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Course Title: Theories of International Relations

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Course Code: _____

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Prerequisite: International Relations

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1. Brief Course Description

This course is designed to introduce students to the major theories of International Relations and enables them to analyze international and regional issues. The course combines theoretical and practical sessions. In the theoretical part, the course addresses the mainstream approaches of realism and liberalism as well as the critical/alternative perspectives (Constructivism, Feminism and Marxism). In the practical part, the course provides students with the skills to apply these theories to international and regional case studies.

2. Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, the students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of major IR theories.
2. Identify the main concepts of IR theories.
3. Compare different IR theories.
4. Accomplish essays in applying contemporary IR theories on case studies.
5. Assess the effectiveness of IR theories in understanding major international and regional issues, and anticipating the future.

3. Text Books -

- Battistella Dario, Jérémie Cornut et Élie Baranets. 2019. *Théories des relations internationales*. Paris, Les Presses de Sciences Po.
- Dunne, Tim, Milja Kurki and Steve Smith (eds.). 2013. *International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

4. Course Contents (week by week)

No.	Subject	Week
1	Introduction to IR theories	1
2	Classical Realism (The post-World War II international system)	2
3	Neo-realism I - Defensive and Offensive	3
4	Neo-realism II : Case studies - The rise of China - the postcolonial Maghreb regional subsystem - Morocco-Algeria Relations	4
5	Anarchy, Balance of Power, Balance of Threat, Security Dilemma (The cold war system —US/USSR, India/Pakistan, Morocco-Algeria arms race)	5
6	Liberalism and Liberal Institutionalism (EU–Morocco relations - partnership)	6
7	Democratic Peace Theory	7
8	Functionalism and Neo-functionalism (the EU integration process)	8
9	Constructivism (Gulf-Iranian Relations - US-Russia Relations)	9
10	Feminism : International Peace	10
11	Marxism and Neo-Marxism (The world economy - The international financial institutions)	11
12	Student Presentations	12
13		13
14		14
15		15
Assignments (50 Points) Final Exam (50 Points)		

5. Assessment

- Assignments

- 1- Short Essays: to analyze a specific international or regional issue using an IR theory.
- 2- Oral Presentations: to ensure that students have the correct understanding of the course material and enhance their theoretical and analytical abilities.

- Examination and tests

- 1- Surprise Reading Quizzes: to ensure that students come to class prepared and having done the necessary work.
- 2- a final exam at the end of the semester.

6. Teaching Methods

- Lectures
- Seminars
- Student Presentations.
- Self-learning.

7. Weighting

Final grades will be assigned as follows:

Assessment	
Assessment item	marks
Attendance and participation	10%
Surprise Reading Quizzes	20%
Essay and Presentation	20%
Final Exam	50%

8. Further Readings

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10. Hoffman, Stanley. 1977. "An American Social Science: International Relations." *Daedalus* 103 (3): 41-60.
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15. Keohane, Robert O. (ed.). 1986. *Neorealism and its Critics*. New York: Columbia University Press.
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21. Ruggie, John Gerard. 1998. "What Makes the World Hang Together? Neo-Utilitarianism and the Social Constructivist Challenge." *International Organization* 52 (4) (Autumn): 855-885
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23. Tickner, J. Ann. 1992. *Gender in International Relations: Feminist Perspectives on Achieving Global Security*. New York: Columbia University Press.
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