

LECTURE / DISCUSSION / DEBATE  
LIBERALISM, PLURALISM, TRANSNATIONALISM

**Terms and concepts to know:**

Institutional transnationalism  
International Law  
Economic transnationalism  
Regime  
Multinational corporations

Natural Law  
Collective security  
Interdependence  
Complex interdependence  
Harmony of Interests

**Study and discussion questions:**

1. Discuss some of the key differences between the realist school and the transnationalist school of IR.
2. Which of the critiques of transnationalism do you find most and least compelling?
3. Explain the difference between "high" politics and "low" politics.
4. According to Grotius, what is the difference between "private war" and "public war"?
5. How does Wilson's view differ from the realist perspective?
6. In Hedley Bull's article, how does the author suggest that there has always been an international system governed by law? Is such a world viable under current international conditions? Explain.
7. Provide a detailed description of the benefits and costs of interdependence as defined by Nye.
8. Do you believe that Keohane's use of the phrase "informal violence" is a useful alternative to the term *terrorism*? Has the term *terrorism* become too politicized to be useful as an analytical term? If so, why?
9. What aspect of liberalism (institutional or economic transnationalism) does De Soto focus on in the documentary and can you find any internal inconsistencies or contradictions?

**Readings:**

Genest. *Conflict and Cooperation*, Chapter 3, pp. 123-190.

**Video:**

*The Power of the Poor.*