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Postcolonialism and international relations theory Postcolonial International relations scholarship posits a critical theory approach to International relations IR , and is a non-mainstream area of international relations scholarship. Post-colonialism focuses on the persistence of colonial forms of power and the continuing existence of racism in world politics. However, a variety of evolved psychological mechanisms, in particular those for dealing with inter group interactions, are argued to influence current international relations. These include evolved mechanisms for social exchange, cheating and detecting cheating, status conflicts, leadership, ingroup and outgroup distinction and biases, coalitions, and violence. Evolutionary concepts such as inclusive fitness may help explain seeming limitations of a concept such as egotism which is of fundamental importance to realist and rational choice international relations theories. Nayef Al-Rodhan from Oxford University has argued that neuroscience [47] can significantly advance the IR debate as it brings forward new insights about human nature, which is at the centre of political theory. New tools to scan the human brain, and studies in neurochemistry allow us to grasp what drives divisiveness, [48] conflict, and human nature in general. The theory of human nature in Classical Realism, developed long before the advent of neuroscience, stressed that egoism and competition were central to human behaviour, to politics and social relations. Evidence from neuroscience, however, provides a more nuanced understanding of human nature, which Prof. Al-Rodhan describes as emotional amoral egoistic. These three features can be summarized as follows: This neurophilosophy of human nature can also be applied to states [49] - similarly to the Realist analogy between the character and flaws of man and the state in international politics. Prof Al-Rodhan argues there are significant examples in history and contemporary politics that demonstrate states behave less rationally than IR dogma would have us believe: Queer and transgender perspectives[edit] Queer international relations scholarship aims to broaden the scope and method of traditional international relations theory to include sexed and gendered approaches that are often excluded in the discipline at large. While affiliated with feminist theory and gender studies , as well as post-structuralism , queer IR theory is not reducible to any other field of international relations scholarship. Queer international relations theory works to expose the many ways in which sexualities and gender affect international politics. Queer IR theory takes sites of traditional international relations scholarship war and peace, international political economy , and state and nation building as its subjects of study. It also expands its scope and methods beyond those traditionally utilized in Realist IR scholarship. Ontologically , queer IR utilizes a different scope from traditional IR, as it aims to non-monolithically address the needs of various queer groups, including trans -, inter-, cross-, and pan-gendered, sexed, and sexualized bodies. Epistemologically , queer IR explores alternative methodologies to those traditionally used in IR, as it emphasizes the sexual dimension of knowledge within international relations. While queer IR incorporates transgender individuals in its expanded scope, some argue its emphasis on sexuality fails to adequately capture transgender experiences. This leads Stryker to advocate that transgender studies follows its own trajectory. She suggests some possible improvements that trans-theorizing may offer for feminist IR theory, which include a more nuanced understanding of gender hierarchy through a pluralist approach to sex, a holistic view of gender that resists viewing gender entirely either as a social construction or as biologically essential , and an increased awareness of gender as involving power relations among different sexes and genders. As such, Sjoberg advocates for the inclusion of trans-theorizing in feminist IR theory in the interests of improving explanations and understandings of global politics.

By identifying three broad perspectives, Perspectives on World Politics aims to present a clear and coherent structure with which to approach this complex and difficult. The sheer complexity of the subject has, however, generated conflict and diversity among academics.

