COURSE DETAIL

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORY
Country Australia
Host Institution Australian National University
Program(s) Australian National University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science
UCEAP Course Number 129
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORY
UCEAP Transcript Title INTL REL THEORY
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

This course examines the purpose and application of theoretical paradigms in international relations. Theories provide frameworks to understand the behavior of actors in a complex and dynamic global environment. Distinct theoretical paradigms make central assumptions about primary factors that drive human action with implications for how we understand, explain, and predict issues and interactions in the international arena. Such factors range from scarcity and a drive for control (e.g., classical realism, neorealism, game theory); to a drive to cooperate for absolute gains (e.g., neoliberal institutionalism, liberalism), constructed identities based on historically-contingent meanings and values (e.g., constructivism), and unequal power relations that underpin a drive for autonomy, agency, and empowerment. (e.g., critical theories, feminist theory). The course teaches all theoretical paradigms with a focus on how they can be applied to better understand political issues and challenges in the contemporary global environment.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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