Intergovernmental Relations

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**Goals**

The territorial organization of states was for many years largely ignored in political science. However, such recent developments as the disintegration of the Soviet Union, the collapse of Yugoslavia and growing secessionist and regional autonomy movements (e.g., in the United Kingdom, Canada, India, and Indonesia) have made it a salient issue again. This course is designed to give students an awareness and appreciation of the importance of intergovernmental relations in contemporary political debates and of its dynamic nature, which makes it a constant source of political contestation.

**Requirements:**

1. Active participation in class and tutorial discussion (15%)

2. Mid-term exam (35%)

3. A final take-home exam (50%)

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**2.** [**Federal System: States and Union**](file:///X:\Wang_files\pre-02.doc)

* William S. Livingston, “A Note on the Nature of Federalism” <http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.2307/2145299>
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* Michio Muramatsu, “Intergovernmental Relations in Japan: Models and Perspectives” <http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/APCITY/UNPAN019270.pdf>
* Toshio Kamo, “Political Economy of Decentralization: Japan, Asia and Europe” <http://www.ps.ritsumei.ac.jp/assoc/policy_science/073/073_11_kamo.pdf>

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