Focusing on three competing analytical perspectives, the first and second editions provided a clear and coherent organization of the divergent conceptual tools used to study world politics, as well as reflecting key debates and responses to changes in the world arena. This third edition builds on the success of its predecessors by presenting a substantially revised set of readings within essentially the same perspectives: Perspectives on World Politics includes forty-three contributions from leading international experts and is essential reading for students and academics with interests in politics and international relations. He has published widely in the area of international relations and foreign policy analysis. No part of this book may be reprinted or reproduced or utilised in any form or by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, without permission in writing from the publishers. Cambridge University Press for K. Holsti, Taming the Sovereigns: Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, Activists beyond Borders: Keohane and Joseph S. Keohane and Joseph S. Nye, Jr. Chin and James H. Journal of International Studies, Every effort has been made to contact copyright holders for their permission to reprint material in this book. The publishers would be grateful to hear from any copyright holder who is not here acknowledged and will undertake to rectify any errors or omissions in future editions of this book. Introduction Richard Little and Michael Smith The study of world politics World politics as an area of academic inquiry and practical activity holds at one and the same time immense promise and immense potential difficulty. Its promise—and a major reason for its attractiveness to students at all levels as well as to politicians and practitioners—lies in its focus on phenomena which are heavy with implications for the continued existence and flourishing of humankind. Questions of security and prosperity, order and justice, war and peace, and ultimately life and death, have always formed a major preoccupation of those engaged in the field. Although these questions have always been important, the attempt to establish the study of world politics as an academic discipline was largely a product of the twentieth century: The growing awareness throughout the last century that international events have important implications for political life at all levels was also accompanied by a persistent expansion and diversification of the subject. As we move into the twenty-first century, the analysis of world politics has become one of the most rapidly expanding fields of study in higher education, with an increasing number of people wanting to develop some understanding of what is happening in world politics. The difficulties and problems that have attended the study of world politics are in many ways the mirror image of its appeal. A focus on global problems at a time when the ramifications of political activity have extended almost daily, inevitably raises questions about complexity and change. Scholars in the field, no less than the practitioners who have to wrestle with the problems thrown up by world politics, have become resigned to the fact that the subject and its subject matter are in a constant state of flux. We will come back later in this introduction to the difficulties thrown up by the task of constantly trying to deal with the ubiquity of complex change in world politics, but it is clear at this stage that specialists have no alternative but to fire at a moving target. A further difficulty associated with the task of studying world politics is raised, first, by the recognition that a comprehensive description of the world political scene ought logically to include the whole of human knowledge and, second, by the fact that some of the most important aspects of the subject are precisely those that are likely to be least accessible. All these difficulties should sound a warning to those who enter the field. A warning, maybe, but not by any means a discouragement: Perspectives on world politics 2 There are several major dimensions to the challenge of investigating world politics, which can briefly be noted here. First, there is a challenge of organization and ordering, how are the phenomena of such a complex field to be moulded into some kind of coherent ordered description? At its simplest, this dilemma reduces to a choice of the unit to be studied in any inquiry: Such difficulties of choice and discrimination relate closely to the second challenge that can be noted here: How is it

possible to formulate viable and testable theories about an area of such complexity and diversity as world politics? Traditionally, the subject was studied by diplomatic historians who were unconcerned about questions of theory, with the result that their analysis was built on important but often unexamined assumptions that were effectively hidden from view. But since the middle of the twentieth century, especially in the United States, there have been serious and systematic attempts to transform the study of world politics into a social science. From the start, however, there has been a deep division about how this can be done and it profoundly affects how to fulfil a third challenge—the promotion of either explanation or understanding of world politics. On one side of the divide in the social sciences it is envisaged that there will be gradual accumulation of theory and evidence rather akin to the approach of the natural sciences. However, the social sciences as a whole have encountered difficulty in attempts to formulate explanatory laws of human behaviour, and world politics confronts them with a singularly intractable field. As a consequence, the challenge of explanation has proved extremely resistant to the assaults of scholarship and analysis: On the other side of the divide, however, it is argued that it is a mistake to use