

08 Definitions of International Relations

09 Palmer and Perkins, "The study of
10 international relations is not a science
11 with which we solve the problems of
12 international life. At its best it is an
objective and systematic approach to those
problems."

13 President Wilson, "Open coventants of
14 peace openly arrived at, after which there
15 shall be no private international understandings
of any kind, diplomacy shall proceed always
16 frankly and in the public view." Thus
demand for ~~foreign~~ open diplomacy
17 heralded the birth of a new science of
of international relations. The study of
18 international relations as a systematic
discipline started after the first world war.
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20 Narrow Definition -

The term international relations has been interpreted and defined in two senses - narrow and broad. In the narrow sense it is confined to the study of "official relations conducted by authorized leaders of the state." According to Prof. Dunn, international relations are the actual relations that take place across

08 national boundaries or as the body of
09 knowledge where we have of those
relations at a given time."

10 Hartmann - In the broader sense international
11 relations include, "all intercourse among
12 states and all movements of people
13 goods and ideas across national frontiers
14 However, as a field of study its focus is on
15 the processes by which states adjust their
16 national interests to those of other states."

14 Stanely Hoffman -
15 "The discipline of international
16 relations is concerned with the factors and
17 activities which affect the external policies
18 and the power of the basic units into
19 which the world is divided."

17 Trygve Mathiesen -
18 "International relations embrace
19 all kinds of relations traversing state boundaries, no
20 matter whether they are of an economic, legal, political
or any other character, whether they be private or
official," and "all human behaviour origination on
oneside of state boundary and affecting human
behaviour on the other side of boundary."