Social Constructivism as a Theory of International Relations
(社會建構國際關係理論)
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This course will survey the major literature in the International Relations theories under the rubric of social constructivism, including various strands of scholarship as well as its applications to the subfields of International Security, International Law, and International Political Economy. The course will also focus on the ontological, epistemological or methodological dimensions of its developments and its applications to the respective issues. The class will be conducted in seminar format. All students are required to prepare the weekly readings for class discussion. An in-class mid-term closed-books exam will be held on the 9th week. Students are also required to submit one short paper (ten thousand words in length) to critically evaluate a book/article of your choices with instructor's prior approval due on the last day of the class. Reading materials are available at the University Copy Center for purchase.

Week 1 – 9/17   Introductions

Week 2 – 9/ 24 International Relations Theories: The State of the Field

>1- Tim Dunne, Mijia Kurki, and Steve Smith, eds., *International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity* (2nd edition) (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010), chapters 1 and 15.
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>2- K. J. Holsti, "Scholarship in an Era of Anxiety: the Study of International Politics during the Cold War," in Tim Dunne, Michael Cox and Ken Booth, eds., *The Eighty Years' Crisis: International Relations 1919-1999* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998), pp. 17-46.
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>3- Steve Smith, "The Discipline of International Relations: Still an American Social Science?" in Jorg Friedrichs ed., *European Approaches to International Relations Theory* (London & New York: Rutledge, 2004), pp. 1-23.

4- Daniel Maliniak, Amy Oakes, Susan Peterson and Michael Tierney, ***The View from the Ivory Tower: TRIP Survey of International Relations Faculty in the United States and Canada***, (Feb. 2007) . http://web.wm.edu/irtheoryandpractice/trip/surveyreport06-07.pdf?=&svr=www (Maliniak & Tierney, "The American School of IPE")

Question: Constructivism is unlikely to replace science or reconstruct theory because it cannot put forth a research program and build cumulative knowledge from it.

Week 3 – 10/ 1 <u>**English School as a Prelude to Social Constructivism**</u>

5- Roger Epp, "The English School on the Frontiers of International Society: A Hermeneutic Recollection," in Tim Dunne, Michael Cox and Ken Booth ed., ***The Eighty Years' Crisis: International Relations 1919-1999*** (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998), pp. 47-64.

6- Hedley Bull, ***The Anarchical Society: The Study of Order in World Politics***, 2nd Edition (Cambridge: Columbia University Press, 2002), chapter 2.

*7- Barry Buzan and Richard Little, ***International Systems in World History: Remaking the Study of International Relations*** (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000).

8- Barry Buzan, ***From International to World Society? English School Theory and the Social Structure of Globalization*** (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004), chapter 6.

9- Alex J. Bellamy, ed., ***International Society and Its Critics*** (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005), chapter 1.

*10- 張小明，***國際關係英國學派*** (北京:人民出版社,2010).

Andrew Blencowe, English School and Constructivism: a Model of cooperation rather than synthesis (2010) http://www.e-ir.info/2010/01/28/english-school-and-constructivism-a-model-of-cooperation-rather-than-synthesis/

☆ ***Christian Reus-Smit, "Imagining society: Constructivism and the English School,"*** British Journal of Politics and International Relations ***4, 3 (2002): 489-490.***

☆ ***Timothy Dunne, "The Social Construction of International Society,"*** European Journal of International Relations ***1,3 (1995): 374-379.***

☆ ***Emauel Adler, "Barry Buzau's use of Constructivism to Reconstruct the English School: Not All the Way Down,"***

Millenium – Journal of International Studies *34, 1 (2005): 171.*

☆ *Timothy Dunne, "The New Agenda," in* International Society and its Critics *ed. Alex J. Bellamy (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005).*

Question: The advent of constructivism prompted a renaissance in the scholarship of the English School and so what.

Week 4 – 10/8 Neo-liberal Institutionalism and Ideas as Variables

11- Judith Goldstein and Robert O. Keohane, "Ideas and Foreign Policy: An Analytical Framework," in J. Goldstein and R. O. Keohane, eds., ***Ideas and Foreign Policy: Beliefs, Institutions, and Political Change*** (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2005), pp. 3-30.

12- Peter Katzenstein, Robert Keohane and Stephen Krasner, "International Organization and the Study of World Politics," in P. Katzenstein, R. Keohane and S. Krasner, eds.**,** ***Exploration and Contestation in the Study of World Politics*** (Cambridge, MA.: The MIT Press, 1999), pp. 5-46.

13- John Gerard Ruggie, ***Constructing the World Polity*** (London & New York: Routledge, 1997), chapter 3.

14- Andreas Hasencleaver, Peter Mayer and Volker Rittberger, ***Theories of International Regimes*** (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997), chapter 5.

