
Project of Interactive Documentation on International Relations – DOC-INTER

Explanatory document for the deposited documentary resources

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Summary of the project

Concepts and theories are at the heart of academic knowledge but are too often not close to the hearts of students. “DOC-INTER: Project of Interactive Documentation on International Relations” is a bilingual (French and English) online documentation project that cuts across courses in the discipline of International Relations, with the aim of reconciling students and theories by providing classroom teaching supports.

In particular, the project is based on the key concepts of the discipline, which are very often defined and discussed in specialised dictionaries but neither graphically represented nor confronted to international reality. DOC-INTER’s documentation, while based on these definitions, aims to bring them to life and make them comprehensible in interaction with the reality they help to shed light on.

More specifically, the DOC-INTER documentation is organised into conceptual thematic sections, which offer visual and didactic support (case studies and graphics) for transmitting and understanding the application of the main theoretical concepts of International Relations (security dilemma, world system, global governance, etc.). The project aims to strengthen the teaching of international relations and give it a higher profile within the academic community, by illustrating international relations theory and bringing it to life.

The project covers 12 key concepts in International Relations and consists of 12 original graphics in French and English illustrating these concepts. The French and English versions of the graphs are equivalent. The project also includes 27 different case studies, 22 in French and 5 in English. The French and English resources were submitted as two separate projects. You are currently consulting the English version. The French version is available here: <http://hdl.handle.net/20.500.12279/1076>. These instructions contain the list of documents available in both languages on the assumption that you may also be able to use the French resources.

For each concept, a specialised academic source is cited below to provide a canonical definition. The DOC-INTER project documents are then described in detail, providing a practical way of visualising and understanding these concepts. The project can be used à la carte, i.e. in its entirety, but also concept by concept, or even item by item. Each support has indeed been deposited individually.

Funding and support for the project

This project has received a grant for an educational sabbatical mission from the Université Saint-Louis Bruxelles in spring 2023, including a 2-month stay at the Université Laval in Canada.

The project has also received funding (3,000 euros) for the development of open educational resources from the Université Saint-Louis Bruxelles (2022 call of the *Cellule d'appui pédagogique*).

Margot Angé, Gloria Catte, Yohann Pavaux and Victoria Van der Linden, master's students in international relations, helped to produce the first versions of some of the case studies.

Concepts included in the project and breakdown of graphics and case studies

Concept 1. Anarchy

Canonical definitions to be consulted alongside the associated DOC-INTER documentation:

Diez Thomas, Bode, Ingvild and Aleksandra Fernandes Da Costa. 2011. "Anarchy" in *Key Concepts in International Relations*. Sage. 1-5.

Battistella, Dario. 2014. « Anarchie ». Dans Battistella, Dario, Petiteville, Franck, Smouts, Marie-Claude et Pascal Venesson (dir.). *Dictionnaire des relations internationales*, Dalloz, 14-21.

Resources of the project to put it into perspective:

- Graph 1.1: The anarchy of the international system
- Graphique 1.1: L'anarchie du système international (FR)

Concept 2. Global Governance

Canonical definitions to be consulted alongside the associated DOC-INTER documentation:

Diez Thomas, Bode, Ingvild and Aleksandra Fernandes Da Costa. 2011. "Global Governance" in *Key Concepts in International Relations*. Sage. 73-77.

Smouts, Marie-Claude. 2014. « Gouvernance ». Dans Battistella, Dario, Petiteville, Franck, Smouts, Marie-Claude et Pascal Venesson (dir.). 2014. *Dictionnaire des relations internationales*, Dalloz, 242-244.

Resources of the project to put it into perspective:

- Graph 2.2 : Global governance
- Graphique 2.1 : La gouvernance globale (FR)

Concept 3. Power in terms of military resources

Canonical definitions to be consulted alongside the associated DOC-INTER documentation:

Diez Thomas, Bode, Ingild and Aleksandra Fernandes Da Costa. 2011. “Power” in *Key Concepts in International Relations*. Sage. 173-177.

Battistella, Dario. 2014. « Puissance » dans Battistella, Dario, Petiteville, Franck, Smouts, Marie-Claude et Pascal Venesson (dir.). *Dictionnaire des relations internationales*, Dalloz, 462-468.

