

## The Changing World Order A (very) Short Course in International Relations

### Provisional lecture plan:

What do we mean by 'World Order' and 'International Relations'? How have they developed historically and how can they be explained? What was the post-Cold War situation and how has it changed global politics?

1. States and nations: the problems of 'national self-determination'.
2. Global governance: the role of international organisations.
3. Conflict and its resolution: Terrorism, 'failed states', global resources and migration.
4. Capitalist globalisation and democratisation; imperialism and interventionism.

### Some recommended reading:

The Oxford UP 'Very Short Introductions' have some good titles, e.g.:

Crosby, Steven, *Nationalism*.  
Howe, Stephen, *Empire*;  
Koser, Khalid, *International Migration*;  
Narlikar, Amrita, *The World Trade Organisation*;  
Steger, Manfred, *Globalisation*;  
Townshend, Charles, *Terrorism*;  
Wilkinson, Paul, *International Relations*;  
Young, Robert, *Postcolonialism*;

For a general treatment a good clear introduction is:

Brown, Chris, *Understanding International Relations*, Macmillan (P).

and for an excellent block-buster:

Baylis, John & Smith, Steve (Eds.), *The Globalization of World Politics*, OUP, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., 2006.

A good historical treatment is:

Watson, Adam, *The Evolution of International Society*, Routledge 1992.

Also good is Watson's other book:

Watson, Adam, *The Limits of Independence: Relations between States in the Modern World*,  
Routledge 1997.

Two views of failed states:

Chomsky, Noam, *Failed States*, NY: Metropolitan Books 2006.

Fukuyama, Francis, *State Building*, London: Profile Books, 2004.

Two discussions of globalisation:

Holton, Robert J., *Globalization and the Nation-State*, Macmillan, 1998.

Stiglitz, Joseph, *Globalization and its Discontents*, Penguin 2002.

For a justification of liberal interventionism see:

Cooper, Robert, *The Breaking of Nations: Order and Chaos in the XXI Century*, NY: Atlantic  
Monthly Press, 2003.

For a well-known provocative (i.e. wrong) discussion you might enjoy reading:

Huntington, Samuel, *The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order*,  
Touchstone Books, 1997.