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# Study the Role of International Relations and Political Science Theory

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**Abstract:** The relationship between nations is largely seen as a peripheral issue in the recent history of political philosophy and in the majority of discussions of political philosophy issues today. The idea of a universal natural state where countries are seen as essentially self-sufficient, functional units, and have been proposed to represent the relative lack of moral standards guiding relationships between nations. At one extreme of the tradition, international thought has substituted *raison d'état* being the highest norm for any universal laws governing relations between states, a view embodied by Machiavelli, Rodin, and others and Hobbes. The lack of supranational political powers has led to the conclusion that, even in cases where the possibility of international moral relationships has been acknowledged, such as in post-Grotian publications on international law, these ties are significantly weaker than intranational social bonds. The justification and aversion to war—the primary mode of social interaction in the natural condition of the world—is the only issue in the field of global relations to have received substantial theoretical study. Even though this disregard was justified in the past, a number of recent events force us to reconsider the "recalcitrance of international affairs to being theorized about."<sup>2</sup> The growing gap between both prosperous and impoverished nations; the emergence of centers of economic influence beyond the reach of effective state regulation; the emergence of severe food and energy shortages brought on, at least in part, by national governments' pursuit of disorganized and uncontrolled growth policies; the growing sensitivity of domestic countries to the outside economic, political, and cultural events are some of these developments. Requests from third-world nations for greater equal access to international politics and economy. To put it in terms more familiar to conversations about this topic, the rise of "low politics" in negotiation and "welfare questions" within global forums corresponds with the growing influence of transnational connections and international agreements on human well-being. Not because "high politics"—that is, the threat and prevention of war—has lost significance; rather, it is just one issue among many for which international cooperation is now required in order to find answers.

**Keywords:** international relations; political science; theory; global

## 1. Introduction

Political theory is significantly impacted by the developments in international relations in three ways. First, in light of recent and not-so-new developments in global politics, the conventional theoretical framework of international relations then its guiding principles must be critically analyzed and updated. Secondly, in order to comprehend the moral relationships between states, other nationalities, and other participants in the international arena, a more adequate normative framework needs to be created. International relations students should pay more attention to the issues and questions raised by this and it is vital to understand how political theory and global practice interact. Political philosophy is the result of recognizing that there is a choice in political matters, which is predicated on challenging the status quo and making efforts to alter it. The consensus among practitioners that the norms and established expectations of the current global order are valid has also been eroded by the events that have challenged the conventional theoretical understanding of international relationships, to rationally grasp our ethical identities and evaluate

the forms of political behavior we engage in, we need a more realistic understanding of the international domain than that which underpins the contemporary custom of political philosophy. A clear international theory program is lacking, there is a lack of solid intuition regarding moral issues in international issues, and more satisfactory empirical data is required. These are just a few of the challenges that an aspiring international theorist may face Dremljuga, R. (2020) [1].

In order to shed light on the issues at hand and offer potential answers, the author will examine normative notions in international relations. They examine the history of international philosophy and show how it relates to their primary issues. The author highlights the connection between moral issues in international theory and the factual science of international relations, evaluating pertinent factors and highlighting open-ended questions to show how future research could affect their resolution. Though brief, the tradition offers insightful reasoning and provocative statements.

## 2. The Foundations of International Relations

Like other institutions, the state needs to meet certain moral standards in order to be accepted and serve as the focal point of our efforts to bring about political change. The quest for these norms and the logic that justifies them are the main topics of political theory's normative component. Still, a significant body of work, sometimes called "political realism," rejects the viability of prescriptive international political theory, there are several reasons for skepticism regarding international morality. These include cultural relativism, concerns about how "moralism" may affect foreign policy, the belief that leaders have a primary duty to uphold national interests, and the notion that moral principles cannot apply universally in a world order of independent states.