Resources of the project to put it into perspective:

- Graph 3.2: The billiard balls model of Arnold Wolfers
- Graphique 3.1 : Le modèle des boules de billard d’Arnold Wolfers (FR)
- Case 3.1: Power in terms of military resources: The case of Israel in the 1970s
- Cas 3.1 : Les dépenses militaires de l’Arabie Saoudite en 2022 (FR)
- Cas 3.2 : Les dépenses militaires des États-Unis en 2022 (FR)

Concept 4. Security Dilemma

Canonical definitions to be consulted alongside the associated DOC-INTER documentation:

Diez Thomas, Bode, Ingild and Aleksandra Fernandes Da Costa. 2011. “Security dilemma” in *Key Concepts in International Relations*. Sage. 204-208.

Battistella, Dario, 2014. « Dilemme de sécurité », dans Battistella, Dario, Petiteville, Franck, Smouts, Marie-Claude et Pascal Venesson (dir.). *Dictionnaire des relations internationales*, Dalloz, 122-124.

Resources of the project to put it into perspective:

- Graph 4.1 : The security dilemma of John Herz
- Graphique 4.1 : Le dilemme de sécurité de John Herz (FR)
- Case 4.1 : The security dilemma between India and Pakistan

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- Cas 4.1 : La Corée du Nord, les États-Unis et le parapluie nucléaire en Asie-Pacifique (FR)
 - Cas 4.2 : La Guerre froide : du dilemme de sécurité à l'équilibre des puissances (FR)

Concept 5. Transnational relations

Canonical definitions to be consulted alongside the associated DOC-INTER documentation:

Nye, Joseph S. and Robert O. Keohane. 1971. Transnational relations and world politics, an introduction. *International Organizations*, 25(3): 329-349, in particular p. 334.

Petiteville, Franck, 2014. « Transnationalisme », dans Battistella, Dario, Petiteville, Franck, Smouts, Marie-Claude et Pascal Venesson (dir.). *Dictionnaire des relations internationales*, Dalloz, 545-548.

Resources of the project to put it into perspective:

- Graph 5.1 : Transnational relations according to Robert Keohane and Joseph Nye
- Graphique 5.1 : Les relations transnationales d'après Robert Keohane et Joseph Nye (FR)
- Cas 5.1 : Les révolutions de couleur, une dynamique transnationale (FR)

Concept 6. Epistemic community

Canonical definitions to be consulted alongside the associated DOC-INTER documentation:

Davis Cross, Mai'a, K. 2020. "Epistemic Communities". In Morin, Jean-Frédéric and Amandine Orsini (eds.). 2020. *Essential Concepts of Global Environmental Governance*, Abingdon: Routledge, 91-93.

Smouts, Marie-Claude. 2014. « Communauté épistémique ». Dans Battistella, Dario, Petiteville, Franck, Smouts, Marie-Claude et Pascal Venesson (dir.). 2014. *Dictionnaire des relations internationales*, Dalloz, 61-62.

Resources of the project to put it into perspective:

- Graph 6.1 : The epistemic community for the protection of the ozone layer according to Peter Haas
- Graphique 6.1 : La communauté épistémique pour la protection de la couche d'ozone d'après Peter Haas (FR)
- Cas 6.1 : La communauté épistémique de l'ozone (FR)

Concept 7. Advocacy coalition

Canonical definitions to be consulted alongside the associated DOC-INTER documentation:

Keck, Margaret E., and Kathryn Sikkink. 1998. *Activists Beyond Borders: Advocacy Networks in International Politics*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press. In particular, p. 2.

Siméant-Germanos, Johanna. 2010. La transnationalisation de l'action collective, Dans Éric Agrikoliansky, Isabelle Sommier et Olivier Fillieule (dir.) *Penser les mouvements sociaux*. La découverte, 121 à 144, en particulier p. 124 et 125.

Resources of the project to put it into perspective:

- Graph 7.1 : The transnational advocacy coalition to ban landmines at its origin
- Graphique 7.1 : La coalition de cause transnationale contre les mines antipersonnel à ses origines (FR)
- Cas 7.1 : L'International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) (FR)
- Cas 7.2 : L'International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear weapons (ICAN) (FR)

Concept 8. Economic liberalism

Canonical definitions to be consulted alongside the associated DOC-INTER documentation:

Widmaier, Wesley. 2013. "Embedded Liberalism" in Oxford bibliographies, <https://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/display/document/obo-9780199743292/obo-9780199743292-0138.xml>

Coussy, Jean. 2003. Les politiques publiques dans la mondialisation libérale : un retour ? *L'Économie politique* 1(17) : 42-59, en particulier p. 42.

