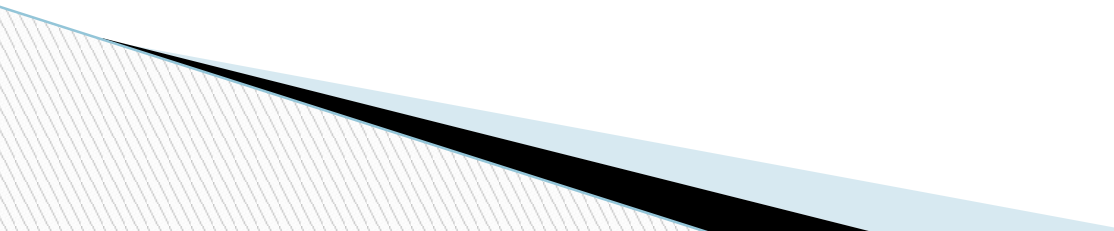


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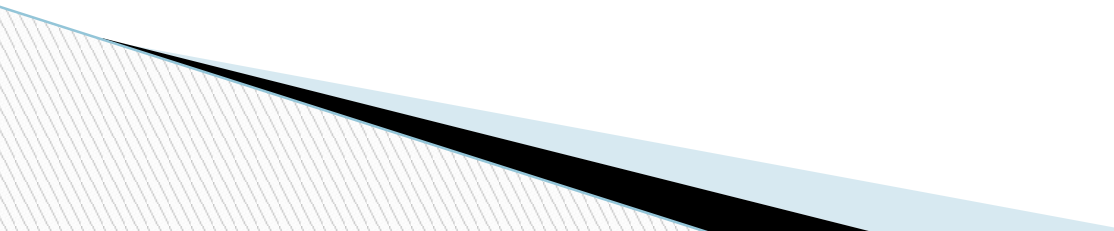
Introduction. An overview of International Relations



Plan

- ? What exactly is this class about?
 - ? Introduction to the subject area
 - ? What are International Relations?
 - ? History of International Relations
 - ? Study of IR
 - ? The Academic Pursuit of IR
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Introduction to the subject area

- ? What exactly is IR?
 - ? What distinguishes it from history or law, economics or political science?
 - ? When did IR emerge as an academic subject?
 - ? How has it changed over time?
 - ? What does IR contribute to the sum of human knowledge?
 - ? Why has it become one of the most popular twenty-first century social sciences?
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What are International Relations?

? **International relations (IR)** is the study of relationships among countries, the roles of sovereign states, inter-governmental organizations (IGO), international non-governmental organizations (INGO), non-governmental organizations (NGO), and multinational corporations (MNC).

Particular areas of study

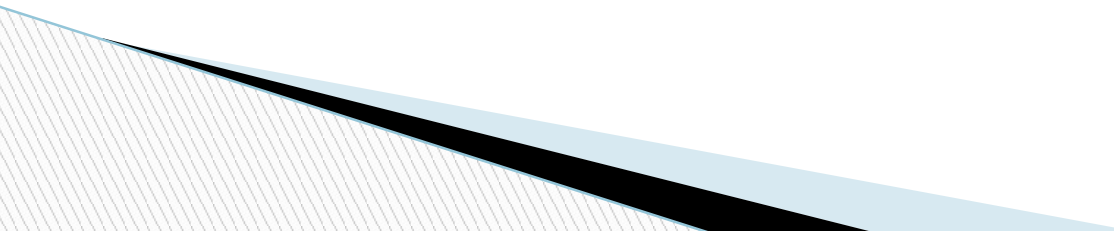
- ? diplomacy;
- ? diplomatic history;
- ? international law;
- ? international organizations;
- ? international finance;
- ? economics;
- ? communications;
- ? and others.



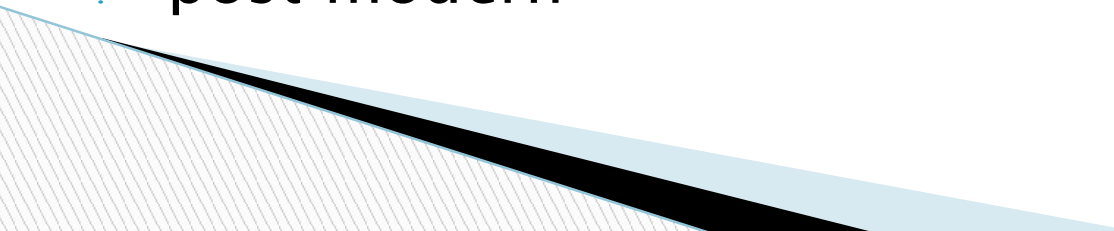
Broad concept

- ? States
- ? Non-state organizations:
 - Churches
 - humanitarian relief organizations
 - multinational corporations
- ? intergovernmental organizations (IGOs):
 - the UN
 - the EU

What IR really are?

- ? diplomatic–strategic relations of states
 - ? cross-border transactions
 - ? globalization
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History of International Relations

- ? ancient Sumerian city-states - 3,500 BC
 - ? the Peace of Westphalia of 1648
 - ? the Treaty of Utrecht of 1713
 - ? The French Revolution
 - ? America, Africa, and Asia - colonialism and the "standards of civilization"
 - ? the Cold War
 - ? "post-modern"
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Study of IR

- ? International lawyers
- ? a formal academic 'discipline' in 1919 – University of Wales (now [Aberystwyth University](#))
- ? IR at US universities and Geneva, Switzerland
- ? In the early 1920s, the LSE department of international relations was founded at the behest of [Nobel Peace Prize](#) winner [Philip Noel-Baker](#)
- ? The first university entirely dedicated to the study of IR - the [Graduate Institute of International Studies](#) (now the [Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies](#)), which was founded in 1927 to form diplomats associated to the [League of Nations](#)
- ? [Georgetown University's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service](#) is the oldest international relations faculty in the United States, founded in 1919
- ? The [Committee on International Relations](#) at the [University of Chicago](#) was the first to offer a graduate degree, in 1928

The Academic Pursuit of IR

? K.J. Holsti argued an ideal discipline

? Different Opinions:

1. The discipline of IR (like Medicine) - a general discipline
 2. Alfred Zimmern - various inter-disciplinary questions
 3. IR, as an academic pursuit, is at best a field of studies, not a discipline with a core body of knowledge concerning a common object of inquiry
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