

Beijing --- BSA Minority Study Abroad Programs
Summer Session 2010
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Exploring International Relations through the Lenses of History, Social Capital, and Political Economy

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REQUIRED READING:

Dambisa Moyo. (2009) Dead Aid

Paul Viotti and Mark Kauppi. (2001) International Relations and World Politics: Security, Economy, Identity, 2d edition

Selected Readings Packet

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

By examining global ties throughout history, and current relations among nations, students will gain a deeper understanding of current events on the international stage, learn how to identify the behavioral patterns of state actors, and develop the ability to theorize their implication for future courses of action.

GRADING:

The weights for each course assignment are below:

Quiz: 25%

Essay: 35%

Cumulative Final: 40%

EXTRA CREDIT

Extra credit will be available for students who make exceptional contributions to class discussions or attend related academic engagements outside of class and provide a synopsis.

ASSIGNMENTS

All reading assignments are due on the date that they are listed

WEEK 1

Introduction to the Course

Video: The Emergency of China in the Global Economy

<http://mitworld.mit.edu/video/220>

Discussion: China's Preparation for Relations with the International Community

WEEK 2

QUIZ: 8 MULTIPLE CHOICE 2 SHORT ANSWER

Lecture: A Monopoly on the Use of Force: National Security

Class Discussion

VIOTTI /KAUPPI: PP 140-71 AND PP 280-95

WEEK 3

Lecture: Engaging the Unengaged: Civil Society

Lecture: Non-State Actors

Class Discussion

READING PACKET

VIOTTI /KAUPPI: PP 406-437

WEEK 4

Lecture: Trade

Lecture: Multinational Organizations

REFLECTIVE ESSAY DUE: National Vs Supranational

MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS PACKET

VIOTTI /KAUPPI: PP 324-365

WEEK 5

Video: China's Development and China-US Relations

<http://mitworld.mit.edu/video/651>

Lecture: Pragmatism Vs Morality: Development, Trade Policies, and a Way Forward

Class Discussion: The link between Human Rights and Economic Development

MOYO: CHAPTER 7

VIOTTI /KAUPPI: PP 366-404

WEEK 6

FINAL EXAM