INTA 6105 International Institutions          Fall 2020

Class Day: T/TH 14:00-15:15 (taught remotely except for October 8th & 13th when we will meet face-to-face in the Habersham Bldg. Room 136 during the regular class time to engage in a simulation exercise)

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Office Hours: By appointment (email to set up a virtual meeting or phone call)

This course is taught as a hybrid (touch-point) seminar. There will be a mix of synchronous and asynchronous delivery, except for a face-to-face simulation exercise on Oct. 8th & 13th.

Members of this course agree to wear face masks and abide by the social distancing guidelines (this is not optional but a requirement) to make face-to-face meetings possible on the two days specified above. No mask, no class!

Also, should anyone feel ill at any point during the semester, or learn that s/he has been in close contact with someone who has contracted COVID, please do not come to class and self-quarantine. I will make accommodations to make sure you will be able to continue the course.

Should the COVID pandemic make face-to-face meetings impossible, the simulation exercise will have to be adapted and conducted remotely.

Course Description:

This course scrutinizes the evolution of international institutions, and juxtaposes competing conceptual frameworks for understanding the changing roles and functions of institutions in world affairs. After taking a closer look at the EU, NATO, the UN and ASEAN, we then focus on information and communication technologies (ICTs) which, increasingly, play an important role in the international environment as tools which state and non-state actors use for a multiplicity of goals. We will examine their use in cases such as the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, the Ushahidi Platform in Kenya, as well as drawing attention to human rights abuses in Burma/Myanmar, China, etc.

Course Goals and Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, students should be able to use their knowledge of various international institutional actors in a practical problem-solving way to address issues of immediate concern to these actors. Students should be aware of the diverse cultural/ethnic backgrounds of these international actors and the many challenges that arise from their heterogeneity. Students, moreover, will demonstrate the ability to describe the causal and determinant relationships between ICTs and international affair
and will be able to explain specific cases of ICT use. Students should also be able to participate effectively in small group research projects, give a coherent presentation on a topic assigned to them, and be able to negotiate/bargain with classmates during a simulation exercise.

Course Requirements and Grading:

Class participation 25%
Research paper 50% (further directions will be given in class)
Simulation: 25% (You will receive a tasker and detailed instructions!)

Grading Scale

Your final grade will be assigned as a letter grade according to the following scale:

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Required Texts:


In addition to the books listed above there will be readings that can be accessed on Canvas (C) under Files.

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.

Course Website:

See dashboard on Canvas for INTA 3101/6105

Course Expectations & Guidelines:

The Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts supports the Georgia Institute of Technology’s commitment to creating a campus free of discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or veteran status. We further affirm the importance of cultivating an intellectual climate that allows us to better understand the similarities and differences of those who constitute the
Georgia Tech community, as well as the necessity of working against inequalities that may also manifest here as they do in the broader society.

**Academic Integrity**

Georgia Tech aims to cultivate a community based on trust, academic integrity, and honor. Students are expected to act according to the highest ethical standards. For information on Georgia Tech's Academic Honor Code, please visit http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/policies/honor-code/ or http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/rules/18/.

Any student suspected of cheating or plagiarizing on an assignment will be reported to the Office of Student Integrity, who will investigate the incident and identify the appropriate penalty for violations.

**Accommodations for Students with Disabilities**

If you are a student with learning needs that require special accommodation, contact the Office of Disability Services at (404)894-2563 or http://disabilityservices.gatech.edu/, as soon as possible, to make an appointment to discuss your special needs and to obtain an accommodations letter. Please also e-mail me as soon as possible in order to set up a time to discuss your learning needs.

**Attendance Policy:**

Regular attendance is expected and essential for obtaining a passing grade. Students must have completed all their readings for each class, participate via BlueJeans sessions and/or view Kaltura lectures that will be posted on Canvas, and contribute to discussions (in breakout sessions, through Q&A, via chat and weekly posts to Canvas “Discussions.” Students also need stay on top of their writing and group assignments.

For students in time-zones who cannot join synchronous classes, we will tape our class meetings so you can view them asynchronously.

**Extensions:**

You are expected to participate in the simulation exercise in person (see below for dates!), unless you can document a serious illness or family emergency, or you are living abroad during the fall semester. Should you need a short extension on your research paper of 2-3 days, please let me know.

**Class Schedule and Readings:**

Please consult this website prior to the beginning of class for “Remote Learning Strategies”: https://ctl.gatech.edu/sites/default/files/remote-learning/index.html#

Also, please go to “Quizzes” in Canvas and **complete the “Start-of-Semester Survey”** as soon as possible to help me learn about your current circumstances regarding access to technology.
Aug. 18 **Introduction**
Synchronous via BlueJeans during regular class time!

You will receive an invitation with instructions how to join; the session will be recorded and uploaded to Canvas.