the natural sciences as a model because human behaviour is utterly different from the phenomena studied in the natural sciences. The challenge on this side of the divide is to develop an understanding of human behaviour. To do this it is necessary to penetrate the language, rules, and culture of any group that is being studied. When this is done, it can be seen, for example, that the ancient Greek understanding of war was very different from the understanding that prevails today. It follows that it is meaningless to try to develop general or universal laws of behaviour. Unsurprisingly, both camps have tended to argue that those on the other side of the divide are employing an approach that is methodologically incoherent. But there is a case to be made in favour of methodological pluralism that assumes these are not mutually exclusive approaches. Although these methodological debates are not the central focus of this reader, the general orientation is unquestionably one that favours a pluralistic approach to the study of world politics. These predominantly academic problems also spill over into a final area of difficulty: Because of the complexity and changing nature of the subject, it is all too easy to conclude that the challenges of the field are likely to render useless all but the most basic exercises of description, and that attempts at theory are likely to have no practical relevance in the day-to-day conduct of international affairs. Yet most in the field are firmly of the view that good theory must have some implications for policy making. Given the complexities and difficulties of investigating world politics, it is unsurprising to find that there are also substantial disagreements about how best to introduce students to the subject. We do not think that there is only one way to teach world politics, but we do think that there is considerable merit in demonstrating that the study of world politics can be approached from a number of very different perspectives and this is the approach adopted in this reader. It is assumed that there is no single way of coming to terms with the complex and changing nature of world politics. There is thus an inherent need for a pluralistic approach to the subject matter. The readings in this book are intended to address the questions that arise as soon as the validity of this position is accepted. So, for example, it makes a big difference whether we approach world politics at the level of the individual or the state. It makes a big difference, for instance, whether you think that hostility between great powers is an inevitable feature of world politics or a feature that can be managed and, potentially, eliminated. The approach here is based on the conviction that there exist in the study of world politics certain definable perspectives, which shape the forms of academic activity and practical politics where they are implicitly or explicitly adopted. Three such perspectives form the core of the material here: To illustrate the approach in more detail, the next section of this introduction assesses each in turn, in relation to some central concerns of world politics. We will then return and look in a little more detail at the status of these perspectives. Three perspectives on world politics The three perspectives on world politics that provide the framework for the selection of material in this reader stem from widely differing temporal and political contexts. In this first perspective, the stress is laid on the quasi-anarchical nature of the world political system and the consequent concern of states with national security. During the 1950s and 1960s, it became evident that a second perspective had emerged—not to supplant the first in its entirety, but to offer a radically different view based on the politics of interdependence and globalization. Here there is a much more pluralist approach to world politics, one that takes account of the vast numbers of deterritorialized or

globalized actors that have created interdependent networks across state boundaries. At the same time, and from fundamentally different historical and Perspectives on world politics 4 philosophical roots, there has emerged a third perspective based on the politics of dominance and resistance. In many ways, this radical perspective predated the others, since it drew on the work of Marx, Lenin and others in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries; but it experienced a resurgence with the process of decolonization in the s and s and with the associated problem of economic and social development in new states. How could the poor and weak of the world orient themselves towards and operate within a global system that seemed to place them at a perpetual disadvantage? From this discussion, it should be apparent that the problems raised by these perspectives have concrete historical roots, and that they concern not only academic theory but political action. A good way of exploring these problems further here, and of highlighting the distinctive concerns of each perspective, is by comparing their approaches to three questions of substance in world politics. First, what appear as the significant actors in world politics in each case? Second, what view of the global political process is implied by each perspective? Finally, what kinds of outcomes are emphasized by each approach, and what kind of world do they see as emerging from the actors and processes dealt with? This is not to deny that other groups can operate in world politics; rather, it is to assert that the state is dominant to such an extent that other groups gain influence only in so far as they can affect the politics of states. International organizations, economic groupings and other bodies are part of the context within which states operate, but they play an essentially subordinate or contingent role. Perhaps the central attribute that marks the state off