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List of Acronyms

ACCOBAMS	Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area
ADB (AfDB)	African Development Bank
ADB (AsDB)	Asian Development Bank
AFNOR	Association française de normalization
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
AU	The African Union
BIRPI	United International Bureaux for the Protection of Intellectual Property
CCAMLR	Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources
COE	Council of Europe
CSCE	Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe
DPKO	United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations
DSM	Dispute Settlement Mechanism
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ECOSOC	United Nations Economic and Social Council
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
ECSC	European Coal and Steel Community
EEC	European Economic Community
EU	European Union
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
G-77	Group of 77
GA	United Nations General Assembly
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDP	Gross domestic product
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GSTP	Global System of Trade Preferences Among Developing Countries
IADB	Inter-American Development Bank
IASB	International Accounting Standards Board
IATA	International Air Transport Association

IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ICANN	Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICJ	International Court of Justice
ICPO	International Criminal Police Organization (also INTERPOL)
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
ICSID	International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes
ICTR	International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
ICTY	International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia
IDA	International Development Association
IFC	International Finance Corporation
IFI	International financial institution
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMO	International Maritime Organization
INTELSAT	International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (currently ITSO)
INTERPOL	International Criminal Police Organization (also ICPO)
IO	International organization
IOC	International Olympic Committee
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
ITO	International Trade Organization
ITSO	International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (formerly INTELSAT)
IUCN	World Conservation Union
IWC	International Whaling Commission
MAI	Multilateral Agreement on Investment
MDG	UN Millennium Development Goals
NAFO	Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NGO	Non-governmental organization
NIEO	New International Economic Order
OAS	Organization of American States
OAU	Organization of African Unity
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
OEEC	Organization for European Economic Co-operation
OSCE	Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
PD	Prisoners' dilemma
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SARS	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
SC	United Nations Security Council
SPS	Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
TBT	Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade
TNC	Transnational corporation

TRIMs	Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures
UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UN	United Nations
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDAF	United Nations Development Assistance Framework
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNFICYP	United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus
UNHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
UNHCR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNMIK	United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East
UPU	Universal Postal Union
USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
WFP	World Food Programme
WHO	World Health Organization
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WMO	World Meteorological Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization

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Preface

This is not a book about international organizations (IOs). Nor is it a book about global governance. It is a book about IO theory, and about the use of this theory to understand international relations. It does not attempt to systematically review the world of IOs or to comprehensively describe the UN or any other particular organization. Its goal is to review IO theory, and to use particular IOs illustratively, to suggest ways in which the theories discussed can help us understand the role of IOs in international politics. Similarly, because its focus is exclusively on IO theory and the application of that theory to IOs, it does not attempt to deal with other aspects of global governance, such as the role of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and global civil society in international relations.

This book is written as a primer for upper-level undergraduate students and for graduate students, either for courses on IOs or for the IO component of courses on international relations theory. It is designed either as a supplement to textbooks on IOs, or as an introduction to primary sources on IO theory (or both). In particular, the goal of the book is to show students of IOs the analytic tools available to them to understand what IOs are designed to do, how they work, what effects they have, and how to design them better. It goes beyond simple questions of whether IOs matter, and looks at the ways in which the different analytical tools developed within the rubric of IO theory are useful for answering different questions about the role of IOs in international politics.

The book is intended to fill what I see as a gap in books on IOs and IO theory: a gap between introductory textbooks and primary sources of theory. There are a number of books that do a good job of presenting the UN system from a bureaucratic, organizational, or historical perspective, but they are largely atheoretical. There are a number of introductory textbooks that present IOs in a theoretical context, but this context is based on a distinction between realism and liberalism that does not do justice to the breadth and nuance of IO theory. Primary sources for IO theory provide this breadth and nuance, but they generally relate theory to very specific questions or organizations. Putting these sources together to arrive at a big picture of IO theory can be a challenge for students. This book is designed to provide a concise bridge among these other categories of readings.

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