International Organization
POLI 4042 - 001/002
Spring Semester 2009
8:30-9:30 MWF; 116 Stubbs 10:30-11:30 MWF 220 Stubbs

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Objective: The course is designed to examine the origins, development, functions and problems of international organizations. We will inquire into the politics involved in the life of these entities, with special emphasis on the U.N. and the E.U. Other varieties of international organization: governmental and non-governmental, regional and issue-specific institutions, will also be examined. At the end of the semester it is expected that the student should be able to identify, understand, analyze and assess the increasingly important role played by I.O.’s in the contemporary world.

Texts: The following books are required readings and available for purchase:
    Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2005
  Puchala: United Nations Politics
    Upper Saddle River NJ; Pearson, Prentice Hall, 2007
  Thomas Zweifel: International Organizations: Accountability, Politics and Power
    Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2006

Student Responsibilities: Attendance in All class sessions is required and active participation in class discussion is encouraged. Student should read on-going information concerning I.O.’s on a regular basis and be able to select an organization of your choice for your research paper assignment.

Exams, papers and grades: There will be an early take home exam, an in-class midterm and a take-home final. In addition, students will write a research paper (7-10 pp) and present findings later in the semester. In your choice for an organization, Do NOT select the UN and the EU, which serve as sources of most of our examples. Your final grade will be determined according to this formula:

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(A: 100-88; B: 87.9-78; C: 77.9-68; D: 67.9-60; F: Below 60.)
Lecture Outline and Reading Assignment

Jan. 12-26  
Course Introduction: Role, Types, Memberships and Contemporary Condition  
Readings: Diehl, Intro, Chapter 1, 2, 3  
Zweifel, Intro, Chapter 1, 3, 7  
Puchala, Chapter 1

Jan. 28-30  
History and Development/Give Out Take Home  
Readings: Zweifel Chapter 2  
Puchala, Chapter 2

Feb. 06  
Take home exam due

Feb. 02-04  
The Domestic Context  
Readings: Zweifel Chapter 1 & 10  
Puchala Chapter

Feb. 06-16  
The Legal Framework/Institutions  
Readings: Zweifel: Relevant Sections, Chapter 3 & 7  
Puchala, Chapter 3

Feb. 18-27  
Decisionmaking and Consensusbuilding  
Reading: Zweifel: Relevant Sections: Chapter 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 & 9  
Puchala: Chapter 6  
Diehl, Chapter 4

March 02  
Midterm exam (in class)

March 04-11  
The Problem of Leadership and Finance  
Readings: Puchala, Chapter 5  
Diehl, Chapter 5 & 6

March 13-27  
I.O.’s and the Quest for Peace and Security  
Readings: Diehl, Chapter 8, 9, 10  
Puchala, Chapter 7

March 30-Apr. 13  
I.O.’s and Economic Development  
Readings: Puchala, Chapter 8  
Diehl, Chapter 11, 12, 13, 14

April 15-17  
I.O.’s and Socio-Cultural Objectives  
Readings: Puchala, Chapter 6  
Diehl, Chapter 15, 16, 17
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