

**International Relations Field Exam**  
**August 2023**

Please answer one and only one question from each of the three sections below. Keep in mind that you will be evaluated not only on your knowledge of the relevant literature, but also on your ability to think independently and make a compelling argument.

**Section I (pick one):**

1. Discuss the following statement: "The development of IR theory has slowed in the last three decades, as the field moved away from the isms."
2. To what extent does the behavioral revolution in IR complement or challenge IR theory?

**Section II (pick one):**

1. Discuss the following statement: "Russia's war in Ukraine shows that nuclear weapons are poor instruments of coercion."
2. Discuss the following statement: "The outbreak of the war in Ukraine is not well explained by the rationalist framework."

**Section III (pick one):**

1. Discuss the following statement: "Aid programs chase the donors' geostrategic goals, not the recipients' needs."
2. Discuss major obstacles to international cooperation in climate change mitigation.