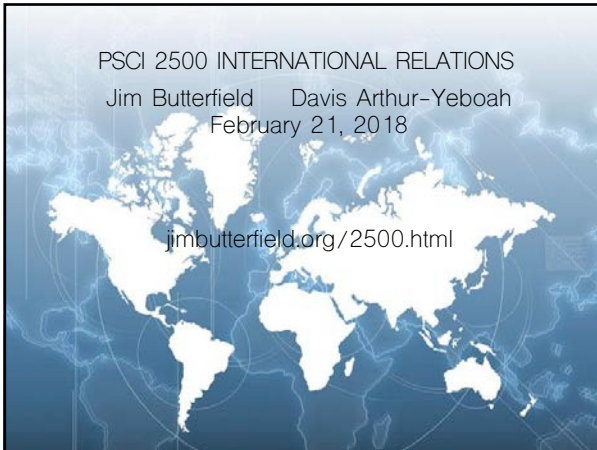


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Today

- More on global governance.
- The Latin American left.



Global Governance


- The need for global governance is not an *if* question. It is a *how* question.
- Not "do we need it?" but "how can we achieve it?"



Theoretical Perspectives on  
 International Organizations

Liberalism, Realism, and Other

Liberal, realist, or something else?



- US President Woodrow Wilson (1913–1921).
- From a speech in 1919 about the League of Nations →

[Countries will] "enter into a solemn promise to one another that they will never use their power against one another for aggression; that they never will impair the territorial integrity of a neighbor; that they never will interfere with the political independence of a neighbor... and that no matter what differences arise amongst them they will never resort to war without first having done one or other of two things – either submitted... to arbitration... or submitted it to the consideration of the council of the League of Nations..."

### Liberal, realist, or something else?



- E.H Carr, British diplomat and historian.
- From a lecture on the League of Nations in 1936 →

"I do not believe the time is ripe...for the establishment of a super-national force to maintain order in the international community and I believe any scheme by which nations should bind themselves to go to war with other nations for the preservation of peace is not only impracticable, but retrograde."

### Liberal, realist, or something else?



- Leon Trotsky, one of the founders of the Soviet Union.
- From comments on the League of Nations in 1936 →

"The League in its defense of the status quo is not an organization of 'peace,' but an organization of the violence of the imperialist minority over the overwhelming majority of mankind."

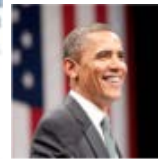
### Liberal, realist, or something else?



- Former US Ambassador to the United Nations (2005–6).
- Comments on the UN made at a conference in 1994 →

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w0y2gYqQnA>

### Liberal, realist, or something else?



- US President Barack Obama (2009–17).
- Speech to the United Nations in 2015 →

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/09/28/remarks-president-obama-united-nations-general-assembly>  
and [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x6oxByE\\_IJU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x6oxByE_IJU)

### Liberal, realist, or something else?



- US President Donald Trump.
- Various comments mostly prior to becoming president →

<http://edition.cnn.com/2017/09/19/politics/trump-united-nations-history/index.html>

### 20th Century Expansion of Global Governance

LEAGUE OF NATIONS



SOCIÉTÉ DES NATIONS



United Nations

### The League of Nations

- Created in aftermath of WWI.
- Emphasis: maintaining peace.
- Principles:
  - Unanimity.
  - Collective security.
  - Sovereignty and non-interference.
  - Peaceful dispute resolution:
    - Negotiation.
    - Arbitration.
    - Adjudication.

### League of Nations

- Inaugurated in 1920.
- Stopped functioning in 1939.
- Formally disbanded in 1945 with the creation of the United Nations.

### Did the League of Nations ultimately fail?

Susan Pedersen, Columbia University



3 minute video →

- Watch at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=71zMKswbJJM>

### League of Nations Successes

- Created:
  - The International Labor Organization (ILO), 1919 to present
  - The Permanent Court of International Justice (PCIJ), 1922–46.
  - The League Health Organization, 1922–1948.
- Settled border disputes in Europe.
- Supervised former German colonies (mandates).

### League of Nations Failures

- Failure to confront aggression:
  - Japanese invasion of Manchuria (1931)
  - Italian invasion of Ethiopia (1935)
  - Spanish Civil War (1936)
  - German absorption of Austria and Czechoslovakia (1938)
- Absence of US (American isolationism).
- WWII.

### Devastation in WWII

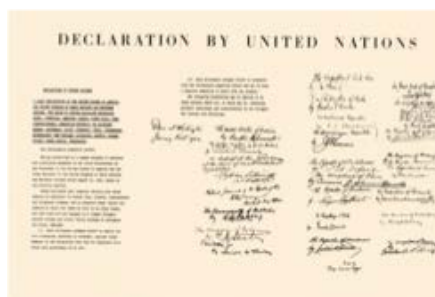
- Total dead: 75 million+, 3% of world population.
  - Soldiers: 20–25 million.
  - Civilians dead from war and extermination: 30 million.
  - Civilians dead from famine and disease related to war: approximately 25 million.

### Other Features of WWII

- First truly global war.
- Holocaust, rape of Nanking, and other crimes against humanity.
- First (and only) use of nuclear weapons.



### Response: the United Nations



1942 Declaration of the United Nations

### United Nations Conference on International Organization

- April to June 1945.
- Continuing negotiations over structure and process.
- The UN formally came into existence in October 1945.



70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: 2015

Text: Preamble of the United Nations Charter  
Video released in September 2015 [[youtube.com/watch?v=gCokMWv5TB0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gCokMWv5TB0)]