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International relations 210 (IPL 210)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Module credits	20.00
Programmes	BAdmin Public Management and International Relations BA BA Languages BA Law BPolSci International Studies BPolSci Political Studies BSocSci Industrial Sociology and Labour Studies BSocSci Philosophy, Politics and Economics
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Prerequisites	PTO 101 (GS)
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Political Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

International theory and organisation

What causes war and peace? Can international order and justice be reconciled? Does the international structure matter? The answers depend on the theoretical lenses through which world politics are viewed. An overview is provided of competing theoretical perspectives of international relations. It includes mainstream and alternative perspectives, as well as the underlying ideas, theories and variants of each. These theories also propose different approaches to global peace, amongst others peace through international organisation. A comprehensive analysis is made of selected international organisations with a universal or regional scope, such as the United Nations, the African Union and the Southern African Development Community, and of international law that underpins these organisations and their activities.

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