

**TESC MPA Program
International Administration
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Class Schedule: First summer session. July 1-3 and July 15-17 (for both weekends, schedule will be: Friday, 6p to 10p; Saturday and Sunday, 9a-6p).

Location: Sem II D2109.

Course Description: This course will explore the theory and reality of international organizations. Problems such as climate change, the financial crisis and unequal development require global solutions. Yet institutions such as the UN that are designed to confront on a global scale them are weak and widely distrusted. The course will explore this dilemma, the global political and economic system and how social movements and nongovernmental organizations influence global change. We will also study the challenges to performing comparative research, and the cultural knowledge/skills needed to work effectively at the global level. We will use lectures, seminars, films and workshops to explore these issues.

Texts: Note that the scheduling of the course is more compressed than usual. You'll need to start reading the texts well in advance of the class dates to be prepared for each weekend.

Banerjee, Abhijit and Esther Duflo (2011). *Poor Economics: A Radical Rethinking of the Way to Fight Global Poverty*. Washington, D.C.: Public Affairs. ISBN-10: 9781586487980
ISBN-13: 978-1586487980. (Hardcover)

Karns, Margaret and Karen Mingst (2009). *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance, 2nd Ed.* (Paperback). Boulder: Lynne Rienner. ISBN: 978-1-5558826-698-9.

Weiss, Thomas (2008). *What's Wrong with the United Nations and How to Fix it*. Malden, MA: Policy Press. (Paperback). ISBN-10: 0745642985. ISBN-13: 978-0745642987

Select and read a novel of your choice by a foreign author, about another country.

Articles: Articles will be available at the ELMS/Moodle site at <http://elms.evergreen.edu>, listed under International Administration. The enrollment key is adminTESC.

Assignments. For Weekend one: There will be an entirely for fun quiz on world geography the first day of class. Spend some time studying world geography beforehand.

1. Write a one page paper describing what you believe to be the single most important global problem. Provide evidence in support of your thesis. **Due July 1st.**

2. Banerjee and Duflo examine in detail the many factors associated with continuing poverty in the developing world. Has foreign aid been an effective strategy for encouraging "development"? Do the authors provide a clear alternative that you prefer? In your view, how should we encourage "development"? **Due July 2nd.**

Weekend two papers:

1. The Weiss text provides a somewhat critical portrait of the organization and performance of the United Nations. In your view, do we even need the United Nations? If you believe so, what changes in the structure and responsibilities of the UN would you recommend? **Due July 16th.**
2. Write a 1-2 page seminar paper summarizing what, if anything, you learned about the country that was the primary setting of your foreign novel. Be prepared to give a 5-minute summary of your novel and what you learned from it in class. **Due: July 17th.**

Final paper: Research and write a 10-15 page paper in which you analyze a global public policy issue or international organization using a comparative framework. More information on this assignment will be provided the first day of class. Be prepared to give a short presentation on your project in class on July 17th. **Due: August 1st.**

Expectations. Students and faculty will be prepared for each class session and participate in our discussions and seminars. Faculty will provide timely feedback on student papers.

Be advised that I will not be available in August or early September. Students submitting final papers or other required assignments after August 1st will receive an incomplete.

Tentative class schedule

July 1st, July 2nd (Friday/Saturday) Map quiz; global issues; intro to international relations; comparative development. Seminar. Read: Karns and Mingst, Chapter 9; Banerjee and Duflo (for Saturday) Due: Global problem paper (Friday); Assignment 2 (Saturday)	July 3rd (Sunday) Intro to the comparative method. Frameworks for analyzing international organizations. Seminar; film Read: Karns and Mingst, Chapters 1-3, 5,7, 12 Article on IO's (on Moodle)
July 15th, July 16th (Friday/Saturday) Case studies of international organizations: the United Nations. Intro to the European Union. Seminar. Read: Karns and Mingst, Chapter 4; Weiss Article on the European Union (on Moodle) Due: Paper on the Weiss text (Saturday)	July 17th (Sunday) On social movements and NGO's Workshop on intercultural communication. Film; Seminar on foreign novels. Read: Karns and Mingst, Chapter 6; foreign novel; Articles on intercultural research and social movements (on Moodle) Due: Short paper on your foreign novel
Final Paper: Due August 1st. (email to Larry at: geril@evergreen.edu)	