**Antalya Bilim University**

**Department of Political Science and International Relations,**

**POLS 301**

**International Relations Theories**

**Fall 2019-2020**

Class time& Place: Wednesdays, 10:30-13:20, at A2-01

Office hours: Wednesdays, 13:30-14:30 and Thursdays, 13:30-14:30

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**Course Description**

This course focuses on theory in the study of International Relations and provides a comprehensive survey of current theoretical perspectives within the discipline. At the end of the course, students are expected to appreciate the importance of theory in international studies, possess substantive knowledge of theoretical perspectives and be able to apply theory in order to understand or engage critically with world politics.

**Course book**

Tim Dunne, Milja Kurki and Steve Smith, eds. 2013. *International Relations Theories Discipline and Diversity*, Third Edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

**Recommended readings:**

Additional reading material might be provided by the lecturer.

**Developing Graduate Attributes**

Students will be encouraged to develop the following graduate attributes by undertaking the course activities and mastering the course contents. These attributes will be assessed within the assessment tasks:

* skills involved in scholarly enquiry;
* an in-depth engagement with the international relations disciplinary knowledge;
* the capacity for analytical and critical thinking;
* the ability to engage in independent and reflective learning.

**Academic Honesty and Plagiarism**

Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of others and presenting them as your own. Plagiarism is a type of intellectual theft. It can take many forms, from deliberate cheating to accidentally copying from a source without acknowledgement. Although plagiarism is well established in Turkish educational system, you will be punished heavily if you are caught do it.

**Assessment Criteria:**

1. **Attendance & Participation (15%)**: Attendance and participation make up 15 % of your overall course grade. Students are expected to read the assigned chapters and other readings before the class. They are expected to participate in class discussions, present their views and answer questions. Students are required to exhibit proper discipline, behavior, and responsibility.
2. **Midterm (30%):** Students are responsible for all class material covered until the midterm exam.
3. **Research paper (15%):** Students are required to write research projects during the term. Subjects should be related to the course content and students need to get the approval of the instructor before beginning research. The deadline for getting the approval of the instructor and submitting the final project will be announced by the instructor. Late submissions will be accepted with penalty. Failure to complete research paper will be reflected in a student's overall grade. The instructor will also inform students about how to write their research project. They need to write according to academic rules, provide footnotes and sources. Students are expected to be academically honest and refrain from plagiarism.
4. **Final exam (40%)**: This exam is cumulative and will focus on all units and topics studied throughout the course, but emphasis will be after midterm.

**Course Schedule**

WEEK 1 (16-20 Sep) General Introduction

WEEK 2 (23-27 Sep) What is International Relations Theory? International Relations and Social Sciences: Methods and Debates, 1-13, 14-35

WEEK 3 (30 Sep-4 Oct) Classical Realism, 59-76

WEEK 4 (7-11 Oct) Structural Realism, 77-93

WEEK 5 (14-18 Oct) Liberalism, 94-113

WEEK 6 (21-25 Oct) Neoliberalism, 114-131

WEEK 7 (28 Oct-1 Nov) The English School (International Society Approach), 132-152

WEEK 8 (4-8 Nov) Midterm Exam

WEEK 9 (11-15 Nov) International Political Theory/Normative IR Theory, 36-58

WEEK 10 (18-22 Nov) Constructivism, 187-204

WEEK 11 (25-29 Nov) Marxism, 153-170

WEEK 12 (2-6 Dec) Critical Theory, 171-186

WEEK 13 (9-13 Dec) Post-Sructuralism/Post-modernizm, 223-246

WEEK 14 (16-20 Dec) Feminism, 205-222