

Historical International Relations

MPhil in POLIS

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Course Description

This course provides an advanced-level overview of historical enquiry in International Relations. Surveying a broad array of approaches within the discipline, the course aims to (i) interrogate how history has been used and abused in IR scholarship, (ii) understand how historicist approaches can advance knowledge about key IR concepts including order, power, and sovereignty; (iii) demonstrate how historical enquiry challenges prevailing ontologies; (iv) evaluate methods of historical analysis. The course will also examine how historical IR can yield improved accounts of the development of the international system and be used for speculative thinking about possible future trajectories for international and global politics.

The course consists of seven discussion-based seminars. It is necessary that students be ready to engage in constructive discussion about each seminar's topics. Students are required to have read the core readings thoroughly in advance of each seminar and, ideally, engaged to some extent with a selection of further readings. The further readings are especially useful for students conducting presentations or as a basis for writing essays on specific topics.

Students are required to give one in-class presentation and to serve as the lead discussant once in the term. Details will be discussed in seminar.

Formal assessment will be in the form of a 3,000 word essay worth 100% of your final grade. Details will be discussed in seminar.

General Background Reading

- de Carvalho, Lopez, and Leira (Eds) (2021), *Routledge Handbook of Historical International Relations*, Routledge Press.
- Go and Lawson (Eds) (2017), *Global Historical Sociology*, Cambridge University Press.
- Malchow (2020), *History and International Relations*, Bloomsbury Press.

Course Overview

Seminar 1- History and/in IR vs. Historical IR

Seminar 2- Time and Temporality; Periods and Periodisation

Seminar 3- The Expansion/Evolution/Globalisation of International Society

Seminar 4- Empires, Race, and Legacies

Seminar 5- The Global Transformation

Seminar 6- Recentring The World

Seminar 7- Sexism, Racism, and Disciplinary History

Seminar 1- History and/in IR vs. Historical IR

Essential Readings

Sharman, J.C. (2019), 'The Military Revolution and The First International System' in *Empires of The Weak*, Princeton University Press, pp. 1-33.

Phillips, Andrew and J.C. (2020), 'Company-states and The Creation of the Global International System', *European Journal of International Relations*, Vol. 26, No. 4, pp. 1249-1272. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1354066120928127>

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Further Readings

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Capan, Zeynep Gulsah (2020), 'Beyond Visible Entanglements: Connected Histories of the International', *International Studies Review*, Vol. 22, No. 2, pp. 289-306. <https://doi.org/10.1093/isr/viaa029>

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Lawson, George (2010), 'The Eternal Divide? History and International Relations', *European Journal of International Relations*, Vol. 18, No. 2, pp.203-266. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1354066110373561>

Buzan, Barry and Richard Little (1994), 'The Idea of "International System": Theory Meets History', *International Political Science Review*, Vol. 15, No. 3, pp. 231-255. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F019251219401500302>

Seminar 2- Time and Temporality; Periods and Periodisation

Essential Reading

de Carvalho, Benjamin, Halvard Leira, and John Hobson (2011), 'The Big Bangs of IR: The Myths That Your Teachers Still Tell You about 1648 and 1919', *Millennium*, Vol. 39, No. 3, pp. 735-758. <https://doi-org.gate2.library.lse.ac.uk/10.1177%2F0305829811401459>

Buzan, Barry and George Lawson (2012), 'Rethinking Benchmark Dates in International Relations', *European Journal of International Relations*, Vol. 20, No. 2, pp. 437-462. <https://doi-org.gate3.library.lse.ac.uk/10.1177%2F1354066112454553>

Guillaume, Xavier (2021), 'Historical Periods and the Act of Periodisation', in *Routledge Handbook of Historical International Relations*, Routledge Press.

Further Reading

Agathangelou, Anna and Kyle Killian (Eds) (2016), *Time, Temporality, and Violence in International Relations: (De)Fatalizing The Present, Forging Radical Alternatives*, Routledge Press.