The author contends that none of these arguments—either because they are insufficient or involve basic misunderstandings or false assumptions—support international moral skepticism. A more nuanced defense of international pessimism is that international morality is impossible due to certain structural elements of anarchical world order. The theoretical argument that ethical standards must be justified by demonstrating how adhering to them advances the long-term interests of each representative to whom they apply, combined with the direct claim that the global state of their nature is a state of war, constitute the two premises of the Hobbesian argument against international skepticism. One major reason for doubting the viability of international political theory is that it will disappear if the author's critique of the Hobbesian understanding of international relations is valid. A convincing argument for the viability of international political philosophy does not reveal much about the ideas that underpin it Sebar, H., & Ismail, S. M. (2021) [2].

Hobbes's theory of the state of nature has two applications in the defense of global skepticism. First, it offers an intellectual framework that explains how the structural features of international relations give rise to war, with the consequence that in the absence of a superior power with the ability to impose norms, there will always be conflict between international actors. Secondly, it offers a moral justification model that clarifies the rationale behind normative norms pertaining to international relations. The concept of an international state of environment has two different applications: one leads to recommendations, while the other generates forecasts on state conduct. It is crucial to distinguish between the two uses in order to assess and critique the Hobbesian explanation of international relations Soloviova, Y. I. (2021) [3].

International relations must be comparable to the natural state in the ways that are pertinent to the hypothesis that a natural state inevitably results in a state of war for international pessimism to be a persuasive argument. At least four conditions must be met for this analogy to be valid Tarigan, B. Y. A., & Syahrin, M. A. (2021) [4].

1. States are the entities involved in international affairs.
2. The power of states is comparatively equal.
3. States do not rely on one another.
4. In lack of a superior power that can enforce these norms, there are no trustworthy expectations of reciprocated compliance among actors with cooperative rules.

If these prerequisites are not satisfied, the comparison between the state of nature and international relations is invalid. States are recognized as the only participants in international

relations, and people are inherently in the interpersonal state, hence modern international relations do not fit these criteria. Because Hobbes's radical individualism denies any possibility of other actors who could mediate interpersonal disputes, coordinate actions, shield individuals from rivals, share risks, or promote less competitive attitudes, it makes his projection of a state of war tenable. Coalitions, collaborations, and secondary affiliations that reduce international conflict are not possible under the theory that nations are the sole participants in international relations. Some alliances, however, have had the opposite effect; examples include the United Nations and regional political as well as financial groups that are important in the peaceful settlement of international disputes. The idea that transnational groups of people would have shared interests that would drive them to put pressure on their individual national governments for collaboration is likewise denied by the theory that national governments are the sole actors in interactions between nations.

### *2.1. The Foundation of Global Ethics:*

One idea that clarifies the rationale behind governing rules in international or political life is the condition of nature. It implies that the most logical option accessible to people in a natural state would be a principle or collection of principles. According to Hobbes, every man has a natural right to peace, which qualifies as the first principle of nature. This idea stems from rational self-interest since it would not be in anyone's best interests to obey the laws of nature in lack of effective consent from others. The prescriptive application of the state natural laws gives rise to the conclusion that obeying the rules of nature is not beneficial to any individual unless it is guaranteed to benefit everyone else. Whether the Hobbesian account offers an accurate explanation of the rationale of international moral standards is the issue when evaluating the prescriptive application of the global version of the state of nature. The similarity between individuals in the personal state of nature and states in relationship with one another is the foundation of the argument that nations should pursue individual goals in the lack of trustworthy expectations of reciprocal acceptance of common laws.

## **3. States, Their Independence and International Relations**

In disputes about nonintervention, independence, and foreign investment, the idea of state autonomy—a cornerstone of international relations—is frequently invoked. This theory, however, falls short of providing a moral defense for the values of self-determination, nonintervention, and moral opposition to colonialism and economic reliance. These laws are morally wrong not because they violate an individual's autonomy but rather because they are unfair. The author contends that domestic equitable treatment is necessary to make up for the shortcomings in the concept of governmental autonomy, which he claims provides an inadequate ground for these values Kopylova, E. A. (2020) [5].

The concept of state autonomy is also covered, along with the moral justification for rejecting intervention and in favor of self-determination. The author examines these ideas as cornerstones in global political theory, exploring the moral grounds for their justifications and the ways in which these grounds shape the content of the principles. Since a theory of international juridical interpretation is needed to explain how ethical principles factor into the establishment of international law, the relationship between normative political theory and the international law of self-government and since this is a different matter Zaliska, L., & Hanas, L. (2021) [6].

