

Final Exam

READ ME:

This is an open note, open book writing assignment. The exam response can be up to **twelve** pages double-spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font, 1 inch margins. Save the file as a Microsoft Word document with your last name listed first in the file name. Feel free to use simple in-text citations with shorthand (Waltz, *TIP*, p. 123) when referring to assigned readings. Do not collaborate with others in any way. Send your response to me by **5 pm** today. Late exams will be accepted until midnight with a full grade penalty (i.e. an A-quality memo gets a B grade).

THE PROMPT:

What is trust and how might the field of International Relations – as represented by the syllabus and assigned readings – be organized around different views of trust? Related issues you might consider as you relate the various readings to the issue of trust: different possible meanings of trust; whether scholars view trust is possible or impossible under anarchy; what scholars view as sources of trust; tactics that may or may not cultivate trust; episodes or processes scholars may see as threatening trust; the consequences of a lack of trust. The goal of the exercise is to reimagine the field as representing a variety of views, both optimistic and pessimistic, about the possibility of trust in world affairs.