15- 袁易，"利益權力與知識：美國與中共軍方交流之弔詭"，裴兆琳主編，***中美關係專題研究 1998-2000*** (台北：中央研究院歐美研究所，2002 年)，頁 151-189。

Week 5 – 10/15   Epistemological and Ontological Issues: A Linguistic Turn

16- 黃光國，*社會科學的理路* (北京:中國人民大學出版社, 2010).

17- Jonathan Joseph and Colin Wight, eds., ***Scientific Realism and International Relations*** (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010), chapter 1.

18- Steven Smith, "Positivism and Beyond," in S. Smith, K. Booth and M. Zalewski, eds., ***International Theory: Positivism and Beyond*** (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996), pp. 1-10.

19- Vendulka Kubalkova, ed., ***Foreign Policy in a Constructed***

World (Armonk, New York: M. E. Sharpe, 2001), chapter 3.

20- 莫大華，〝探索國際關係理論的建橋計畫；理性主義與建構主義的理論綜合〞，*政治科學論叢*，31 (2007)，頁 175-215。

21- 莫大華，〝國際關係「建構主義」的原型、分類與爭論－以 Onuf、Kratochwil 和 Wendt 的觀點為分析〞，*問題與研究*，41:5(2002)，頁 111-148。

Week 6 – 10/22   The Constructivist Turn

22- Jeffrey T. Checkel**, "**The Constructivist Turn in International Relations Theory," *World Politics,* 50 (January 1998), pp. 324-348.

23- Ted Hopf, "The Promise of Constructivism in International Relations Theory," *International Security,* Vol. 23, No. 1, (Summer 1998), pp. 171-200.

24- Theo Farrell, "Constructivist Security Studies: Portrait of a Research Program," *International Studies Review,* Vol. 4, No. 1, (Spring 2002), pp. 49-72.

25- Yosef Lapid and Friedrich V. Kratochwil, eds., *The Return of Culture and Identity in IR Theory* (Boulder, Co.: Lynne Rienner Publishers, Inc., 1996), chapter 3.

Week 7 – 10/29   Social Constructivism (I): Methodology

26- Rawi Abdelal et al., "Identity as a Variable," *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 4, No. 4 (December 2006), pp. 695-711.

27- Audie Klotz and Cecelia Lynch, *Strategies for Research in Constructivist International Relations* (Armonk, New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2007), chapter 1.

28- Audie Klotz and Deepa Prakash, eds., *Qualitative Methods in International Relations: A Pluralist Guide* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008), Introduction, chapters 13-14.

29- Vaughn P. Shannon and Paul A. Kowert, ed., *Psychology and Constructivism in International Relations: An Ideational Alliance* (Ann Arbor, MI.: University of Michigan Press, 2012).

30- 袁易，〝重新思考外空安全：一個中國建構安全規範之解析，〞 *中國大陸研究*，52:3, (2009), 頁 1-42.

Week 8 – 11/5   Social Constructivism (II): Micro-foundations

35- Alastair Iain Johnston, "Treating Institutions as Social Environments," International **Studies Quarterly**, Vol. 45, No. 3 (December 2001), pp. 487-516.

36- Alastair Iain Johnston, **Social States: China and International Institutions, 1980-2000** (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2008), chapter 1.

37- I Yuan, "U.S.-China Nonproliferation Cooperation: Debacle or Successful? A Constructivist/Neorealist Debate," **Issues and Studies** Vol. 34, No.6 (June 1998), pp. 29-55.

38- 秦亞青，"關係本位與過程建構"，*國際關係理論：反思與重構*(北京：北京大學出版社，2012 年)，頁 230-257。

Week 9 – 11/ 12   Mid-term Exam

Week 10 – 11/5 <u>Social Constructivism (III): Systemic Constructivism</u>

31- Alexander Wendt, "On Constitution and Causation in International Relations," **Review of International Studies**, Vol. 24, No. 5 (December 1998), pp. 101-117.

32- Alexander Wendt, "The Agent-Structure Problem in International Relations Theory," **International Organization**, Vol. 41 (Summer 1987), pp. 335-370.

33- Alexander Wendt, "Identity and Structural Change in International Politics," in Yosef Lapid and Friedrich V. Kratochwil, eds.**, The Return of Culture and Identity in IR Theory** (Boulder, CO.: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1996), pp. 47-64.

34- Alexander Wendt, **Social Theory of International Politics** (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999).

Week 11– 11/26 <u>Social Constructivism (IV): Norms</u>

39- Friedrich V. Kratochwil, **Rules, Norms, and Decisions: On the Conditions of Practical and Legal Reasoning in International Relations and Domestic Affairs** (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1989), chapter 1.

40- Peter J. Katzenstein, ed., **The Culture of National Security: Norms and Identity in World Politics** (New York: Columbia University Press, 1996), chapter 4.