State sovereignty and personal freedom: One of the main tenets of contemporary international law is the nonintervention principle, which forbids state intervention. Its foundation is the notion that states ought to be regarded as independent entities and that neither political nor moral judgment from outside can be hindered by a state's borders. Since it is consistent with state political philosophy, this idea is frequently regarded as the most appealing feature of state autonomy.

A broad definition of intervention is any action or policy executed by an outside party with the intention of influencing the affairs of a sovereign state. On the other hand, there is much disagreement over how to understand the idea more clearly. While some definitions define intervention as a state's "coercive interference" in a different nation's political affairs, others argue that influence is a more appropriate description. The most limiting view would be that the intervention is a military program



implemented by a government with the intention of utilizing force to alter the political power structure of another state against that state's will. This definition might be expanded, though, by adding other requirements to any or all of them, such as coercion that doesn't involve the threat of using force. A matter of substantive political morality is concealed by the debate over the concept of intervention: what types of meddling in the internal affairs of a country are unacceptable and why? This approach's most glaring shortcoming is its underlying assumption that any action is illegal and requires explanation. The notion that the three primary components of the concept of action—its form, its facilitator, with its goal—capture all factors that can be involved in disputes on the legitimacy of intervention has a deeper problem Skuratov, Y. I. (2021) [7].

International relations and the right to self-determination: In political science and international affairs, the concept of self-determination upholds the inherent right of humans to choose their own place in politics and to follow their own paths of social, economic, and cultural advancement. It is fundamental to the development of the contemporary state structure and international order and is based on the concepts of national autonomy and democracy Petrenko, N., & Holenko, N. (2021) [8].

The idea first became well-known during the Enlightenment, because to the ideas of philosophers like John Locke and Rousseau, especially Jean-Jacques, who highlighted the value of popular consent and government. But it was Woodrow Wilson's 1918 Fourteen Points, which defended the rights of states and colonies to self-governance, that elevated self-determination to the fore in international affairs. Midway through the 20th century, decolonization processes were greatly impacted by the right to self-determination. This idea was used by previous colonies in the Asian continent, Africa, & the Americas to declare their secession from European powers, which resulted in the formation of multiple independent governments. The right to independence is acknowledged and upheld by the organization's Charter and its ensuing resolutions, which frame it as an essential human right.

In reality, self-determination can take many different shapes, ranging from total independence to self-governance inside a larger state. For instance, some regions sought self-determination after the breakup of Yugoslavia in the 1990s, leading to the formation of numerous new nations. Similar to this, areas such as Scotland in the country of England and Catalonia in Spain have sought different levels of self-determination through political talks and referendums, hoping to achieve full independence or increased autonomy. The territorial integrity of established states is frequently in contradiction with the principle of self-determination. In places like Crimea, where varying views of sovereignty and self-determination have given rise to international disagreements and wars, this tension is clearly visible. In international politics, striking a balance between the right of a people to independence and a state to maintain its territorial limits continues to be a difficult and divisive topic.

Furthermore, power dynamics and geopolitical interests frequently influence how self-determination is used. International actions and interventions may be complicated by major powers' backing or opposition to self-determination movements, which may be motivated by geopolitical interests rather than moral convictions.

In spite of these obstacles, the right to self-determination remains a major factor in world affairs. It gives oppressed and marginalized people the power to demand governance and respect that is consistent with their goals and identities. The idea of self-determination will continue to be fundamental to discussions about sovereignty, legitimacy, and peoples' rights to choose their own destiny as the global community develops. In conclusion, political science and international relations regard self-determination as a basic yet intricate idea. It emphasizes the value of political agency or communities' autonomy over their own affairs, but it also draws attention to the difficulties in striking a balance between these rights and the political institutions and interests that now exist Vinogradov, V. A., & Soldatova, L. V. (2019) [9].