Hall, Martin (2002), 'Review Article: International Relations and World History', *European Journal of International Relations*, Vol. 8, No. 4, pp. 499-516. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1354066102008004003>

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Hutchings, Kimberly (2007), 'Happy Anniversary! Time and Critique in International Relations Theory', *Review of International Studies*, Vol. 33, pp. 71-89. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/45128070>

Darnton, Christopher (2014), 'Whig History, Periodization, and International Cooperation in the Southern Cone', *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 58, No. 3, pp. 579-590. <https://doi.org/10.1111/isqu.12127>

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Seminar 3- The Expansion/Evolution/Globalisation of International Society

Essential Reading

Watson, Adam (1992), 'The European System Becomes Worldwide', in *The Evolution of International Society*, Routledge Press, pp. 265-276.

Dunne, Tim and Christian Reus-Smit (2017), 'The Globalization of International Society', in *The Globalization of International Society*, (Dunne and Reus-Smit Eds), Oxford University Press, pp. 18-40.

Keene, Edward (2014), 'The Standard of 'Civilisation', the Expansion Thesis and the 19th-century International Social Space', *Millennium*, Vol. 42, No. 3, pp. 651-673.

<https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0305829814541319>

Devatak, Richard and Emily Tannock (2017), 'Imperial Rivalry and the First Global War' in *The Globalization of International Society*, (Dunne and Reus-Smit Eds), Oxford University Press, pp. 125-144.

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Naylor, Tristen (2019), 'The Closure Games', in *Social Closure and International Society: Status Groups from the Family of Civilised Nations to the G20*, Routledge Press, pp. 1-18.

Okagaki, Tomoko (2013), *The Logic of Conformity: Japan's Entry into International Society*, University of Toronto Press.

Zarakol, Ayse (2010), *After Defeat: How The East Learned To Live With The West*, Cambridge University Press

Suzuki, Shogo (2009), *Civilization and Empire: China and Japan's Encounter with European International Society*, Routledge Press.

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Seminar 4- Empires, Race, and Historical Legacies

Essential Reading

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<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/1915/05/the-african-roots-of-war/528897/>

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Go, Julian (2011), 'Introduction', in *Patterns of Empire: The British and American Empires, 1688-Present*, Cambridge University Press, pp. 1-27.

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Halperin, Sandra and Ronan Palan (2015), *Legacies of Empire: Imperial Roots of the Contemporary Global Order*, Cambridge University Press.

Burbank, Jane and Frederick Cooper (2010), *Empires in World History*, Princeton University Press.

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Persaud, Randolph (2014), 'Colonial Violence: Race and Gender on the Sugar Plantations of British Guiana', in *Race and Racism in International Relations: Confronting the Global Colour Line*, (Anievas, Manchanda, and Shilliam Eds), Routledge Press.

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Shilliam, Robbie (2008), 'What the Haitian Revolution Might Tell Us about Development, Security, and the Politics of Race', *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, Vol. 50, No. 3, pp. 778-808.

Seminar 5- The Global Transformation

Essential Readings

Buzan, Barry and George Lawson (2013), 'The Global Transformation: The Nineteenth Century and the Making of Modern International Relations', *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 57, No. 3, pp. 620-634. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/24017929>

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Seminar 6- Recentring The World

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Phillips, Andrew (2021), 'From The Rise of the West to How the East Was Won' in *How The East Was Won: Barbarian Conquerors, Universal Conquest, and the Making of Modern Asia* Cambridge University Press, pp. 22-61

Zarakol, Ayse (2022), 'What Is The East? Theorising Sovereignty and World Orders in Asia and Eurasia', in *Before The West: The Rise and Fall of Eastern World Orders*, Cambridge University Press, pp. 1-44

Further Readings

Araújo, Marta and Silvia Maeso (2015), *Eurocentrism, Racism and Knowledge: Debates on History and Power in Europe and The Americas*, Palgrave Macmillan.

Çapan, Zeynep Gülsah, and Ayse Zarakol (2018), 'Between 'East' and 'West': Travelling theories, travelling imaginations', in *The SAGE Handbook of the History, Philosophy and Sociology of International Relations*, Gofas, Hamati-Ataya, and Onuf (Eds), SAGE.

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Seminar 7- Sexism, Racism, and Disciplinary History

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