

08 Morton Kaplan's Systems Theory

09 The system theory or general systems theory was first expounded by McClelland in 1955. Later
10 it was developed by many other scholars. However, this theory was presented in a most systematic
11 manner by Morton Kaplan. He declared that systems approach provides the only possible method which
12 can ensure the development of scientific politics. He opined ~~method~~ which can that there is some
13 coherence, regularity and order in international relations. International relations or politics implies two things:

14 'International system' and 'Nation state system'. A Nation state system is political system in the strict
15 sense of the term. International system is not in fact a real political system. Physical force is
16 necessary to keep the system intact. This force is present in the state system. It is absent in the case
17 of international system. Nations or states are the main actors in the international politics. Kaplan treats
18 six models of major international systems —

- (1) The Balance of power system
- (2) The loose bipolar system
- (3) The tight bipolar system
- (4) The universal international system
- (5) The Hierarchical international system
- (6) The Unit Veto system