The idea of borders, as well as awarding citizenship and qualifications:

**Eligibility:** In the context of international relations, eligibility refers to the requirements that nations, groups, or individuals must fulfill in order to take part in international affairs. governments' eligibility frequently depends on their compliance with international laws and standards as well as other governments' acknowledgment of them. Individuals' rights and obligations both inside a state

and in the global community are determined by their citizenship, place of residence, or certain statuses like refugee or refugee seeker Venkatesan, R. (2021) [10].

**borders:** The demarcations, both mental and physical, that define a state's boundaries are called borders. They have a critical role in establishing control, sovereignty, and jurisdiction. Natural boundaries, such as those found in rivers and mountains, can also be artificially drawn by treaties and war. They represent a state's authority and jurisdiction and are more than just lines on a map. Border permeability has an impact on diplomacy, commerce, immigration, and security. While open borders can promote collaboration and integration, border disputes can give rise to tensions in international relations.

**A person's nationality:** refers to their legal relationship with a state, which includes obligations and rights. It is a crucial component of an individual's identity and influences their suitability for particular rights and safeguards. Despite the frequent confusion between the phrases, nationality and citizenship are distinct concepts. Nationality is broader, embracing historic, cultural, and emotional links to a nation, whereas citizenship comprises specific legal entitlements and responsibilities inside a state Cuenca-Amigo, M., & Cuenca, J. (2021) [11].

These ideas are examined in political science in order to comprehend identity politics, state conduct, and international law. Global governance is shaped by the eligibility requirements that determine who is allowed to join international organizations such as the League of Nations or the European Union. State security and financial regulation are influenced by borders, and border control is a hotly debated topic globally. Immigrants, minority rights, and international diplomatic policies are influenced by nationality both domestically and internationally.

The way eligibility, borders, and ethnicity interact affects everything from international conflicts to individual rights, it forms the world. Gaining an understanding of these ideas is crucial for examining how national sovereignty and global leadership are evolving, as well as the dynamics of global relations, they provide insight into how states function in a complex and linked environment, how they define and safeguard one's identity of their citizens, and how they deal with non-state actors and each other Kajcsa, A. (2021) [12].

Economic relations in international relations: International affairs and political theory are greatly impacted by economic reliance, which is the condition in which one nation is heavily dependent on another for resources, labor, or capital. Trade policies, geopolitical alignments, and diplomatic efforts can all be influenced by this interconnectedness. Significantly connected nations frequently seek cooperative relations above ideological ones in order to secure stability and mutual gains, Economic reliance can result in uneven power dynamics in international relations. Richer, more advanced states may use their economic clout to challenge less powerful nations in politics or geopolitics. This can show up as conditional aid, advantageous trade agreements, or political pressure, to name a few. On the other hand, dependent nations may compromise their international autonomy by aligning their foreign policies with the objectives of their economic backers.

In order to comprehend how economic interdependencies affect international power systems, political science studies these dynamics. According to theories like dependence theory, the way developed and developing countries interact economically frequently contributes to inequality since developed countries take labor and resources from less developed countries, which limits the latter's ability to grow. Neoliberalism, on the other hand, holds that by integrating economies and lowering the possibility of war, economic interdependence promotes international cooperation, peace, and prosperity, Domestic politics are impacted by economic reliance as well. To maintain support and investment, governments in dependent nations may implement policies that are in line with the objectives of their trading partners. Political tensions inside the country may result from citizens believing that their leaders are sacrificing national interests in order to further their own goals. Furthermore, financial crises in a dominating economy can have a knock-on impact that destabilizes dependent countries and modifies their political systems.

Economic reliance produces intricate linkages in a worldwide environment. Economic policies are an essential component of foreign relations because they serve as a bridge between nations through agreements regarding trade, flows of capital, and supply chain networks. In order to strike

a balance between national interests and international cooperation, political leaders must manage these dependencies, which frequently results in mutually beneficial agreements or rivalries driven by economic factors Mussin, K., Abzalbekova, M., & Kozhanov, M. (2022) [13].

