

International Organizations and Global Governance
Institutional Design Paper

Directions:

For the analysis portion of your paper, assume the role of a freelance political consultant hired to provide analysis to the organization that offers suggestions for improvement.

Posting Title: Consultant-International Organizations Expert-Institutional Design

Posting Period: 1 September 2021-10 December 2021

Job Opening Number: 1679365

Result of Service:

The service will ultimately result in the consultant providing awareness and knowledge of any potential areas of improvement/underutilized/underexamined aspects of an international organization. Such knowledge would serve to provide room for institutional innovation and potential collaboration with other organizations.

Work location:

Remote

Expected Duration:

The consultancy will be for the period of up to one academic semester, starting from September 2021.

Organizational Setting:

You are responsible for identifying and diagnosing opportunity structures in the institution. Once you have identified an area for an opportunity, you will conduct research how the institutional design might contribute to the current issues.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The consultant will undertake the following responsibilities:

- I. Introduction (2-4pgs.)
 - a. An opening statement that states the issue/problem upfront and clearly, with brief background information. (What is your core argument?)
 - b. Introduction should briefly identify why your approach and argument is different from existing approaches.

- c. This section should also summarize the main points/finds that you will cover in the paper.
 - d. A brief roadmap of how the paper will proceed.
 - II. Contextualizing and Identify the problem (similar to a literature review; 4-6pgs.)
 - a. This section should provide the context and scope of the institutional problem you identify. Here is where you will provide some in depth background knowledge about your organization.
 - b. Tie the discussion on the background to your broader background (this is the “so what” question).
 - III. Policy suggestions (4-6 pages)
 - a. What are the options to solve your problem? Rely on course materials and other resources to define the range of options
 - b. Lay out the pros and cons of each option you define. These should be informed by the literature, secondary sources, and specifics to the case
 - c. Descriptions of each recommendation should be accompanied by a justification
 - d. Think about the ways your organization can help/is built to help solve the problem
 - e. THIS IS NOT AN OPINION SECTION—I stress here that your policy suggestions should be grounded in evidence and scholarly sources.
 - IV. Summary of Key Recommendations and next steps (2-4 pages)
 - a. Select from the range of policy options that you’ve laid out and recommend how you can solve the problem
 - b. What would potential next steps be?
 - V. Bibliography and Endnotes