Global Governance

This course examines global governance - the creation, revision, and enforcement of the rules that are intended to govern the world. We will begin by considering the international order that lurks behind and defines any governance arrangement. The purpose of global governance is to create stability in global relations. But how should we think about the relationship between “governance” and “international order?” What is international order? How is it produced, sustained, and regulated? Whose order is it? How are different governance arrangements tied to different kinds of world orders? In this section we also will examine the role of international organizations. International organizations are frequently viewed as residing at the hub of any governance arrangement, but different theories have different conceptions of what purpose and effects they have. Accordingly, we will examine several different theories to better understand the different ways that international organizations matter in global governance.

We will then consider the emergence of rules governing the use of force and humanitarian action. An increasingly prominent and important feature of global governance is the regulation of the use of force. When can states use force? What are the rules governing that use? Can states use force in times other than self-defense? Can they use force to prevent violence from occurring in the future? Can they use force to stop crimes against humanity? States also have established rules not only to protect themselves but also to protect the needs of vulnerable populations. When and why did states start to try and limit the devastation caused by war, best know as international humanitarian law? How have states attempted to create rules and institutions to protect those who are forced to flee their homes? Do these rules and institutions really help the vulnerable?

We will conclude the course with a look at the contemporary international order, the debate over the “American empire,” and future governance arrangements. If there is an American Empire, how does it matter? what will be the implications for the use of force, humanitarian action, international organizations, and global governance? How are we to best understand the current controversies concerning the UN and global governance? Are they best understood as driven by American power? by contrasting visions of different kinds of international orders? by an internationalizing world that advantages the West over the global South?

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Grading. The final grade will be computed as follows: a midterm, 25%; ten-page paper, 35%; and a final, 40%. I will provide information on the paper as we get closer to the midpoint in the semester.

Readings. There is a fair bit of reading in this course and you are expected to do it all - and
before you come to class. There are three required texts, which are available at the university bookstore.


In addition, there are articles, essays, and book chapters, all of which are available on WebCT.

**SCHEDULE**

**September 5**  
Introduction

**Section I:**  
*Global Order*

**September 7**  
*Global Governance*

Klaus Dingwerth and Phillip Pattberg. 2006. “Global Governance as a Perspective on World Politics,” *Global Governance*, 12, 2, April-June, 185-204.

**September 12**  
*Empires*


**September 14**  
*International Order: Society of States*


**September 19**  
*International Order: Institutions of International Society*

**September 21**  
*World Society*


**September 26**  
*International Organizations: What are They? Where Did They Come From?*

Archer: chaps. 1 & 2.
September 28  
**Power and the Design of International Organizations**

Archer: pages 112-26, 152-64

October 3  
**Do International Organizations Make a Difference? Part I**

Archer: chap. 3 & 127-52.  

October 5  
**Do International Organizations Make a Difference? Part II**

Barnett and Finnemore: chaps 1 & 2.  
Archer: 164-73.

**Section II:**  
*International Organizations, Global Order, and Regulating Violence*

October 10  
**The Theory and Early Practice of Collective Security**


October 12  
**United Nations**

Byers: chap. 1.

October 17  
**When Can States Use Force?**


October 19  
**United Nations Peacekeeping**


October 24  
**Midterm**

**Section III:**  
*Humanitarianism*
October 26  Humanitarianism: What is the Humanitarian Ideal?

October 31  Laws of War

November 2  UNHCR, I
Barnett and Finnemore: Chapter 4.

November 4  UNHCR, II

November 9  Humanitarian Intervention: Is it Possible? Desirable?
Byers: Part Three.

November 11  Inhumane nonintervention: Rwanda
Barnett and Finnemore: Chapter 5.

November 13  International Criminal Court
Byers: chap. 12.
Kenneth Rodman. 2006. “Compromising Justice: Why the Bush Administration and the NGOs are Both Wrong About the ICC,” Ethics and International Affairs, 20, 1, 25-53

November 18  Peacebuilding
Stuart Eizenstadt, John Porter and Jeremy Weinstein. 2005. “Rebuilding Weak States,” Foreign Affairs, January/February,

Section IV:
Global Governance and International Order after September 11

November 21  An American Empire?


November 23 Thanksgiving

November 28 Use of Force

Byers: chaps. 4-5.

November 30 Afghanistan and Iraq: Where Empire Meets Humanitarianism?


December 5 What is the Future of Multilateralism?


Papers are due.

December 7 UN Reform?


December 12  What is the Future International Order?

Barnett and Finnemore: Chapter Six.