
IR 210: Introductory Theory and Analysis in International Relations
University of Southern California, School of International Relations

Fall 2004

Discussion sections: Tues, 11-11:50am THH 105

Wed, 9-9:50am VKC 200

Office hours: Friday, 11am-1pm and by appointment*

Jeffrey Fields

VKC B42J

jeffrey.fields@usc.edu

Discussion Section Objectives

Discussion sessions provide an opportunity for continued discussion and application of the material raised in lectures. The discussion sections allow each of you the opportunity to interact with the ideas of the course in a smaller setting than the lecture hall. As such, you, the students, are expected to be the main participants in these sessions. Please come to these sessions well-prepared and ready to contribute. *If you believe your time could be better spent (talking on your cell phone, text messaging your friends, sleeping, doing work for other classes, or reading the Daily Trojan, etc.), please don't come to the session.* If you show up, are attentive, and actively participate in discussions, your grade will reflect it.

Grading and attendance reminders

- ? Remember, the two exams are worth only half of your grade. The five analytics exercises we do in these sessions are worth as much as one exam.
- ? **You may not submit an analytical assignment unless you attend the session and assignments will be due at the *beginning* of the class on their respective due dates.**
- ? The analytical assignments should be typed, double-spaced, with one inch margins all around, in a regular 12 point font (e.g. Times New Roman).
- ? Five points of the final grade is based on participation. It goes without saying that attendance is part of that. I will pass around a sign-in sheet at the beginning of each class. If you arrive after the sheet has been collected, you won't be allowed to sign it (in other words, please arrive on time).
- ? If you miss this session the day of an analytical exercise (or any other time), you may attend another section *with the permission of that TA*. But you must also remain in that section for the duration of that particular exercise.
- ? Please refer to the overall course syllabus for all other policies regarding conduct, grading, etc. Professor Lamy has the final say on all grade-related matters.

*Office hours

On the days of the IR department book discussions, office hours will end at noon. Please don't hesitate to email me to set up a more convenient time to meet if the regular time doesn't work for you. I am on campus most days and will work to find a time more convenient for you.

Schedule reminders

No TA sessions the following weeks: September 6, October 18

Final TA session: Week of November 15