

Instructions for the September 9, 2020 Lecture

Hey People!

Tonight we'll look at our first *system* level theory – realism. Realism is the oldest theory of IR and therefore commands a lot of respect within the IR scholar community. You'll have to let me know what you think. Again, feel free to organize these lectures as reading first, or some reading and watching of the lecture, videos, whatever's comfortable, but try to complete everything associated with the lecture. OK so for this week the breakout looks like this:

Lecture 3. Realism

Task 1: Read these instructions (simple!).

Task 2: Read Chapter 2 in the text.

Task 3: Watch the lecture presentation on “Realism.” Feel free to tell me what you think.

Task 4: Read the article for your journal response (The New Thirty Years War by Michael Klare). 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 *Blood and Oil*. It's a very good documentary based on the book by the same name and its an extended discussion with Michael Klare. Lots of good info on *power* in the IR system.

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....

OK folks, tough first couple weeks but it looks like you have some time to organize your thoughts around this beginning. So keep reading and watching and of course email me this weekend if you have any questions.

See you on the 16th for our next system level theory – liberalism!

Later,

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