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POLS 318: Theories of IR Final Project

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FINAL PAPER

- **1** Deadline: May 3rd, midnight email / Canvas.
- Main objective: explore an IR theory/topic we learned this semester, and illustrate it in real world events.
- **3** General Structure:
  - **Introduction**: present your study, and main objective.
  - **Literature & Theory**: use multiple sources to present the theory (assumptions, main arguments, implications/expectations for theory and policy).
  - **SEmpirical test**: 3 historical cases to illustrate the theory.
  - **6 Conclusions**: short summary of your research.

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#### Writing tips - what to avoid from?

- "The US constitution defines..."
- "Since the dawn of human time..."
- "I believe / I think..."
- Drama writing "the brave choice by president..."

### Few general points

- Avoid passive voice.
- Glorify other scholars "influential scholar..."
- Webster, Wikipedia as references.

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#### Mid-term lessons

- Double-check your work and proof-read it!!!
- No page-long paragraphs.
- Avoid from long quotes use your own words.
- Theory: focus on what is relevant to your paper.
- Cases: find relevant cases (not from lectures)

#### References

- Cite in text  $\rightarrow$  (Last name, date). InText
- How to write a reference list. RefList

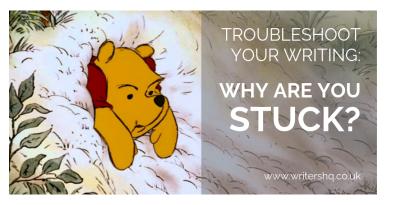
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PRESENTATION:

- Submit with final paper.
- Format Powerpoint, PDFs...
- Structure similar to paper.
- 7-10 Slides: introduction, theory, empirical results, conclusions.

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make judgments under uncertainty, and so on. As Simon (1985: 297) notes, "a large part of the 'action'" of these models comes from these micro-level assumptions, many of which are the product of mathematical convenience or path dependence; there is nothing innate to rationalism that precludes it from embracing different sets of micro-level assumptions, just as there is nothing that inherently prevents it from placing a different methodological bet [Kertzer, 2016b] Indeed, the desire to empirically validate these canonical assumptions.

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