**INTA 3101A International Institutions**

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**Course Description:**

This course scrutinizes the evolution of international institutions, and juxtaposes competing theoretical approaches for understanding the changing roles and functions of institutions in world affairs. Particular emphasis will be given to regional institutions in Europe and Asia.

**Required Texts:**

Margaret Karns and Karen Mingst, *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2009).

Michael Green and Bates Gill, *Asia’s New Multilateralism: Cooperation, Competition, and the Search for Community*. (New York: Columbia University Press, 2009).

John McCormick, *Understanding the European Union: A Concise Introduction*. (Palgrave, 2011).

**Course Requirements:**

Students must have completed all their readings for each class and are expected to participate in classroom discussions. Students must also keep up with current events in world politics by regularly reading a high quality news source like the *New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Financial Times*, etc.

Regular attendance is expected and will be crucial for your success.

The course grade will be as follows:

2 Map Quizzes 10%

Midterm 25%

Class presentation and team paper 20% (further directions will be given in class)

Class participation 20%

Simulation 25%

**Honor Code:**

The Georgia Tech Honor Code is available online: <http://www.honor.gatech.edu/plugins/content/index.php?id=9>. If caught cheating, you will be dealt with according to the GT Academic Honor Code.

**Students With Disabilities:**

Georgia Tech is committed to providing reasonable accommodation for all students with disabilities through the ADAPTS program (http://www.adapts.gatech.edu/). Any student in this course who has a disability that may prevent him/her from fully demonstrating his/her abilities should contact me as soon as possible to discuss accommodations necessary to ensure full participation and facilitate his/her educational opportunities. Students with disabilities must be registered with the ADAPTS-Disability Services Program prior to receiving accommodations in this course. The ADAPTS-Disability Services Program is located in Smithgall Student Services Building, phone 404-894-2564 or TDD only 404-894-1664.

**Readings**

**Jan. 7**  **Introduction**

 syllabus

**Jan. 9**  **Understanding Global Governance**

 Karns & Mingst chapter 1

**Jan. 14** **Theoretical Foundations of Global Governance**

**(Liberalism/Realism)**

 Karns & Mingst chapter 2

 -Presentation assignments

**Jan. 16** **Theoretical Foundations of Global Governance (Constructivism/Marxism)**

 Karns & Mingst chapter 2

**Jan. 21 Historical Foundations of Global Governance**

Karns & Mingst chapter 3

**Jan. 23** **Regional Organizations: The European Union**

 **Historical Evolution**

 McCormick chapters 1-3

**Jan. 28** **Map Quiz on Europe**

**Regional Organizations: The European Union**

 **Principal Institutions (Commission & Council of the EU)**

 McCormick chapter 4

**Jan. 30** **Regional Organizations: The European Union**

 **Principal Institutions (Parliament & ECJ)**

McCormick chapters 4 & 6

**Feb. 4**  **Regional Organizations: The European Union**

 **The Single European Act & the Maastricht Treaty**

McCormick chapter 7

**Feb. 6**  **Regional Organizations: The European Union**

 **ESDP**

Howorth & Keeler chapters 10 & 11

 (on T-Square)

**Feb. 11 Regional Organizations: The European Union**

 **CSDP and EU Security Operations**

McCormick (to be assigned)

**Feb. 13 Regional Organizations: The European Union**

 **Enlargement & the Turkish Question**

McCormick chapter 9 & Conclusion

**Feb. 18 Midterm**

**Feb. 20 Regional Organizations: The Creation of NATO**

 Karns & Mingst chapter 5

**Feb. 25 Regional Organizations: NATO Transformed**

 (See main NATO website <http://www.nato.int/>)

**Feb. 27 The United Nations**

Karns & Mingst chapter 4

 (group presentation)

**March 4 The Search for Peace and Security**

Karns & Mingst chapter 8

 (group presentation)

March 6 Regional Organizations: Asia’s New Multilateralism & U.S. View

Karns & Mingst, pp. 189-200.

 Green & Gill, chapters 1 & 2

March 11 Map Quiz Asia

Regional Organizations: Asia’s New Multilateralism (Chinese & Korean Perspectives)

 Green & Gill, chapters 3-4

March 13 Regional Organizations: Asia’s New Multilateralism (Japanese & Indian Perspectives)

 Green & Gill, chapters 5-6

March 17-21 SPRING BREAK

March 25 Regional Organizations: Asia’s New Multilateralism (ASEAN & Future Security Architecture)

 Green & Gill, chapters 8 & 11

March 27 Regional Organizations: Asia’s New Multilateralism (Non-Traditional Security & Future Challenges)

 Green & Gill, chapters 12 & 13

**April 1 Non-State Actors: NGOs, Networks, and Social Movements**

Karns & Mingst chapter 6

**April 3 TBD Guest Speaker (CARE, Amnesty International, Carter Center?)**

**April 8 Protecting Human Rights**

Karns & Mingst chapter 10

(group presentation)

**April 10 Protecting the Environment**

Karns & Mingst chapter 11

(group presentation)

**April 15 Orientation Session for Simulation on International Security**

(hand out scenario and tasker; group assignments)

**April 17 Team Meetings for Simulation**

(in-class discussion and development of a 2-3 page position paper)

**April 22 Inter-Team Meetings for Simulation**

(in-class discussions to reevaluate negotiation positions; bring copies of your position papers for each team)

**April 24 Simulation**

(actual bargaining and negotiations among different teams)