

## **DIPLOMACY: TODAY'S WORLD ORDER**

The course will first summarize the history and vision of today's world order. The lecturer will then focus on the institutions behind the world order, how it operates in the real world and assess its impact on global peace, poverty, the environment, and human rights.

### **SESSION 1**

(1) Diplomacy and how we got to today's World Order.

- Medieval concept of world order: Holy Roman Empire
- Protestant Reformation upends medieval order-Peace of Augsburg and Treaty of Westphalia.
- Congress of Vienna: great power initiative to settle conflicts peacefully.
- Treaty of Versailles: Wilson's 14 Points.

(2) The Atlantic Charter: Philosophical basis for new world order.

### **SESSION 2**

(1) The UN Charter: structure & purpose of UN

(2) Maintain international peace & security: the Security Council.

- Conflicts: The Korean War, Israel-Palestine, India-Pakistan, Yugoslavia.

### **SESSION 3**

(1) Uphold international law:

- International Court of Justice: territorial disputes, maritime limits.
- International Criminal Court: war crimes.

(2) Promote economic growth & prosperity.

- Bretton Woods: IBRD, IMF, GATT.

### **SESSION 4**

(1) Promote observance of human rights, democracy & fundamental freedoms.

- Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)

(2) Disarmament & arms control:

- Nuclear weapons: SALT I (1972), SALT II 1979), START I (1991), START II (2000), SORT (2003)
- Chemical weapons: Chemical Weapons Convention (1993)

## **SESSION 5**

(1) Climate change: UN Framework Convention on Climate Change

- Kyoto Protocol (1997)
- Paris Agreement (2015)

(2) Other UN objectives: decolonization, refugees, national elections

- Trusteeship Council
- Convention Related to the Status of Refugees (1951)
- UN Electoral Assistance Division

## **SESSION 6**

(1) American foreign policy in the World Order:

- The Cold War: containment, military alliance

(2) Economic development, human rights

## **SESSION 7**

(1) Weaknesses of world order.

- World Order works only with good will & support of members.

(2) Solutions to crises often freeze the status quo rather than resolve crisis.

## **SESSION 8**

(1) Proposals to restructure UN organizations.

- Cancel Russia's permanent seat on the Security Council.
- Change the ownership & voting power of the IMF
- Expand the number of permanent seats on the Security Council

(2) Class discussion:

- Effectiveness of world order.
- Ideas to improve its effectiveness.

**Mondays from 1:30–3:30 p.m. starting February 27 through April 17 for 8 sessions**

Hybrid — Lecture/Discussion — Max 20