from other bodies is its assumed monopoly of the legitimate use of force: Among these claims are those to control over a defined territory, to external sovereignty, and to recognition through exchange of diplomatic missions and admission to international organizations such as the United Nations. Securityâ€™based on territory or other assetsâ€™is seen as a limited resource that is central to the concerns of all states but which none can enjoy completely. Nor can all enjoy it in equal measure: Such a definition is important to a view of the significant processes in world politics, Introduction 5 since their importance is clearly derived from the involvement of states. At the level of the state itself, foreign policy can be seen clearly as the process by which national state interests are pursued within an insecure world. The assumption is made that states act: These objectivesâ€™and the exertion of power in pursuit of themâ€™constitute the product of a process of rational choice in which the interests and resources of the state in question and of other states are assessed, the implications of particular choices are weighed and action is taken. Foreign politics is a matter of high secrecy and involves only a very restricted elite working on behalf of the state. This follows logically from the assumption that foreign policy is overwhelmingly concerned with matters of national security both military and economic ; in an insecure world could it be otherwise? Such being the case, it is clear that success or failure in foreign policy is a matter of the appropriate application of power. In any given relationship the state that most effectively and appropriately wields its power will prevail, with almost mathematical certainty. A view of foreign policy as being concerned with national security and defence of national interests virtually dictates that the international political system that is to say, the interstate system will be characterized by competition and conflict. This is especially likely given the inevitable absence of any institutions accepted by and binding of all members of the system. That it does not apply universally is due to the existence of a core of practices which produce a minimum of international order: States cannot escape the demands of the system, although it is possible to deflect or balance them in advantageous ways. The politics of interdependence and globalization Although the state remains a significantâ€™if not the most significantâ€™actor in the second perspective, its role undergoes a transformation. There is a central paradox hereâ€™ between the growing concern of most states, especially those in industrialized countries with what goes on in other societies, and the limited abilities of many states to achieve their objectives in their ever-broadening area of concerns. Alongside the state emerges a whole range of new, non-state actors that have distinctive areas of concern and arenas of activity. How could it be, when the financial resources of the largest MNCs exceed those of all but a handful of states, and when a host of transnational nongovernmental actors have a voice in international fora? In this perspective, however, foreign policy is difficult to separate from wider political processes at home and abroad since its subject matter is of much more immediate impact. The foreign policy system itself thus

becomes penetrated, with action emerging not as the result of rational calculation by a unitary decision-making body, but rather as the outcome of complex political and organizational processes. We become aware that not only the public and special-interest groups are involved in foreign policy questions but also that the foreign policy machinery itself is an arena for political competition and dissent. The state becomes disaggregated, and so does the foreign policy process. Externally, the proliferation of channels for action and interaction accompanies the proliferation of issues and their increasing politicization to make foreign policy a matter of delicate management and coalition building rather than the comparatively simple safeguarding of national positions.

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The Roots of the Realist Tradition 1. Most importantly, he asks whether relations among states to which power is crucial can also be guided by the norms of justice. His History of the Peloponnesian War is in fact neither a work of political philosophy nor a sustained theory of international relations. Much of this work, which presents a partial account of the armed conflict between Athens and Sparta that took place from 431 to 404 B.C. Nevertheless, if the History is described as the only acknowledged classical text in international relations, and if it inspires theorists from Hobbes to contemporary international relations scholars, this is because it is more than a chronicle of events, and a theoretical position can be extrapolated from it. Realism is expressed in the very first speech of the Athenians recorded in the History—a speech given at the debate that took place in Sparta just before the war. Together these factors contribute to a conflict-based paradigm of international relations, in which the key actors are states, in which power and security become the main issues, and in which there is little place for morality. The set of premises concerning state actors, egoism, anarchy, power, security, and morality that define the realist tradition are all present in Thucydides. Realists view human beings as inherently egoistic and self-interested to the extent that self-interest overcomes moral principles. The lack of a common rule-making and enforcing authority means, they argue, that the international arena is essentially a self-help system. Each state is responsible for its own survival and is free to define its own interests and to pursue power. Anarchy thus leads to a situation in which