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**Political Science 217/317**  
**International Organization**

**Course Description**

This course will examine theories and evidence about the role of institutions in the international system. The course is designed for Ph.D. students in political science, but M.A. students and advanced undergraduates may enroll with the instructor’s permission.

**Course Requirements**

Course Participation – 30%
Research Paper / Research Proposal related to the course (20-30 pages) – 70%

**Readings**

All readings are available online for Stanford students except Keohane’s *After Hegemony*, which is available at the Stanford Bookstore.

**Week 1: Introduction (4/1)**

Optional Readings:


**Week 2: Rationalist Theories of International Institutions (4/8)**

*Robert Keohane, *After Hegemony*, chps. 1, 4-7 (pp. 5-17, 49-132).


**Week 3: Critiques of Rationalist Theories and Non-Rationalist Approaches (4/15)**


Bearce and Bondanella, “Intergovernmental Organizations, Socialization, and Member-State Interest Convergence,” *International Organization* 61 (Fall 2007), 703-733.

**Week 4: Institutional Design & Compliance (4/22)**


Rosendorff and Milner, "The Optimal Design of International Trade Institutions: Uncertainty and
Week 5: International Institutions and Domestic Politics (4/29)


Week 6: The United Nations (5/6)


**Week 7: GATT/WTO (5/13)**


**Week 8: Finance/Development (5/20)**


**Week 10: The Environment and Human Rights (6/3)**


