

Instructions for the August 26, 2020 Lecture

Good evening Everyone!

So for tonight we'll be doing an introduction to the discipline and answering any questions you might have about the course. You can organize these lectures to your taste (i.e. doing all the reading first, or some reading and watching of the lecture, videos, whatever's comfortable), but I do want you to complete everything associated with each lecture. Each week there will be 6 tasks to complete before the next class and lecture. For the first few weeks I'll be meeting with students on Zoom, but I'll be spacing you out time-wise so that we're not too bunched up. So here are the steps you'll follow to successfully complete these lectures:

Lecture 1. Introduction to International Relations

Task 1: Read these instructions! (easy, no problem).

Task 2: Read Chapter 1 in the text.

Task 3: Watch the lecture presentation on "Intro to IR." It stars me, as your intrepid instructor.

Task 4: Read the article for your journal response (5 Big Questions by Stephen Walt). You can find the question on the link titled "Lecture / Discussion Page" highlighted in yellow. After completing the response, you will have until the date posted on the assignments page to upload it to Canvas.

Task 5: Open the link for the video and watch *USA vs China: The New Cold War on the Horizon* (DW Analysis). Good stuff to start with.

Task 6: Click the link titled "Discussion Board Question and Peer Responses for Video Presentation" and answer the question that I have posted in approximately one paragraph or so. Wait for other students to put their responses and then pick two students to respond to. The deadline for these responses will be posted on the Canvas assignments page. Don't be late....

After this, same process for the next lecture. You'll get into the swing of it very quickly. The tough part will be the research paper question – it ain't an easy but it's important. We'll talk more about it in the coming weeks, so don't sweat it now.

All right folks, have a good week, see you next lecture...

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