

1790 SECTION THINGS

Chapter 1: IR Theory

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Section Overview

- I am here to help you do your best in this class and assist you on your journey studying US foreign policy.
- You are here to solidify course material, grapple with hard questions, and connect with the class community.

Expectations

- *Section:* Attend & contribute to discussion (laptops discouraged)
- *Absences:* Make-up participation available for excused absences
 - Excused: personal health, family emergency, religious holiday, course requirement, Harvard athletic commitment, RD note
 - Unexcused: extracurricular conflicts, club activities, oversleeping
- *Communication:* Please communicate (respectfully)
 - Contact via Slack message (allow 24 hours for response)
 - Visit in office hours (Tuesday 3-5pm @ CGIS K Cafe)
- *Fundamental standard:* Be honest in your work.

Discussion Norms

- Acknowledge and embrace different life experiences
- Allow for generative conflict
- Share the space with others
- Raise name name tents to get in the “queue”

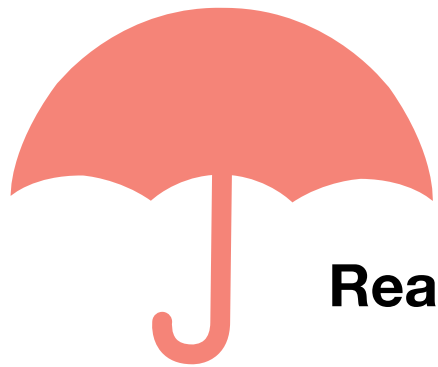


Intro to IR theory

Realism

Liberalism

Constructivism



Realism

Liberal Theories

Constructivism

1st image (individuals and human nature)

Idealism (morals/values)

Identity

2nd image* (clash of ideologies)

Kantian tripod
– democratic peace
– econ. interdependence
– international institutions

Culture

3rd image (structural)

- anarchy
- balance of power
- security dilemma
- prisoner's dilemma

Liberal institutionalism

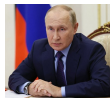
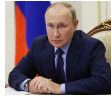
Norms

Why did 🇷🇺 invade 🇺🇦?



Sources: New York Times reporting; Ukrainian officials | Data as of 1:30 p.m., Feb. 24. • The New York Times

Some context...

- 1991-2008: Post-Cold War
 - Breakup of ,  economic woes and rise of 
 -  expansion,  unipolarity
 -  wars in  and 
- 2009-2020: Post-global financial crisis
 - Maidan revolution in , invasion of Crimea and hybrid conflict
 - Rise of populist leaders
- 2020-2022: Pandemic era
 -  troop build up near , +irredentist rhetoric and demands by 

Why did invade ?

1. How would the different theoretical approaches explain this war's onset?
2. What do these theories imply for  foreign policy toward  and ?

The exam on 9/21

