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Print Journal Archive
Sciences, Psychology, Applied Human Sciences, Communications & Journalism

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2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th floor of LB - “Library Building”
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Course Reserves
Current Print Journals
Poli Sci, Gov publications, Maps, History, Social Sciences, Humanities, Engineering & Fine Arts

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Quiet Study
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Discovery Search, searches the library catalogue and many journal article databases.

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- Use the Article Finder to locate a specific article
- Use my laptop in the library (Wi-Fi & printing)
- Borrow from other libraries (interlibrary loans and BCI cards)
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- More...

Course reserves & textbooks!

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Webster Library: 24 hours
Vanier Library: 24 hours
Grey Nuns: 9am to 9pm
Locations & hours
Library Services

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Finding items based on a citation

1. Identify the format: is it a book, book chapter or an article?

2. For books & book chapters: search the discovery search or library catalogue with the **title** of the book.

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5. For articles: Search the Library Catalogue – Journal Title search for the **Journal’s title**.

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Breaking down a topic & Search strategies
Breaking down a topic

A major **financial crisis** in **China**, threatening the **global economy**.

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Search Tips

AND – limits how many results your search produces
Example: security AND politics

OR – increases the number of results your search produces
Example: economy OR finance

“ ” - exact phrase, limits your search results
Example: “international cooperation”

*- truncation: retrieves all words that start with the letters entered and expands search results
Example: peace* finds peace, peacebuilding, peacemaking, peacekeeping
Avoid Searching with Linking words

Effects
Impact
Consequences
Influence
Results
Importance
Significance
Response
Emphasis

Each author may use different linking words when discussing similar topics.

You don’t want your search to be limited to those books and articles that only contain the word “effect” or “consequence”
Breaking down your topic

("financial crisis" or "economic crisis" or "financial collapse" or "economic meltdown")

AND (China or Chinese)

AND ("global economy" or "world economy" or globalization)

AND (realist or realism)
Finding sources on your theories

International Relations: The Key Concepts (ebook)
The Oxford Handbook of international political theory (print)
International relations theory: a primer (print)
The Palgrave Handbook of critical international political economy (ebook)
A new A-Z of international relations theory (print)
International relations theory: the essentials (print)
International relations theory: a critical introduction (print)
Theories of international relations (print)

Advanced Keyword Search

Enter Search Terms

Subject: international relations -- Philosophy
Any Field: realism or realist
Any Field: econom*
Scholarly books

Author: Stolte, Christina
Title: Brazil's Africa strategy [electronic resource] ; role conception and the drive for international status / Christina Stolte
Publisher: Basingstoke, Palgrave Macmillan, 2015

Description: 222 p. : 23 graphs, 6
Series: Palgrave connect
Note: Epublication based on: 9781137499561
Summary: The book analyzes Brazil's Africa engagement as a rising power's strategy to gain global recognition, linking it to Brazil's broader foreign policy ambitions and the mechanisms of Brazilian status-seeking in Africa. In a unique contribution to on-going debates on Brazil's Africa Strategy examines Brazil's engagement with Africa, embedding its analysis within a broader narrative of Brazil's international identity. Stolte draws on data collected from in-depth interviews and other institutions to provide a comprehensive overview, which demonstrates that Brazil's Africa strategy is driven not only by economic motives and African resources, but also by a campaign to gain global recognition and establish Brazil's status as a Great Power on the international stage. The book covers an important and much-neglected component of contemporary Brazilian foreign policy and makes a significant contribution to International Relations theory on emerging powers by introducing non-material drivers to debates about the motives for extra-regional engagement
Biographical sketch: Christina Stolte is a Research Fellow at the Friedrich-Alexander-University of Erlangen-Nurnberg in Germany and an Associate Researcher at the German Institute or Global and Area Studies (GIGA). Her research sits at the intersection of Area Studies and International Relations

Subject Heading:
- Brazil -- Foreign relations -- Africa
- Africa -- Foreign relations -- Brazil
ISBN: 9781137499578 : £78.00
1137499575 : £78.00
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Scholarly books always have extensive bibliographies and citations throughout.
Book collections – print books at Webster Library

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Political theory. The state. Theories of the state JC11-605
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Useful Subject Headings

Neoliberalism
Liberalism
Pluralism
Realism
Political realism
Critical theory
Globalization
International cooperation
International Relations
Selecting a database

Political science subject guide

Undergraduate Students  Graduate Students  Course guides

Political Theory

If you are working with a political theory, research and read about your theory in your course texts OR in one of the encyclopedias listed below, then you will be able to apply that theory to the case studies or question that you are writing about.

Political Science Encyclopedias

Journal Articles = Databases

- Political Science Complete - search for articles in international relations, Comparative politics, International politics, International organizations, Security, Foreign policy, Human rights, Political economy, U.S. Politics, Public policy, Elections
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- JSTOR - search for articles in Classical political theory and philosophy, Hellenistic, Roman, Medieval political philosophy
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How to identify scholarly articles

Induction and Deduction in *International Relations*: Squaring the Circle Between Theory and Evidence.

Authors: BLAGDEN, DAVID


Document Type: Article

Subject Terms: *INTERNATIONAL relations
WORLD politics
INDUCTION (Logic)
SCHOLARS*

Keywords: deduction
induction
international relations theory

People: WALTZ, Kenneth Neal, 1924-2013

Abstract: *International Relations* (IR) scholarship represents the pursuit of theory about how the world works or ought to work. Yet despite this broad orientation of the field, the process of theory building itself remains challenging. There is abundant professional guidance on how to refine and test a theory once it has been created, but how do we get from a vague interest in some area of IR to a specific argument that explains or interprets a particular aspect of international politics? This article aims to refine the theorization challenge by taking stock of—and advancing—the debate over the relationship between inductive and deductive inference in IR theory building. It begins with an analysis of the short shrift still given to induction by many in the positivist IR community—a tendency that follows from the criticism of inductive theory building contained in Kenneth Waltz’s *Theory of International Politics* (1979) and its enduring legacy, despite Waltz’s own professedly nonpositivist approach—before progressing to consider the limits of a purely deductive approach to theorization. This article concludes that “creative-deductive” theory possesses key strengths, including its parsimonious and generalizable explanatory reach, and its truth-preserving quality. However, given the endogenous feedback relationship that exists between theoretical premises and empirical evidence, this article argues that it is only once we accept that induction is an intrinsic and unavoidable component of IR theory building that we can truly seek answers to the most important questions of international politics. Accordingly, IR scholars should strive to use the two in tandem as they set about developing new theory.

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Subjects: GOVERNMENT agencies, DEMOCRACY, DEMONSTRATIONS (Collective), (Psychology)
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36. Legislative budget cycles.
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