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WWS 593c: Reforming the United Nations

Course Description

The question of why the United Nations (U.N.) matters in the 21st century is more germane than ever. Deep divisions among Member States about the United Nation's global role have greatly challenged the perception of the U.N.'s relevance versus irrelevance on the international stage. Both the evolving global dynamic over the past five years and the international events that have occurred have brought about a radically transformed global security environment. The United Nations is still the only global organization that can confirm international legitimacy in our attempts to resolve the ongoing challenges to global security. To ensure and assess the continued commitment of Member States to the role of the United Nations in the international arena, this September the General Assembly will take stock of where it stands five years after the adoption of the Millennium Declaration. The capacity of the United Nations to respond adequately to current security challenges is very much in doubt. The challenge is for the United Nations to adapt itself as a tool to achieve an international stable environment is its ability to adapt itself to the new challenges of this century. Many treat reform as an event and expect early and immediate dividends, not realizing that reform is not an event but a process. The United Nations has never pretended to be a perfect instrument and at times, both now and in the past, it has suffered deep divisions that in part often pre-empted success. The preamble of the United Nations Charter to "save succeeding generations from the scourge of war" is as timely now as when it was written. Over the next six weeks, we will examine these issues and attempt to determine the United Nations continued role on the international stage.

Course Requirements

All students are expected to participate in the weekly class discussions. Student participation is absolutely essential and class participation will be one of the major determinates in the evaluation process. Additionally, each student will be responsible for preparing a twenty (20) page paper that focuses on a topic relevant to the course.

Course Materials

There is no requirement to buy books. The course readings consist of books, articles, and primary documents related to the seminar topic. All of the articles and books listed in the suggested bibliography will be placed on reserve for your use at the University library.

Selected Bibliography

"A Crisis of Expectations: United Nations Peacekeeping in the 1990's"

American Interest and UN Reform: Report of the Task Force on the United Nations, United States Institute of Peace, 2005

Bellamy, Alex J., Williams and Griffen. Understanding Peacekeeping

Berdal, Mats R. Whither U.N. Peacekeeping

Boyce, Peter J. Investing in Peace: Aid and Conditionality After Civil Wars

Browne, Marjorie Ann. United Nations Peacekeeping

Burns, Arthur Lee. Peacekeeping by UN Forces, From Suez to the Congo

Cain, Kenneth, and Heidi Postlewait and Andrew Thompson. Emergency Sex and Other Desperate Measures

Collin, Paul. Breaking the Conflict Trap: Civil War and Development Policy

Cousins, Elizabeth M. Peacebuilding As Politics

Dellaire, Romeo. Sleeping With the Devil

Doyle, Michael W. UN Peacekeeping in Cambodia

Dobbins, James, Seth Jones and Keith Crane. America's Role in Nation-Building, From Germany to Iraq

Durch, William J. UN Peacekeeping, American Policy, and the Uncivil Wars of the 1990's

Findlay, Trevor. The Use of Force in UN Peacekeeping Operations-

Fleitz, Jr., Frederick H. Fiascoes of the 1990s: Causes, Solutions and U.S. Interests

Forman, Shepard and Patrick Stewart. Good Intentions: Pledges of Aid for Post-conflict Recovery

Goulding, Marek. Keeping the Peace in the Post-Cold War Era: Strengthening Multilateral Peacekeeping

Griffin, Michele, "The Helmet and the Hoe: Linkages Between United Nations Development Assistance and Conflict Management." Global Governance, 2003. 9(C2):199

Halberstam, David. War in a Time of Peace

Hillen, John. Blue Helmets: The Strategy of UN Military Operations

Jones, Bruce D. Peacekeeping in Rwanda: The Dynamics of Failure

Mackenzie, L. The Road to Sarajevo

Malone, David M. Decision Making in the UN Security Council: The Case of Haiti 1990-1997

Mayall, James. The New Interventionism 1991-1994: United Nations Experience in Cambodia, Former Yugoslavia and Somalia

Mingst, Karen A. United Nations Peacekeeping in the Post-Cold War Era

O'Neill, J.T., N. Rees. United Nations Peacekeeping in the Post-Cold War Era, "Soldiers of Peace: Fifty Years of United Nations Peacekeeping," edited by Barbara Benton

Perito, Robert M. Where is the Lone Ranger When We Need Him?

Ratner, Steven R. The New UN Peacekeeping: Building Peace in Lands of Conflict After the Cold War

Rojer, John. Keeping the Peace in the Post-Cold War Era: Strengthening Multilateral Peacekeeping

Rotberg, Robert I. When States Fail: Causes and Consequences

Sarooski, Darresh. The United Nations and the Development of Collective Security: The Delegation by the UN Security Council of its Chapter VII Powers

Schoenhaus, Robert, "Training for Peace and Humanitarian Relief Operations: Advancing Best Practices." Peaceworks No. 43, U.S. Institute of Peace, April 2002, 31-32

Shawcross, William. Deliver Us From Evil

Sriram, Chandra Lekha. From Promise to Practice: Strengthening UN Capabilities for the Prevention of Violent Conflict

Snider, D.M. The United Nations at Fifty: Sovereignty, Peacekeeping and Human Rights

Stedman, Stephan John, "Spoiler Problems in the Peace Processes." 1997 International Security 22(2):5

Tharoor, Shashi, "The Changing Face of Peace-Keeping and Peace-Enforcement." Fordham International Law Journal 19:408

"UN Peacekeeping Lessons Learned?" Global Governance, 2001. 7(1)11