Resources of the project to put it into perspective:

- Graph 8.2 : Economic liberalism at the World Trade Organization
- Graphique 8.1 : Le libéralisme économique à l'Organisation mondiale du commerce (FR)
- Case 8.1 : The Washington Consensus
- Cas 8.1 : Le libéralisme économique reflété par l'OMC (FR)

Concept 9. Ecocentrism

Canonical definitions to be consulted alongside the associated DOC-INTER documentation:

Breen, Sheryl, D. 2020. "Ecocentrism". In Morin, Jean-Frédéric and Amandine Orsini (eds.). 2020. *Essential Concepts of Global Environmental Governance*, Abingdon: Routledge, 72-74.

Larrère, Catherine. 2010. Les éthiques environnementales. *Natures Sciences Sociétés* 4(18) : 405-413, en particulier p. 408 à 410.

Resources of the project to put it into perspective:

- Graph 9.2 : The values of nature
- Graphique 9.1 : Les valeurs de la nature (FR)
- Case 9.1 : Community conservation in Namibia
- Cas 9.1 : En Nouvelle Zélande, le fleuve Whanganui en tant qu'entité vivante et la collaboration Maori (FR)
- Cas 9.2 : L'écocide (FR)

Concept 10. Two-level game

Canonical definitions to be consulted alongside the associated DOC-INTER documentation:

Putnam, Robert D. 1988. Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two-Level Games *International Organization*, 42(3): 427-460, in particular p. 460 (conclusion).

Smouts, Marie-Claude. 1999. Que reste-t-il de la politique étrangère ? *Pouvoirs*, 88, 5-15, en particulier la page 14.

Resources of the project to put it into perspective:

- Graph 10.1: The two-level game of Robert Putnam and variations
- Graphique 10.1 : Le jeu à deux niveaux de Robert Putnam et variantes (FR)
- Cas 10.1: L'initiative chinoise des Nouvelles Routes de la Soie : un jeu à deux niveaux (FR)
- Cas 10.2 : La force de la souveraineté comme blocage du jeu à deux niveaux : la gestion de la pandémie de COVID-19 (FR)

Concept 11. World system

Canonical definitions to be consulted alongside the associated DOC-INTER documentation:

Diez Thomas, Bode, Ingvild and Aleksandra Fernandes Da Costa. 2011. "Dependency" in *Key Concepts in International Relations*. Sage. 22-26.

Battistella, Dario, 2014. « Économie monde », dans Battistella, Dario, Petiteville, Franck, Smouts, Marie-Claude et Pascal Venesson (dir.). *Dictionnaire des relations internationales*, Dalloz, 168-169.

Resources of the project to put it into perspective:

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- Graph 11.1: The World System of Immanuel Wallerstein
 - Graphique 11.1 : Le système monde d’Immanuel Wallerstein (FR)
 - Case 11.1: The conditionality of the European Union development aid to the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries
 - Cas 11.1 : Le mouvement des non-alignés (FR)

Concept 12. International regime

Canonical definitions to be consulted alongside the associated DOC-INTER documentation:

Diez Thomas, Bode, Ingvild and Aleksandra Fernandes Da Costa. 2011. “International Regimes” in *Key Concepts in International Relations*. Sage. 114-120.

Venesson, Pascal, 2014. « Régimes », dans Battistella, Dario, Petiteville, Franck, Smouts, Marie-Claude et Pascal Venesson (dir.). *Dictionnaire des relations internationales*, Dalloz, 482-484.

Resources of the project to put it into perspective:

- Graph 12.1: International organisations, international regimes and regime complexes
- Graphique 12.1 : Organisations internationales, régimes internationaux et complexes de régimes (FR)
- Cas 12.1 : La Convention sur la conservation et l’utilisation durable de la biodiversité marine des zones ne relevant pas de la juridiction nationale (FR)
- Cas 12.2 : Le régime de lutte contre la prolifération nucléaire (FR)
- Cas 12.3 : La CITES, l’un des piliers du régime international de conservation des espèces naturelles (FR)