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**Location and time**

Bunce 4357  
W 3:00-5:50 pm  
Office hours for Professor Johns: by appointment

**Course description**

This course will focus on contemporary rational choice accounts of international institutions. Each week’s reading assignments will be posted on the class website.

**Requirements**

Over the quarter you must:

1. Serve as discussion leader for three meetings by generating a set of discussion questions, and then leading the class discussion (30% of final grade)
2. Complete three written assignments for weeks that you are not a discussion leader (30% of final grade)
3. Actively participate in all class discussions, demonstrating that you have prepared and understand the assigned readings (40% of final grade)

**Topics and reading**

**Week 1 (Apr 5): Overview**

**Part I: Conceptual Issues in International Cooperation**

**Week 2 (Apr 12): Informal Governance**  
(*reputation; soft law/custom/norms; elite pacts*)

Reputation:


Soft law, custom, and norms:

Elite pacts (constitutions):

**Week 3 (Apr 19): NO CLASS**

**Week 4 (Apr 26): Compliance**
(paradigms: instrumental, managerial, and legitimacy)


**Week 5 (May 3): Distribution and Participation**
(who benefits; who participates)
Distribution:


Participation (multilateralism):


**Part II: Impact and Functions of Specific Organizations**

**Week 6 (May 10): UN Security Council**  
(*information transmission; legitimacy*)


**Week 7 (May 17): International Trade and Investment**  
(*flexibility/rigidity, domestic politics*)

Rigidity and Trade:


Domestic Politics of Trade:

Foreign Direct Investment:

**Week 8 (May 24): International Law and Courts**

**Purpose**
- Johns, Leslie. (2012) "Courts as Coordinators: Endogenous Enforcement and Jurisdiction in International Adjudication." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 56 (2): 257-289. --- *Skip the formal model*

**Effectiveness**


• Jo, Hyeran and Beth A. Simmons (2016) "Can the International Criminal Court Deter Atrocity?" 70: 443-475.

Evolution


**Week 9 (May 31): Human Rights**


**Week 10 (Jun 7): Election-monitoring**


