

Debating International Relations Theories

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	5100IRP
Formal Module Title	Debating International Relations Theories
Owning School	Humanities and Social Science
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 5
Grading Schema	40

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Humanities and Social Science

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	22
Online	2
Tutorial	22

Module Offering(s)

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

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	1. To understand the evolution of IR as a body of knowledge and intellectual pursuit. 2. To understand the interplay between history and theoretical development. 3. To critically engage the Great Debates in the history of IR and understand the key questions at stake in those debates. 4. To develop a comprehensive understanding of the strength and limits of each theoretical approach
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of key questions and major debates in the history of IR.
MLO2	2	Critically reflect on the strengths and limitations of individual theoretical approaches.
MLO3	3	Discuss and analyse the key texts in the subject of IR.
MLO4	4	Breakdown the relationship between international theories and the development of international affairs.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	Module will typically include the following: • The emergence of IR as a subject in the early 20th Century • What are the 'Great Debates'? • Realism/Liberalism • Traditionalism/Behaviouralism • Neorealism/Neoliberalism • Rationalism/Reflectivism
Module Overview	In the first year of your degree you would have examined the different theories that are applied in International Relations, and how they were developed. Whilst you would have touched on how these theories formed and how they disputed each other, this module goes into the controversies in further detail. Structured around the 'Great Debates', this module provides greater insight into the theories that help inform our understanding of the world.
Additional Information	In the first year of your UG degree you examined the different theories that are applied in International Relations, and how they were developed. Whilst we touched on how these theories formed and how they disputed each other, this module goes into the controversies in further detail. Structured around the 'Great Debates', this module provides greater insight into the theories that help inform our understanding of the world.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	1500 word article review	40	0	MLO1, MLO3
Essay	2500 word essay	60	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3, MLO4

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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