I will go over the syllabus, discuss how to interact with me (email me at katja.weber@inta.gatech.edu), explain the course assignments and go over course deadlines.

Also, please write a brief autobiography so I can learn a bit about you. This is a great opportunity to share anything you would like for me to know about you. Also this is a place where you can let me know should you require special accommodations. Upload your autobiography to “Assignments” on Canvas.

Aug. 20 **Understanding Global Governance:**
Synchronous via BlueJeans during regular class time!

Karns & Mingst chapter 1

Aug. 25 **Theoretical Foundations of Global Governance:**
(Liberalism/Realism)
Synchronous via BlueJeans during regular class time!

Karns & Mingst chapter 2

-Presentation assignments

Aug. 27 **Theoretical Foundations of Global Governance:**
(Constructivism/ Marxism)
Synchronous via BlueJeans during regular class time!

Karns & Mingst chapter 2

Sept. 1 **Historical Foundations of Global Governance:**
Synchronous via BlueJeans during regular class time!

Karns & Mingst chapter 3

Sept. 3 **Regional Organizations: The European Union—**
Historical Evolution
Synchronous via BlueJeans during regular class time!

McCormick chapters 1-3
Sept. 8  Regional Organizations: The European Union—Principal Institutions (Commission & Council of the EU, Parliament & ECJ)
No class! Share your thoughts on “Discussions” on Canvas where you will find a “prompt.”

*Abstract w/ thesis statement of research paper to be emailed to me!*

McCormick chapter 4 & 6

Also watch:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APqlcseL_B8 (5min.)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0diZ48_q7U&t=73s (9 min.)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTWahdj-GJA&t=32s (12 min.)

Sept. 10  Regional Organizations: The European Union—Enlargement & Migration
Synchronous via BlueJeans during regular class time!

McCormick chapter 9 & Conclusion

Watch prior to class meeting: “Europe’s Border Crisis: The Long Road”
https://vimeo.com/141171981

Sept. 15  Regional Organizations: The European Union—ESDP, CSDP and EU Security Operations
Synchronous via BlueJeans during regular class time!

(Guest Speaker: Robert Bell)

Sept. 17  Regional Organizations: The Creation of NATO
Asynchronous lecture via Kaltura available on Canvas in “My Media”
Karns & Mingst chapter 5; Lindley-French, Introduction (Canvas)

Sept. 22  Regional Organizations: NATO Transformed
Synchronous via BlueJeans during regular class time!

See main NATO website http://www.nato.int/
(Guest Speaker: General Breedlove)

Sept. 24  Review for Midterm for undergrads!
Let me know, if you would like to schedule a BlueJeans session to discuss your progress w/ research paper on this day or another
Sept. 29  No class! Work on research paper!

Oct. 1  Orientation Session for Simulation on European Security  
Synchronous via BlueJeans during regular class time!  
(discussion of scenario and tasker; group assignments)

Oct. 6  Team Meetings for Simulation on European Security  
No class: Meet in your groups remotely!  
Each team needs to come up with a 2-3 page position paper

Oct. 8  Inter-Team Meetings for Simulation on European Security  
Meet on campus in Habersham (exact space TBD)  
Bring copies of your position papers for each team; in-class negotiations with members from other delegations while practicing social distancing and wearing masks!!!

Oct. 13 Simulation on European Security  
Meet on campus in Habersham (exact space TBD)  
Bargaining and negotiation among different teams while practicing social distancing and wearing masks!!! closing remarks

Oct. 15  The Role of ICTs in International Affairs: Creating awareness, transparency and accountability versus promoting repression, radicalization and exclusion  
Asynchronous lecture via Kaltura available on Canvas in “My Media”
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Oct. 20 Case Studies: The Use of ICTs in Drawing Attention to Human Rights Abuses (examples: Burma/Myanmar, Thailand, and China)  
Synchronous via BlueJeans during regular class time!


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<td><a href="http://asean.org">http://asean.org</a> for a discussion of ASEAN’s history, rationale, etc.</td>
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Nov. 12  Post-Cold War Security Architecture; Non-Traditional Security  
Synchronous via BlueJeans during regular class time!

Katja Weber, “The EU, China and Southeast Asia: Divergent Views of  
Dealing with Human Security,” in Jan Wouters, Jean Christophe  
Defraigne and Matthieu Burnay, eds., *EU-China and the World: Analyzing  
the Relations with the Developing and Emerging Countries* (2015).  
(Weber-Burma) (Canvas)

Nov. 17  Non-State Actors: NGOs, Networks, and Social Movements
No class! Share your thoughts on “Discussions” on Canvas where you  
will find a “prompt.”

*Research Paper Due!*

Karns & Mingst chapter 6

Nov. 19  Guest Speaker  (Banafsheh Azizi TBD)  
Synchronous via BlueJeans during regular class time!

Nov. 24  Wrap-Up  
Asynchronous lecture via Kaltura available on Canvas in “My  
Media”