

# Theories of International Politics

## Module Information

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### Summary Information

Module Code	4501IRICBT
Formal Module Title	Theories of International Politics
Owning School	Humanities and Social Science
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	15
Academic level	FHEQ Level 4
Grading Schema	40

### Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
LJMU Partner Taught

### Partner Teaching Institution

Institution Name
International College of Business and Technology

### Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	45

### Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
SEP-PAR	PAR	September	12 Weeks

### Aims and Outcomes

Aims	The aim of this module is to teach students the main theoretical and conceptual traditions of international politics in order to analyse complex issues, developments and events constituting international relations.
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**After completing the module the student should be able to:**

### Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Demonstrate knowledge on the main theories of international politics.
MLO2	2	Evaluate competing analytical and ideological approaches for understanding the international system
MLO3	3	Analyse significant developments and events in global politics in relation to theoretical contexts
MLO4	4	Design a personal assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the principal theories of international politics

### Module Content

Outline Syllabus	1. Introduction to theories of International Relations and World Politics 2. Politics of Anarchy: Realism vs. Liberalism 3. Global North vs Global South, Dependency and World Systems Theory 4. Classical Marxist theory and failures 5. Constructionism: Subjectivity, Culture and Ideological Changes 6. Collective Defence: Balance of Power, Prisoner's Dilemma and Security Dilemma 7. Collective Security 8. Neoliberalism and neorealism 9. Critical Theory and democratizing global governance 10. Feminism and gender in world politics 11. Postcolonialism, decolonisation and the subaltern politics
Module Overview	
Additional Information	Recommended reading: Weber, C., (2005), International Relations Theory: A Critical Introduction (2nd edition), Routledge Nye, J., & Welch, D. (2014). Understanding Global Conflict and Cooperation: Introduction to Theory and History . Essex: Pearson .

### Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	3000 word Essay	100	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3, MLO4

### Module Contacts

#### Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Matthew Hill	Yes	N/A

#### Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings