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## **Syllabus for REGNU4575**

### **Ukraine and the United Nations Through the Eyes of a Ukrainian Ambassador: Diplomacy and Politics**

**Spring 2007**

**Course Number:** REGNU4575, **section** 001; **Call Number:** 18201

**Meeting Dates/Times:** Tuesday 11:00AM-12:50PM, starting January 16, 2007

**Location:** Room 1101, International Affairs Building

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**Credits:** 3.0 points, School of International and Public Affairs

**Prerequisites:** None

#### **Course Overview:**

The course provides a comprehensive and contemporary examination of the United Nations and its role in three core areas of international relations: international peace and security; building peace through sustainable development; human rights and humanitarian affairs.

The course delivered first-hand insights by a career diplomat, who has been linked with the United Nations for decades, into the politics of today's multilateral diplomacy as it is conducted within the United Nations and analyses the inputs of individual member-states, Ukraine in particular. The emphasis will be made on comparing the role played by the Ukraine at the UN since 1945 as a member of a "socialist camp" and as an

independent state beginning from 1992. The stress will be made on practical application of the knowledge gained, specifically by working on the agenda of the current session of the General Assembly and its main Committees, statements by individual member-states, the draft resolutions and decisions of the session (to be distributed in class by the instructor). Each student will prepare 10—15-page double-spaced written assignment on how to best reform the UN system.

During Weeks Ten and Twelve, instead of meeting at the scheduled time and place, the class will take a half-day trip to the UN Headquarters to meet with Ambassadors from the NIS, UN Secretariat officials, experts and NGO representatives; and then to the premises of Ukraine's Permanent Mission to the UN to meet with the Mission's staff. Presentations will be made by senior diplomats, followed by a question-and-answer session.

During Weeks Eleven and Thirteen, practical seminars will be held to look into the Follow-Up of the 2005 World Summit and its Final Document, and UN performance under the new Secretary-General. Students will make oral presentations.

The final session, Week Fourteen, will be the summing-up: Prospects and Expectations, Forecasts. Reform results and prospects for the future of the UN system will be discussed.

### **Grading:**

Grading of student work will be determined based on class attendance, active participation, written assignments, oral presentations during the seminars, plus midterm and final examinations.

**Midterm: 20%**

**Final: 25%**

**10-15-page Research Paper: 35%**

**Class Participation: 10%**

**Oral Presentations: 10%**

### **Week-by-Week List of Class Schedule/Topics:**

**January 16, 2007**

**Week One:**

From the San-Francisco Conference to the 2005 World Summit and beyond: Ukraine's involvement.

1. **Founding of the United Nations.**
2. **Ukrainian SSR Accession.**
3. **2005 World Summit.**
4. **Ukraine's Contribution through the Decades.**

### **Readings:**

Schlesinger, Stephen C. Act of Creation: The Founding of the United Nations. Westview Press, 2003, Chapter 4: "Yalta and Aftermath: Roosevelt's Last Acts", pp.53-72; Chapter 8: "The Bitter Trade-Off", pp.127-142.

Hilderbrand, Robert C. Dumbarton Oaks: The Origins of the United Nations and the Search for Postwar Security. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1999. Chapter 4: "Plans and Principles", pp.85-107.

Aspaturian, V. The Union Republics in Soviet Diplomacy. Geneva; Paris, 1960, pp.27-30.

Bilinsky, Y. The Second Soviet Republic: Ukraine after World War II. New Brunswick (New Jersey), 1964, pp.244-248.

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Kennedy, Paul. The Parliament of Man. Random House, New York, 2006, pp.3-50.

2005 World Summit Outcome Document, (A/RES/60/1), September 15, 2005, pp.1-3.

## **January 23, 2007**

**Week Two:** United Nations and Ukraine in the changing world.

### **5. The urgent need for reform.**

#### **6. The 2005 World Summit Outcome Document and its implementation.**

#### **7. Ukraine's contribution to the reform of the UN.**

### **Readings:**

UN Homepage: [www.un.org](http://www.un.org)

Fasulo, Linda. An Insiders Guide to the UN. Yale University Press/New Haven and London, 2004. Ppp.1-32

Smith, Courtney B. Politics and Process at the United Nations. Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2006 pp.1-18

President V. Yuschenko Statement at the 60th session of the UN General Assembly. DPI Press release.

Annan, Kofi. In Larger Freedom. Towards Development, Security and Human Rights for All. Report of the Secretary-General on the Work of the Organization. United Nations, New York, 2005, pp.1-7. (A/RES/61/1)

Address by Secretary-General Kofi Annan to the 2005 World Summit, SG/SM/10090/REV.I.

2005 World Summit Outcome Document (A/RES/60/1), September 15, 2005.

**January 30, 2007**

**Week Three:** Peacekeeping and Peace-building. Ukraine Participation.

**8. UN Peacekeeping: does it fulfill its goals?**

**9. Peacekeeping reform. Is there a bright future for the Peace-building Commission?**

**10. Ukraine is a major Troop Contributing Country.**

**Readings:**

Report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations (the Brahimi report), A/55/305, August 21, 2000 (sections I, II and IIIA-D).

Report of the High-Level Panel (HLP) on Threats, Challenges and Change, A More Secure World: Our Shared Responsibility. New York: United Nations, 2004, Section I, pp.10-19; Section III and IV, pp.23-39; Sections X, XI and XII, pp.67-74, and Section XV, pp.83-85.

Fasulo, Linda. An Insider Guide to the UN. Yale University Press, New Haven and London, pp.52-67.

Thakur, Ramesh. The United Nations, Peace and Security. Cambridge University Press, 2006. pp.1-24.

Goulding, Marrack. Peacemonger. The John Hopkins University Press, 2003. pp.3-26.

Weiss, Thomas G., Forsythe, David P., & Coate, Roger A. The United Nations and Changing World Politics. Fourth Edition. Westview Press, pp.29-87.

Keating, Tom & Knight, W.Andy, eds. Building Sustainable Peace. United Nations University Press, The University of Alberta Press, 2004. Introduction, pp. XXXI-LX.

Srirma, Chandra Lehha; Wermister, Karin, eds. From Promise to Practice. Strengthening UN Capacities for the Prevention of Violent Conflict. Lynne Rienner Publishing, 2003, pp.375-383.

Annan, Kofi. In Larger Freedom. Towards Development, Security and Human Rights for All. Report of the Secretary-General. United Nations, New York, 2005, pp.31-43.

2005 World Summit Outcome Document (A/RES/60/1), September 15, 2005, pp.21-28.

## **February 6, 2007**

**Week Four:** International Peace and Security: Disarmament and Nonproliferation (Ukraine's Contribution).

- What are the prospects for disarmament and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction?
- What is the role of the UN in this process?
- Why there was no mentioning of disarmament in the World Summit Outcome Document?
- Ukraine contribution to nuclear disarmament. Did it really make a change?

### **Readings:**

Stephen M.Hill, United Nations Disarmament Processes in Intra-State Conflict. New York, Palgrave Macmillan, 2004. pp.1-32.

The United Nations Disarmament Yearbook. Volume 29, 2004. United Nations Publications, New York, pp.1-64.

Krasno, Jean E. The United Nations: Confronting the Challenges of a Global Society. Lynne Rienner Pub., 2004.

Gleditch, Nils Peter. Making Peace Pay: A Bibliography on Disarmament & Conversion. Regina Books, 2000, Claremont, CA.

Kasto, Jalil. International Peace and Disarmament. Kingston, England: PDC, 1998.

Ukraine in Final Phase of Nuclear Disarmament, by Roman Woronovycz. The Ukrainian Weekly, Oct.4, 1998, no.40.

## **February 13, 2007**

**Week Five:** International Peace and Security: Ukraine's Experience as a Member of the Security Council.

- 11. UN Security Council, its place in global politics: before and after the cold war.**
- 12. Ukraine – non-permanent member of the Security Council (1948-1949, 1984-1985, 2000-2001).**
- 13. What is the role of the UN Security Council sanctions?**
- 14. Security Council enlargement – the main outstanding issue of the UN reform?**

**Readings:**

Ukraine in the United Nations Security Council, 2000-2001/ Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations. New York, 2002, pp.3-18.

Malone, David M. ed. The UN Security Council: from the Cold War to the 21-Century. Lynne Rienner Pub., 2004, Introduction by David M. Malone, pp.1-15.

Bailey, Sydney D. And Daws, Sam. The procedure of the UN Security Council, 3. ed., Oxford, 1998, pp.1-75.

Malone, David M. Eyes on the Prize: The Quest for Non-permanent Seats on the UN Security Council. Global Governance 6, no.1 (January-March 2000), pp.3-24.

Luck, Edward C. And Gatti, T.T. Who's Collective Security? Washington Quarterly 15, no.2 (Spring 1992), pp.43-56.

Morris, Justin. UN Security Council Reform: A Counsel for the Twenty-First Century. Security Dialogue 31, no.3 (September 2000), pp.265-278.

Cortright, David and Lopez, George. The Sanctions Decade: Assessing UN Strategies in the 1990s. Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2000, pp. 1-34, 203-53.

**February 20, 2007**

**Week Six:** Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs.

- 15. Human Rights and the United Nations (Basic Norms, Standards and Human Rights Bodies).**
- 16. Responsibility to Protect.**
- 17. The Need for Reform (Is the Human Rights Council an Answer?).**
- 18. Ukraine's Contribution.**

**Readings:**

Human Rights Today. UN Briefing Paper. DPI, UN, 1998, pp.1-42.

Robinson, Mary. A Voice for Human Rights. University of Pennsylvania Press, 2003, Chapter 1, pp.3-21.

Weiss, Thomas G., Forsythe, David P., Coate, Roger A. The United Nations and Changing World Politics. Fourth Edition. Part Two. Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs. Westview Press, 2004, pp.129-201.

Davidson, Lorna, Fomerand, Jacques. Human Rights & Humanitarian Assistance. In Global Agenda, ed. by Angela Draculich. UN Association of the US. 2005, pp.145-181.

Hannum, Hurst. Human Rights. In Christopher C. Joyner, ed. The United Nations and International Law (Cambridge University Press, 1997), pp.131-54.

In Larger Freedom. Op.cit., pp.47-53, 63-64.

2005 World Summit Outcome. Op.cit., Pp.28-32.

Evans, Gareth and Sahnoun, Mohamed. The Responsibility to Protect. Foreign Affairs, vol.81, no.6 (November/December 2002), pp.99-110.

## **February 27, 2007**

**Week Seven:** United Nations and Fight Against International Terrorism.

- 19. Was There a Consistency in the Fight Against Terrorism by the UN, before and after the End of the Cold War, since 9/11/01?**
- 20. The Counter-terrorism Instruments of the UN System and their Effectiveness.**
- 21. The UN Global Counter-terrorism Strategy.**
- 22. Ukraine's Contribution to Combat Terrorism.**

### **Readings:**

Terrorism and the UN before and after September 11. Edited by Jane Boilden and Thomas Weiss. Indiana University Press, 2004, pp.3-26.

International Instruments Related to the Prevention and Suppression of International Terrorism. UN Publications, New York, 2001.

The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. A/Res/60/288, 8 Sept.2006.

Mush, Donald J., International Terrorism Agreements: Documents and Commentary. Oceana Publications, Inc., Dobbs Ferry, NY, 2004.

Luck, Edward C. Tackling Terrorism. In Malone, The UN Security Council, op.cit., pp.85-100.

Press Release, Secretary-General Offers Global Strategy for Fighting Terrorism. SG/SM/9757, March 10, 2005.

