

History 1068
United Nations: A Global History
Fall 2015-2016

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Course Description

Explores the history of international organizations, including activities concerned with economic development, security, and environment. Taught in conjunction with the development of new web-based sources on United Nations history.

Grading

There will be a cooperative project (20%), a midterm exam (30%), and a final paper (30%). Section participation will count for 20% of the final grade.

Readings

Course readings will be uploaded to the course website, or will be available through Harvard e-Resources.

Course Schedule *DRAFT: September 9, 2015*

1. Introduction

Thursday September 3

2. History and Internationalism/Origins

Tuesday September 8

New Histories of the United Nations Author(s): Sunil Amrith and Glenda Sluga

Journal of World History, vol. 19, no. 3 (Sep., 2008), pp. 251-274

Stable URL: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/40542615>

The Archives of Universal History Author(s): Emma Rothschild

Journal of World History, vol. 19, no. 3 (Sep., 2008), pp. 375-401

Stable URL: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/40542620>

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/photo/detail.jsp?id=407/407265&key=44&query=category:ECOSOC&so=0&sf=date>

3. History and Internationalism/War and Peace

Thursday September 10

4. World Order/Organization

Tuesday September 15

Mark Mazower, *Governing the World: The History of an Idea, 1815 to the Present* (New York, 2013), pp. 214-243

Philip C. Jessup, "Development of International Law by the United Nations," *The American Journal of International Law*, vol. 39, no. 4 (Oct., 1945), pp. 754-757

The Charter of the United Nations, Preamble, Chapters IV, V, IX

<http://www.un.org/en/documents/charter/>

5. World Order/Decolonization and Accession

Thursday September 17

6. Economic Security/Development and Trade

Tuesday September 22

Rana Mitter, "Imperialism, Transnationalism, and the Reconstruction of Post-war China: UNRRA in China, 1944-7," *Past & Present*, supplement 8 (2013), pp. 51-69

Paul Kennedy, "Economic Agendas, North and South," in *The Parliament of Man: The Past, Present, and Future of the United Nations* (New York, 2006), pp. 113-142

7. Economic Security/Refugees

Thursday September 24

8. Human Rights/Universal Declaration

Tuesday September 29

Mark Mazower, "The Strange Triumph of Human Rights, 1933-1950," *The Historical Journal*, vol. 47, no. 2 (Jun., 2004), pp. 379-398

Paul Betts, "Humanity's New Heritage: UNESCO and the Rewriting of World History," *Past & Present*, no. 228 (Aug., 2015), pp. 249-285

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Stable URL: <http://www.un.org/en/documents/udhr/>

9. Human Rights/Education and Public Opinion

Thursday September 31

10. World Health/Nutrition and Disease

Tuesday October 6

Sunil Amrith, *Decolonizing International Health: India and Southeast Asia, 1930-1965* (London, 2006), pp. 72-98

11. World Health/Epidemics

Thursday October 8

***Collaborative Project Title and Group Members due** (midnight October 8)

12. The Organization/Palaces and Offices

Tuesday October 13

Thomas Weiss (ed.), *UN Voices: The Struggle for Development and Social Justice* (Bloomington, 2005), pp. 15-64

13. Midterm Exam

Thursday October 15

14. Atomic Power and Atomic Weapons/Cold War

Tuesday October 20

Dwight D. Eisenhower, "Atoms for Peace," United Nations, December 8, 1953
http://www.eisenhower.archives.gov/research/online_documents/atoms_for_peace.html

United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs, "Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies" (1966)
http://www.unoosa.org/pdf/gares/ARES_21_2222E.pdf

Walter A. McDougall, "Technocracy and Statecraft in the Space Age--Toward the History of a Saltation," *The American Historical Review* 87.4 (Oct., 1982), pp. 1010-1040.

For reference: UN Office for Outer Space Affairs <http://www.unoosa.org/>

15. Atomic Power and Atomic Weapons/Space

Thursday October 22

16. International Law/Rights and Children

Tuesday October 27

Allida Black, "Are Women 'Human'? The UN and the Struggle to Recognize Women's Rights as Human Rights," in *The Human Rights Revolution: An International History*, ed. Akira Iriye, Petra Goedde, and William I. Hitchcock (Oxford University Press, 2012): 133-155.

Somini Sengupta, "Most Nations Miss a Goal for Women in Leadership," *New York Times*, Aug. 31, 2015, http://www.nytimes.com/2015/09/01/world/most-nations-miss-a-goal-for-women-in-leadership.html?_r=0.

Convention of the Rights of the Child,
<http://www.ohchr.org/en/professionalinterest/pages/crc.aspx>

Convention on the Political Rights of Women,
https://treaties.un.org/doc/Treaties/1954/07/19540707%2000-40%20AM/Ch_XVI_1p.pdf

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women ("CEDAW"), <http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/ProfessionalInterest/cedaw.pdf>

17. International Law/Women

Thursday October 29

18. Workshop for Collaborative Projects

Tuesday November 3

19. Class Trip to the United Nations

Thursday November 5

***No Section Meetings This Week**

20. Peacekeeping/Soldiers

Tuesday November 10

***Collaborative Project Due** (midnight November 10)

Dag Hammarskjöld, "The International Civil Servant in Law and Fact," Oxford University, May 30, 1961

21. Trip to the Harvard University Archives

Thursday November 12

***Meet at the Harvard Archives**

22. Environment and Climate/Conferences

Tuesday November 17

23. Environment and Climate/Climate Change

Thursday November 19

***Paper Outline Due** (midnight November 19)

24. Statistics and Goals

Tuesday November 24

25. No Class (Thanksgiving Recess)

Thursday November 26

26. The Future of the World

Tuesday December 1

27. The Future of the World

Thursday December 3

Final Papers Due: Midnight, Thursday December 10 (Last day of Reading Period)