



Introduction to International Relations

- What is international relations?
 - Definitions:
 - “A branch of political science concerned with relations between nations and primarily with foreign policies.” - *Websters Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary*
 - “The outermost boundaries of international relations are suggested if we imagine all of the exchanges, transactions, contacts, flows of information, and actions of every kind going on at this moment of time and between and among the separately constituted societies of the world.” *Charles A. McClelland*
 - IR is multidisciplinary





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- Why study international relations?
 - World events have far reaching implications
 - IR can affect the quality of your life
 - Trade
 - Money
 - Government spending
 - War





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- How to study international relations
 - Goals
 - Description
 - Explanation
 - Prediction
 - Prescription
 - Search for patterns
 - Levels of analysis





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- How to study international relations (cont.)
 - Levels of analysis
 - Individuals
 - States and other actors
 - Global system