**March 20, 2007**

**Week Eight:** Sustainable Human Development.

- 23. Changing Theories of the Development at the UN.**
- 24. Sustainable Development as Process: UN Organizations and Norms.**
- 25. The UN, Development and Globalization.**
- 26. Implementing the Millenium Development Goals.**

**Readings:**

Jolly R.; Emmores L.; Weiss, T.G. The Power of UN Ideas. Lessons from the First 60 Years. New York, 2005, pp.1-58.

Investing in Development, a Political Plan to Achieve the Millemium Development Goals. Overview. UN Millenium Project directed by Jeffrey D. Sachs. Earthscap, 2005, pp.VII-XV, pp.1-65.

Klingebiel. Effectiveness and Reform of the United Nations Development Programm (UNDP). Frank Cass Publishers, London, 1999, pp.1-20.

Weiss; George, Thomas. The United Nations and Changing World Policies. Part Three. Sustainable Human Development. Pp.245-320. 4.

Annan, Kofi. In Larger Freedom. Towards Development, Security and Human Rights for All, Report of the Secretary-General, pp.9-27.

2005 World Summit Outcome Document, September 15, 2005, A/60/1, pp.3-21.

Victor, David. Recovering Sustainable Development. Foreign Affairs, vol.85, no.1 (January/February 2006), pp.91-103.

**March 27, 2007**

**Week Nine:** The UN in XX1 Century: Reform Processes after the 2005 World Summit.

- 27. The United Nations at 60: Long Way to Reform. How the UN is Adjusting to Changing Realities?**
- 28. 2005 World Summit: Challenge of Implementation:**
- 29. Operation of the Peacebuilding Commission.**
- 30. Establishment of the Human Rights Council.**
- 31. Development Follow-Up, ECOSOC and Management Reform.**
- Other Outstanding Issues.**

- Ukraine's Participation in the Leaders' Network in Support of UN Reform.

**Readings:**

Annan, Kofi. In Larger Freedom. Towards Development, Security and Human Rights for All. Report of the Secretary-General. 2005 World Summit Outcome. A/RES/60/1.

2005 World Summit Outcome Document, September 15, 2005. A/60/1.  
Kennedy, Paul. Parliament of Man. Part 3: The Present and the Future, pp.243-279.

Reforming the United Nations: a Closer Look at the Annan Report. UNX.1 R333.

Follow up to the 2005 World Summit Final Documents (a package of the General Assembly resolutions and statements and letters by the President of the 60.GA session Jan Eliasson – to be distributed in class).

### **By Noon on Friday on Week Nine: Research papers due.**

**April 03, 2007**

**Week Ten:** No class on Tuesday; instead, half-day trip to the UN Headquarters.

**April 10, 2007**

**Week Eleven:** Practical Seminar on the Follow-Up of the 2005 World Summit and Its Final Document (literature to be distributed in class).

**April 17, 2007**

**Week Twelve:** No class on Tuesday; instead, half-day trip to the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations.

**April 24, 2007**

**Week Thirteen:** Practical Seminar – the UN under the new Leadership: the first 100 days of the new Secretary General (literature to be distributed in class).

**April 30, 2007**

**Week Fourteen:** The summing up: Prospects and Expectations, Forecasts.

**32. The pace of UN reform: does it meet the expectations of the member-states? What kind of reforms would be most productive for improving the Organization performance?**

**33. Prospects for the reform of the Security Council, Economic and Social Council.**

**34. What are the prospects for the United Nations? What path the UN will follow in the nearest future?**

### **Readings:**

Statements and press-briefings by the new Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

Annan, Kofi. In Larger Freedom. Towards Development, Security and Human Rights for All. Report of the Secretary-General.

Investing in the United Nations: for a Stronger Organization Worldwide. Report of the Secretary-General. A/60/692.

2005 World Summit Outcome Document, September 15, 2005, A/60/1.

Package of resolutions of the 60. and 61. sessions of the General Assembly, dealing with UN reform initiatives (to be distributed in class).