

Second lecture : The major theories in International relations

What does a theory do ?

Describe, explain , predict .

- Theory: a set of propositions and concepts which explain phenomena by specifying relationships among the concepts .
- Leads: to a Hypotheses.
- By testing interrelated hypotheses .Theory is verified and new relationships found.

Realism Vs Liberalism

- **Realism** is a paradigm based on The premise that world politics is essentially and unchangeably a struggle among self interested states for power and position under anarchy, with each competing state, pursuing each national interest.

thinkers and their important books and ideas of :

- Hobbes : security Dilemma.
- E H . Carr : The twenty years 'crisis 1939 .
- Hans . J . Morgenthau : politics among Nations .

The struggle for power and peace (1948)

Men and women are by nature political. animal , A minus Dominandi . Human lust for power .

Some Essential concepts for understanding Realism

- 1) Anarchy
- 2) Self help system
- 3) Power

4) State of nature

5) Security Dilemma.

- **Liberalism** believes that coastal benefits + self defiance + autocratic leadership + No democratic structure of state and alliances has more chances to go into War.
- Human nature is peace loving + good.

Establish peace

- All must believe that progress is possible with peace and prosperity (International organizations) .
- Structure of society will be unified with peace: their interest will join each other Out look will be democratic 100% peace will be established.
- Open diplomacy.
- International organization.
- Conceptual frame work is harmony of interest (Flaws in Theory).

After W W I democracy, not introduced in many countries.

New autocratic system introduced known as fascism and Nazism.

- Lead toward W W II.
- State is a key actor . (Liberalism – organization - peace)

Thinkers and their important books and Ideas of Liberalism school :

- Jeremy Benth coined the term international law.
- Woodrow Wilson – 14 point program , formation of league of Nations .
- Norman Angell – The great ilusion – 1909.

Realism Vs Liberalism.

Focus in on the international system .

- External factors (beyond the state) .
- System factors can lead to :
 - Conflict.

- Cooperation.
- Conflict is the dominant theme in realism.
- Cooperation is the dominant theme in Liberalism .

| Realism | Liberalism |
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| Relative power of states ↓ Influences how states act ↓ Influences overall stability in the system | Focuses on Institutions and shared power ↓ Influences how states can overcome barriers ↓ Leads to cooperation |