

# International Relations Exam – Summer 2024

Choose one question from each section.

## Theory

- What matters most in explaining the patterns of interstate conflicts in security or the global economy: material capabilities and resources, or cultural and ideological differences, or both?
- Does reputation matter in international relations? Should states be willing to go to war over peripheral issues and interests to improve their ability to make credible threats and assurances when more important crises emerge?

## Methods

- Is International Relations a science? What does science mean? What defines and distinguishes science from other types of inquiry? Please use specific examples drawn from the literature when illustrating your points/making your arguments.
- Please design a study to test whether (and how) public opinion impacts a state's climate change policies. You may choose a specific state that you are familiar with and specify the methods (and data or sources, if any).

## Topics

- From the perspective of US grand strategy and foreign policy, will it matter (in a causal sense) who wins the presidential election in November? In other words, will US grand strategy and/or foreign policy look fundamentally different with President-Elect Harris at the helm than it will under a second Trump Administration? Please ensure that your response makes extensive reference to international relations scholarship.
- To what extent can (or should) the United States thwart the crisis of multilateralism?