Syllabus
Course description

Course title	**Theory of International Relations**
Course code	**27160**
Scientific sector	Sps/04
Degree	Economics and Social Sciences
Semester and academic year	2nd semester, ay 2016/2017
Year	optional
Credits	6
Modular	no

Total lecturing hours	36
Total lab hours	-
Total exercise hours	-
Attendance	Suggested, but not required

Prerequisites	None
Course page	http://www.unibz.it/en/economics/progs/bacs/economics_social/timetable/default.html

Specific educational objectives	The course is an optional course in the student's degree course. The aim of the course is to provide an introduction to the fundamental theories, concepts and methods necessary for an understanding of international politics in an age of globalization. The central problem for the study of international politics is that the focus of study seems to be anarchic, lacking political organization and a recognized political authority. This will allow students to learn how to use concepts, theories and methods from political science.

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Scientific sector of the lecturer	SPS/04 Political Science
Teaching language	English
Office hours	http://www.unibz.it/en/economics/people/academic/teachingassistants/default.html
Lecturing assistant	-
Teaching assistant	-
Office hours	Preceding and following lecture hours
List of topics covered	International Relations as a Discipline Theories of international relations

	- Realism - Liberalism - Constructivism - International Political Economy Globalization and sustainable development North-South relations National security and human security International and transnational institutions Global governance
Teaching format	Frontal lectures

Learning outcomes	Knowledge and understanding - Gain mastery of the leading debates in the discipline of international relations. - Gain mastery of the leading theories of international relations. Applying knowledge and understanding - Students will learn to use theories of international relations to understand the contemporary international system - Will learn how theories inform decision-making and policy-making processes in international relations. - Learn how to use concepts in analyzing current events. Making judgments - Ability to read policy and political documents critically, assessing their consistency and applicability. - Ability to assess documentary evidence Communication skills - Ability to construct clear, concise arguments using scientific language and methods. - Ability to synthesize complex arguments. - Ability to research and write longer research reports Learning skills - Ability to engage in higher order abstraction - Ability to apply concepts in doing empirical research

Assessment	Students can choose one to be assessed in one of two ways: - Single written exam at the end of the course (100%) – aim is to assess comprehension of readings and lectures - Short essay (50%) and written exam at end of the course (50%– Essay will focus on using different theories of international relations to examine an issue in the contemporary international system (max. 4000 words). The written exam will be the same as for the first option.

Assessment language	English
Evaluation criteria and criteria for awarding marks	The following criteria will be used for assessing all written assignments. • clarity of answers, mastery of theories and concepts, ability to summarize, evaluate, and establish relationships between topics; • skills in critical thinking, ability to summarize in own words

Required readings	John Baylis. Steve Smith and Patricia Owens. The Globalization of World Politics. 6th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014. Cap. 4-13, 15-16, 19-31. Obbligatorio
Supplementary readings	Robert Jackson and George Sorensen. Introduction to International relations: Theories and Approaches. 5th Ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013. Consigliato