics and War: An Introduction*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (selection ca 80 pages)

Miller, David (2005): "Immigration: The Case for Limits." *Contemporary Debates in Applied Ethics*. Eds. Andrew Cohen and Christopher Heath Wellman. Oxford: Blackwell, 2005. 191–206.

Mills, Charles (2005): "'Ideal Theory' as Ideology", *Hypatia* 20, no 3 (2005): 165-184.

Morgenthau, Hans J. (1948): *Politics among nations : the struggle for power and peace*. 1. ed. New York: Knopf. 15 pages

Shaw, William H. (2011): "Utilitarianism and Recourse to War". *Utilitas* Dec 2011 Vol.23 Issue 4 380-401.

Simmons, John (2010): "Ideal and Nonideal Theory", *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 38 (2010): 5-36.

Singer, Peter (2004): *One World: The Ethics of Globalisation*. Princeton University Press. (e-book, selection of chapters, ca 70 pages).

Schmitt, Carl (2007): *The concept of the political*. Expanded ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, pp 53-58 (e-book).

Articles of approximately 50 pages will be added.