power has the overriding role in shaping interstate relations. To attain security, states try to increase their power and engage in power-balancing for the purpose of deterring potential aggressors. Wars are fought to prevent competing nations from becoming militarily stronger. Thucydides, while distinguishing between the immediate and underlying causes of the Peloponnesian War, does not see its real cause in any of the particular events that immediately preceded its outbreak. He instead locates the cause of the war in the changing distribution of power between the two blocs of Greek city-states: According to him, the growth of Athenian power made the Spartans afraid for their security, and thus propelled them into war 1. This dialogue relates to the events of 427 B.C. The Athenian envoys presented the Melians with a choice, destruction or surrender, and from the outset asked them not to appeal to justice, but to think only about their survival. Since such an authority above states does not exist, the Athenians argue that in this lawless condition of international anarchy, the only right is the right of the stronger to dominate the weaker. They explicitly equate right with might, and exclude considerations of justice from foreign affairs. Political realism is usually contrasted by IR scholars with idealism or liberalism, a theoretical perspective that emphasizes international norms, interdependence among states, and international cooperation. Can international politics be based on a moral order derived from the principles of justice, or will it forever remain the arena of conflicting national interests and power? For the Melians, who employ idealistic arguments, the choice is between war and subjection 5. They are courageous and love their country. They do not wish to lose their freedom, and in spite of the fact that they are militarily weaker than the Athenians, they are prepared to defend themselves 5. They base their arguments on an appeal to justice, which they associate with fairness, and regard the Athenians as unjust 5. They are pious, believing that gods will support their just cause and compensate for their weakness, and trust in alliances, thinking that their allies, the Spartans, who are also related to them, will help them 5. Hence, one can identify in the speech of the Melians elements of the idealistic or liberal world view: What the Melians nevertheless lack are resources and foresight. In their decision to defend themselves, they are guided more by their hopes than by the evidence at hand or by prudent calculations. The Athenian argument is based on key realist concepts such as security and power, and is informed not by what the world should be, but by what it is. The Athenians disregard any moral talk and urge the Melians to look at the facts—that is, to recognize their military inferiority, to consider the potential consequences of their decision, and to think about their own survival 5. There appears to be a powerful realist logic behind the Athenian arguments. Their position, based on security concerns and self-interest, seemingly

involves reliance on rationality, intelligence, and foresight. However, upon close examination, their logic proves to be seriously flawed. Melos, a relatively weak state, does not pose any real security threat to them. The eventual destruction of Melos does not change the course of the Peloponnesian War, which Athens will lose a few years later. In the History, Thucydides shows that power, if it is unrestrained by moderation and a sense of justice, brings about the uncontrolled desire for more power. There are no logical limits to the size of an empire. Drunk with the prospect of glory and gain, after conquering Melos, the Athenians engage in a war against Sicily. They pay no attention to the Melian argument that considerations of justice are useful to all in the longer run. And, as the Athenians overestimate their strength and in the end lose the war, their self-interested logic proves to be very shortsighted indeed. It is utopian to ignore the reality of power in international relations, but it is equally blind to rely on power alone. Thucydides appears to support neither the naive idealism of the Melians nor the cynicism of their Athenian opponents. Plato, Aristotle, and Cicero were all political idealists who believed that there were some universal moral values on which political life could be based. Building on the work of his predecessors, Cicero developed the idea of a natural moral law that was applicable to both domestic and international politics. His ideas concerning righteousness in war were carried further in the writings of the Christian thinkers. St. Machiavelli "challenged this well-established moral tradition, thus positioning himself as a political innovator. The novelty of his approach lies in his critique of classical Western political thought as unrealistic, and in his separation of politics from ethics. He thereby lays the foundations for modern politics. It represents the sum of the practical conditions that he believes are required to make both the individual and the country prosperous and strong. Machiavellianism is a radical type of political realism that is applied to both domestic and international affairs. It is a doctrine which denies the relevance of morality in politics, and claims that all means moral and immoral are justified to achieve certain political ends. He operated within the single framework of traditional morality. It became a specific task of his nineteenth-century followers to develop the doctrine of a double ethics: Thus he overturned the traditional morality. Referring to Machiavelli, Heinrich von Treitschke declared that the state was power, precisely in order to assert itself as against other equally independent powers, and that the supreme moral duty of the state was to foster this power. He considered international agreements to be binding only