41- 袁易，"社會建構論：Onuf, Kratochwil 和 Wendt 的建構主義世界，"包宗和主編，*國際關係理論*(台北：五南出版公司，2011年)，第十五章。

Week 12 – 12/3 <u>Social Constructivism (V): Rules</u>

42- Nicholas Onuf, "Constructivism: A User's Manual," in Vendulka Kubalkova, Nicholas Onuf, Paul Kowert, ed., *International Relations in a Constructed World* (Armonk, New York: M.E. Sharpe, 1998), pp. 58-78.

43- Nicholas Onuf, *World of Our Making: Rules and Rule in the Social Theory and International Relations* (Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1989), chapter 1.

44- Nicholas Onuf, *International Legal Theory: Essays and Engagements, 1966-2006* (London and New York: Routledge, 2008).

45- John Gerard Ruggie, *Constructing the World Polity: Essays on International Institutionalization* (London and New York: Routledge, 1998), Introduction.

46- Nicholas Onuf, *Making Sense, Making Worlds: Constructivism in Social Theory and International Relations* (New York and London: Routledge, 2012).

Week 13 & 14 – 12/*10/17* International Law and International Relations: A <u>Constructivist Connection</u>

47- David Armstrong, Theo Farrell and Helene Lambert, *International Law and International Relations* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007).

48- Abram Chayes and Antonia Chayes, *The New Sovereignty: Compliance with International Regulatory Agreements*, 2nd Edition (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1998).

49- Anne-Marie Slaughter, *A New World Order* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2004).

50- Harold H. Koh, "Why Do Nations Obey International Law?" *Yale Law Journal*, Vol. 106, No. 8 (1997), pp. 2599-2660.

51- Chandra Lehka Sriram, "International Law, International Relations theory and Post-Atrocity Justice: towards a genuine dialogue," in *International Affairs*, Vol. 82, No. 3 (2006), pp. 467-478.

52- Anne-Marie Slaughter, Andrew S. Tulumello and Stepan Wood,

"International Law, International Relations Theory: a New Generation of Interdisciplinary Scholarship," in *The American Journal of International Law*, Vol. 92, No. 3 (1998), pp. 367-397.

53-Christian Reus-Smit, *The Politics of International Law*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004), Introduction.

54-Robyn Eckersley, *Soft Law, Hard Politics, and the Climate Change Treaty*, in Christian Reus-Smit ed., *The Politics of International Law* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004), chapter 4.

55-Wayne Sandholtz, *International Norms and Cycle of Change*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008), chapter 1.

Week 15 –12/ 24 Constructivist Approaches to Regional Cooperation

56- Amitav Acharya, *Constructing a Security Community in Southeast Asia* (New York and London; Routledge, 2001).

57- Kenneth Glarbo, "Wide-awake Diplomacy: Reconstructing the Common Foreign and Security Policy of the European Union," *Journal of European Public Policy,* Vol. 6, No. 4 (Special Issue 1999), pp. 634-51.

http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/135017699343513

58-Amitav Acharya, *Whose Ideas Matter? Agency and Structure in Asian Regionalism* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2009).

59- 袁易 " 對於 Alexander Wendt 有關國家身分與利益分析之批判：以國際防擴散建制為例"，社會建構學派專集，*美歐季刊* ，15:2,(2001), 153-310.

Week 16 – 12/31 Domestic Formation of Identity and Norms

60- Alastair Iain Johnston, "Cultural Realism and Strategy in Maoist China," in Peter J. Katzenstein, ed., *The Culture of National Security* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1996), pp. 216-268.

61- Yuan-kang Wang, *Harmony and War: Confucian Culture and Chinese Power* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2011).

62- 楊仕樂，"物質基礎、理念慣性：中國「王道」戰略文化的實證檢驗1838~1842 " *中國大陸研究*，54:4, (2011), pp. 1-28.

Week 17 –1/7 Constructivist Political Economy

63- Rawi Abdelal, Mark Blyth and Craig Parsons, *Constructivist Political*

Economy (2005), pp. 1-45.

http://ducis.jhfc.duke.edu/wp-content/uploads/archive/documents/ABP.pdf

64- Rawi Abdelal, Mark Blyth and Craig Parsons, eds., ***Constructing the International Economy*** (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2010).

65- Wesley W. Widmaier, Mark Blyth, and Leonard Seabrooke, "Exogenous Shocks or Endogenous Constructions? The Meaning of Wars and Crises," ***International Studies Quarterly*** (2007) 51, 747-759.

66- Mark Blyth, "Powering, Puzzling, or Persuading? The Mechanisms of Building Institutional Orders," ***International Studies Quarterly*** Vol. 51 (2007), pp. 761-777.

67-Leonard Seabrooke, "The Everyday Social Sources of Economic Crises: From "Great Frustrations" to "Great Revelations"" in ***Interwar Britain, International Studies Quarterly***, Vol. 51 (2007) pp. 795-810.

Week 18 – **1/14   Term Papers Due**

Evaluations:

Mid-term Exam   40%

Term Paper   40%

Participation & Discussion   20%