Justice for Everyone at Home and State Autonomy: In political science and international relations, independence from statehood and local equitable governance are crucial ideas that illustrate the complex relationship between national sovereignty and the pursuit of just societies. International law recognizes state independence as the capacity of a state to govern itself free from outside intervention. It serves as the cornerstone of the contemporary state system, enabling countries to independently pursue their social, political, and economic goals. Global forces including international organizations, geopolitical pressures, and economic dependencies, however, frequently pose a threat to independence. On the other side, local social justice addresses problems including poverty, inequality, and resource access while emphasizing justice and equality within communities. It aims to give excluded groups more influence and guarantee that everyone has the chance to prosper. State independence and the goal of local fairness can occasionally conflict in international relations. For instance, some people view international initiatives meant to advance human rights as an infringement on their sovereignty, there is a fine line between these ideas. States have to strike a balance between upholding their independence and addressing demands for social justice changes from throughout the world. This balance is shown in discussions over humanitarian intervention, when the international community has to strike the need to stop violations of human rights with the norms of non-interference. Additionally, as local problems increasingly have global ramifications, globalization has made these challenges more intense. State-level social justice campaigns may receive backing from across the globe, putting pressure on administrations to enact changes. On the other hand, collaboration between nations is necessary to address problems like economic injustice and climate change, which could reduce the autonomy of individual states Chrisafis, A. (2023) [14].

#### **4. International Relations Challenges and Obstacles**

In the complicated global environment of today, political science and international relations confront many difficulties. The rise of nationalism and populism, which threatens multilateralism and international collaboration, is one major obstacle. This transformation frequently results in tense diplomatic relations and makes it more difficult to handle global problems like economic inequality, pandemics, and climate change as a group.

Another challenge is the emergence of authoritarian regimes, which may reject human rights and democratic standards, making international cooperation and diplomacy more difficult. Threats to cybersecurity and the militarizing of knowledge further increase tensions as states launch disinformation campaigns and engage in cyberwarfare, eroding confidence and stability Torres, G. P. (2020) [15].

The difficulty of economic differences between states also exists, as wealthy nations tend to have a greater effect on international politics, marginalizing poorer nations in the process. Furthermore, the current refugee crises, which are exacerbated by natural disasters and conflicts, put a pressure on international systems and call for well-coordinated, humane responses — which are frequently absent.

The intricacy of global law and the disparities in how various states interpret and apply it can cause disputes to arise and make it more difficult to resolve them. Another level of complexity is the dynamic nature of international terrorism, which forces nations to strike a balance between protecting citizens' rights and national security.

Ideological and cultural divides continue to cause conflict, making understanding and negotiation more difficult. In addition, the historic dominance of the Western world is being challenged by the rise of nations like India and China in a regional shift, creating new geopolitical conditions and rivalries.

Resource scarcity and environmental deterioration are urgent problems requiring international cooperation, but political and commercial interests frequently stand in the way of development. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought attention to the difficulty of maintaining global health security,

which emphasizes the necessity of strong international collaboration and readiness Torres, G. P. (2020) [15].

While useful, technological developments also bring up new moral and legal conundrums that need for concerted international action. Last but not least, the disintegration of international governance organizations and the absence of enforcement tools frequently result in poor policy formulation and execution.

#### *4.1. Laws Regulating International Relations*

A. Sovereignty: The ability of every state to run its affairs independently of outside intervention.

B. Non-Intervention: No state has the right to meddle in another state's domestic affairs.

C. Territorial Integrity: States are required to honor each other's current borders.

D. Self-Determination: Individuals are entitled to choose their own political position.

E. Prohibition of the Utilization of Force: States shall not threaten or employ force to undermine another state's political independence or territorial integrity.

F. Peaceful Resolution of Conflicts: States ought to settle their differences amicably.

G. Human Rights: Governments are required to uphold and defend the rights of every person residing on their territory.

H. International humanitarian law requires states to protect non-combatants and abide by the rules regulating armed conflict.

I. Missiles of Mass Destruction Must Not Proliferate: Governments are required to stop the spread of chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons.

J. Diplomats are shielded from prosecution in their new nation by a legal doctrine known as diplomatic immunity.

K. commerce regulations: Following treaties and rules pertaining to international commerce, such as those administered by the International Trade Organization (WTO).

