**DIRS121 International Relations Theory**

Midterm Assignment Spring 2025

Regarding the semester’s assignment, the topic will be:

**“The explanatory power of [theoretical approach] on [current conflicts]”**

* Examine the main characteristics of one theory of your choosing in International Relations. In your analysis you must attempt to apply the approach on a specific case study.
* State your argument
* Use relevant literature to substantiate your argument
* AI produced work can be detected!

**Instructions**

*World Limit:* 1500-2000 words

*Deadline:* 20 May 2025

*Submitting your assignment:* The assignment must be uploaded on Moodle

**Formatting**

*Font*: Times New Roman.

*Title*: 16 pt.

*Subtitles*: 14 pt.

*Main text*: 12 pt, 1.5 line spacing.

*Paragraphs*: space between paragraphs 6 pt.

The essay must include your name, course, essay topic

**No tolerance for Plagiarism**

**So please use References/Bibliography**

**Follow Chicago Author-Date citation style**

**Follow the instruction** [**here**](https://www.scribbr.com/chicago-style/author-date/)

**Indicative structure**

1. **Abstract (<250 words)**

Summary of what, how and why we study something and our key finding.

1. **Contents**
2. **List of tables/graphs** (if any)
3. **Introduction\***It posits the question and introduces the reader to the research question. A short essay (1500-2000 words) may incorporate also the literature review. It should also contain a brief reference to the methodology.
4. **Theoretical Background and Literature Review\***

Presentation of the theoretical framework to be used for the analysis. In a short paper that is not based on a clear theoretical background, elements of it may be absent and incorporated into the introduction

1. **Main part\***   
   It is divided into subchapters depending on the topic of the thesis and the research sub-questions.
2. **Conclusions\***Conclusions should summarize the findings of the paper NOT add new information or ideas. It is allowed at the end of the conclusions to highlight a reflection on the future or a direction for further research.
3. **Appendix (if any)**



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