insofar as it was expedient for the state. The idea of an autonomous ethics of state behavior and the concept of realpolitik were thus introduced. These concepts, along with the belief in the superiority of Germanic culture, served as weapons with which German statesmen, from the eighteenth century to the end of the Second World War, justified their policies of conquest and extermination. Machiavelli is often praised for his prudential advice to leaders which has caused him to be regarded as a founding master of modern political strategy and for his defense of the republican form of government. There are certainly many aspects of his thought that merit such praise. Nevertheless, it is also possible to see him as the thinker who bears foremost responsibility for the demoralization of Europe. However, before Machiavelli, this amoral or immoral mode of thinking had never prevailed in the mainstream of Western political thought. It was the force and timeliness of his justification of resorting to evil as a legitimate means of achieving political ends that persuaded so many of the thinkers and political practitioners who followed him. The effects of Machiavellian ideas, such as the notion that the employment of all possible means was permissible in war, would be seen on the battlefields of modern Europe, as mass citizen armies fought against each other to the bitter end without regard for the rules of justice. The tension between expediency and morality lost its validity in the sphere of politics. The concept of a double ethics, private and public, that created a further damage to traditional, customary ethics was invented. Perhaps the greatest problem with realism in international relations is that it has a tendency to slip into its extreme version, which accepts any policy that can benefit the state at the expense of other states, no matter how morally problematic the policy is. According to classical political philosophy, on which the idealist perspective is based, human beings can control their desires through reason and can work for the benefit of others, even at the expense of their own benefit. They are thus both rational and moral agents, capable of distinguishing between right and wrong, and of making moral choices. They are also naturally social. With great skill Hobbes attacks these views. They therefore inevitably struggle for power. In setting out such ideas, Hobbes contributes to some of the basic conceptions fundamental to the realist tradition in international

relations, and especially to neorealism. These include the characterization of human nature as egoistic, the concept of international anarchy, and the view that politics, rooted in the struggle for power, can be rationalized and studied scientifically. He derives his notion of the state of war from his views of both human nature and the condition in which individuals exist. Anyone may at any time use force, and all must constantly be ready to counter such force with force. Being suspicious of one another and driven by fear, they are also likely to engage in preemptive actions and invade one another to ensure their own safety. Finally, individuals are also driven by pride and a desire for glory. Hobbes is primarily concerned with the relationship between individuals and the state, and his comments about relations among states are scarce. Nevertheless, what he says about the lives of individuals in the state of nature can also be interpreted as a description of how states exist in relation to one another. Accordingly, the quest and struggle for power lies at the core of the Hobbesian vision of relations among states. The same would later be true of the model of international relations developed by Hans Morgenthau, who was deeply influenced by Hobbes and adopted the same view of human nature. By subjecting themselves to a sovereign, individuals escape the war of all against all which Hobbes associates with the state of nature; however, this war continues to dominate relations among states. This does not mean that states are always fighting, but rather that they have a disposition to fight XIII 8. With each state deciding for itself whether or not to use force, war may break out at any time. The achievement of domestic security through the creation of a state is then paralleled by a condition of inter-state insecurity. One can argue that if Hobbes were fully consistent, he would agree with the notion that, to escape this condition, states should also enter into a contract and submit themselves to a world sovereign. He does not propose that a social contract among nations be implemented to bring international anarchy to an end. This is because the condition of insecurity in which states are placed does not necessarily lead to insecurity for their citizens. As long as an armed conflict or other type of hostility between states does not actually break out, individuals within a state can feel relatively secure. His theory of international relations, which assumes that independent states, like independent individuals, are enemies by nature, asocial and selfish, and that there is no moral limitation on their behavior, is a great challenge to the idealist political vision based on human sociability and to the concept of the international jurisprudence that is built on this vision. However, what separates Hobbes from Machiavelli and associates him more with classical realism is his insistence on the defensive character of foreign policy. His political theory does not put forward the invitation to do whatever may be advantageous for the state. His approach to international relations is prudential and pacific: By suggesting that certain dictates of reason apply even in the state of nature, he affirms that more peaceful and cooperative international relations are possible. Neither does he deny the existence of international law.

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