

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 2016
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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. Date of latest revision 2016-03-22.

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 are expected to be able to:

1. Knowledge and Understanding
 - Account orally as well as in written form 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 on 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.

A seven steps grading scale is used for grading. A, B, C, D and E are degrees of a passed grade. F and Fx are degrees of a failed grade. Grading criteria will be provided at the beginning of the course. It is possible for a student to supplement an examination if the obtained grade is Fx and information about this possibility is included in the provided course information. Upon being informed of the need for supplement by the examiner, the supplementary task must be submitted within five working days. If the examination supplement is accepted and has the character of supplementing a lack of understanding, minor misunderstanding, minor errors or too limited discussions for some part, the grade E will be applied. If the supplementary task is accepted and has the character of simple formality corrections, the grades A-E will be applied.

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

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

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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): pp. 381-409.

Bell, Duncan (2010). "Ethics and World Politics". Oxford. (Selection of chapters, approximately 200 pages).

Blake, Michael (2005). "Immigration", in Frey, R.G. & Christopher Heath Wellman (eds.), "A Companion to Applied Ethics". Malden, MA: Blackwell, pp. 224-37.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Frowe, Helen (2011). "Self-Defence and the Principle of Non-Combatant Immunity." *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 8 (4): pp. 530-546.

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

Habermas, Jürgen (1998). "Remarks on legitimation through human rights." *Philosophy & Social Criticism* vol. 24: pp. 154-171.

Lee, Steven P. (2011). "Ethics and War: An Introduction". Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (Selection of approximately 80 pages).

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

Mills, Charles (2005). "'Ideal Theory' as Ideology." *Hypatia* 20, no. 3: pp. 165-84.

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

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

Singer, Peter (2004). "One World: The Ethics of Globalisation". Princeton University Press. (Selection of chapters, approximately 70 pages). E-book.

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.