L. Environmental Protection: To solve global environmental challenges and uphold international environmental agreements, states must cooperate.

M. Extradition: Assisting the state in requesting the return of people who have been charged or found guilty of a crime.

N. International Cooperation: For mutual advantage, states should work together in a variety of fields, including development of the economy, health, and science.

Respect for International Treaties: States that have ratified international treaties are obligated to abide by them.

O. Fighting Terrorism: To stop and neutralize terrorism, states must cooperate.

P. Respect for Multilateral Organizations: States ought to cooperate with and support international institutions like the UN.



Q. Non-Recognition of Illegal Territory Gains: Areas captured by force ought not to be acknowledged by states.

R. Protection of Refugees: States are required to uphold the rights of those seeking asylum.

S. Freedom of Navigation: In international waterways, states are obliged to uphold the freedom of navigation.

#### 4.2. *Improving Interpersonal Relationships*

-Encourage Multilateral Diplomacy: To encourage international collaboration and communication between states, strengthen institutions such as the UN.

-Enhance Transparency: To foster trust between nations and their citizens, promote transparency throughout government and international relations.

-Promote Educational Exchange: Increase the number of programs that let researchers and students' study overseas in order to foster cooperation and understanding between different cultures Klimenko, A. (2021) [16].

-Encourage Conflict settlement: In order to address while avoiding disputes, invest in programs that promote peacebuilding and conflict settlement.

-Strengthen International Law: To guarantee responsibility and the rule of law globally, strengthen international legal frameworks.

-Promote Fair Trade Arrangements and Economic Relationships that Benefits All Parties and Reduce Financial Inequalities to Encourage Economic Cooperation.

-Address Climate Change: Take part in international efforts to combat climate change while acknowledging its effects on global security and stability.

-Promote Human Rights: To guarantee freedom and justice for all people, fight for democratic governance and human rights Xiao, Y., & Li, J. (2020) [17].

-To improve cybersecurity, international agreements should be created to guard against cyberattacks and guarantee technology use that is secure.

-Invest in International Health: To combat pandemics and enhance international health systems, foster greater collaboration between nations.

-Develop Cultural Diplomacy: Foster mutual respect and comprehension between nations through cultural exchanges and partnerships.

-Encourage sustainable development by working with the UN to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which aim to address issues like inequality and poverty worldwide.

-Encourage Inclusive Policies: Put into practice rules that support diversity and inclusion in both domestic and international organizations.

-Encourage Regional Integration: To promote stability and development, encourage cooperation and integration between regions initiatives.

-Enhance Crisis Management: Create more effective systems for managing and responding to global crises.

-Boost Scientific Cooperation: To solve global concerns including health and climate change, facilitate worldwide research collaborations.

-Encourage Digital Diplomacy: Make better use of digital tools to improve engagement and communication in diplomacy.

-Boost Civil Society: Assist non-governmental groups and civil society associations in their endeavors to advance development and peace.

-Enhance Educational Access: To empower people and foster understanding, make sure that everyone has access to high-quality education worldwide.

-Promote Political Reform: Give your support to political reforms that improve national and international democratic governance and processes Foreign, C., & Office, D. (2023) [18].

## 5. Conclusions

In the twenty-first century, a complicated web of rules, accords, and treaties that countries must follow to preserve world peace has a significant impact on political science and international relations. Respect for international rules, which set guidelines for conduct, resolving disputes, and collaboration between states, is the cornerstone of relationships between nations. Treaties and agreements, such trade agreements and environmental agreements, are essential for promoting cooperation and tackling global issues. To address new concerns like cybersecurity, worldwide warming, and transnational terrorist activity, these frameworks must be continuously improved due to the constantly shifting character of global politics, strengthening organizations like the International Court of Justice, which offer forums for discussion and dispute settlement, and participating in multilateral diplomacy are crucial for improving international relations. Building trust via openness and uniform application of international law can reduce hostilities and promote collaboration. Non-state entities who participate in the policymaking process, such as civil society and world organizations, can also offer a variety of viewpoints and creative ideas.

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