Small States in International Relations

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Course overview:

The goal of the course is to give an overview of small states and the challenges they face in the changing world order. The course will focus on the vulnerability and resiliency of small states to the ongoing changes in the world order.

Course schedule and readings:

- February 12th
  - Topic: Size and small states in the global world order
  - Reading:

- February 13th
  - Topic: Small states and international institutions
  - Readings:
February 14th
  o Topic: Status and small states
  o Readings:

February 15th
  o Topic: Geopolitics and small states
  o Readings:
    ▪ Wivel. 2016. Living on the edge: Georgian foreign policy between the West and the rest. Third World Thematics: A TMQ Journal

Course requirements:

Paper 100 of course grade

Paper instructions: Students will be asked to analyze one small state and propose a strategy to help the state overcome the primary challenges it faces due to its size. Students will confirm their selection with me before to ensure that groups to not write on the same state. Various definitions of size are allowed, but the report should clarify what they mean by size and how that definition presents challenges for the state. An overarching strategy that can be broken down into specific policy prescriptions is expected. It will be 7-12 pages long in length. The length is for the text only, if you include the title page (with the names of each group member) and references and any tables the paper might be considerably longer. Use size 12 font, 1.5 spacing, Times New Roman font. Indent for paragraphs, have text aligned to left. Use a title page. Chapter headings and sub headings are optional. Do not leave large gaps in between sections, do not start a new chapter on a separate page, just leave an extra space and put the chapter name in bold. Students should not choose their home country.