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Western Theories of International Relations

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Syllabus and Course Overview

网络课堂登陆方法:

E-learning

□ <https://elearning.fudan.edu.cn/courses/24718>

精品课程

□ http://jpkcmake.fudan.edu.cn/d201429/main_psp

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Description

- This is a required course for undergraduate students at SIRPA, designed to assist students in acquiring knowledge about IR theory.
- The goal of the course is to provide students with a thorough understanding of international politics from a theoretical perspective.
- Since international politics as a subject is very complex, this course is designed to present students not with everything, but the fundamentals, the essentials, the basics, of IR theory.

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Description

- This course will mainly focus on contending theories, i.e., different theoretical perspectives, on international relations.
- Students are required to not only understand various IR theories, as well as their relations, but also employ those theories to describe, explain, and predict international events.

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Text and Reference Books

- Pan Zhongqi, ed., *Selected Readings of International Relations Theory*, Fudan Sirpa, 2018.
- 卡伦·明斯特、伊万·阿雷奎恩-托夫特著：《国际关系精要》，上海人民出版社2018年。
- 潘忠岐：《国际政治学理论解析》，上海人民出版社2015年版。

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Requirements

- Success in this course requires your attendance and attention in class plus completion of each assigned reading. Besides the text and reference books, which are required to read intensively, we will also assign you other readings, both required and suggested, according to respective topics. Our presentations and ensuing class discussions will be based on them.

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Requirements

- Students are required to **write 1 short review essay due on week 9**. The review essay should produce a critical discussion of the literature you have read. You should not only address the main points in the readings but also present an argument focusing on particular issues (theoretical weaknesses, empirical problems, things that have been ignored, ways in which the argument could be improved, etc). **The review essay should be 3-5 double-spaced pages in length and be submitted by Email in time.**

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Grading

- Final grades for the course will be based on:
Attendance and review essay: 50%
Final examination: 50%

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Schedule Outline

- Section I: Introduction: Theory and History
Week 1: Introduction: Syllabus and Course Overview
Week 2: Approaches to International Relations
Week 3: Critical Debates: Evolution of International Relations Theory

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Schedule Outline

- Section II: Contending Theories of International Relations
Week 4: Theory and the Levels of Analysis
Week 5: Realism and Neorealism
Week 6: Liberalism and Neoliberalism
Week 7: Critical Theory and Constructivism
Week 8: Marxism and Radicalism

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Schedule Outline

- Section III: Level Analysis of International Relations
Week 9: The International System (review essay due)
Week 10: The State
Week 11: The Individual

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Schedule Outline

- Section IV: Major Issues of International Relations
Week 12: International Security
Week 13: International Political Economy
Week 14: Global Governance
Week 15: Review
Week 16: Final Examination (闭卷考试)

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