

POSC 272
Introduction to International Relations
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The goal of this class is to examine, and explain, patterns of behavior in world politics. We will focus largely on the causes and consequences of war, as well as the conditions for peace. To that end, the course will be divided, roughly, into three sections. In the first, we begin with the central observation that the international system is *anarchic*: *there is no world government to protect states from attack, enforce the agreements they make with one another, or punish them if they use violence to achieve their goals*. In this section we will concentrate on a body of theory known as realism, which views international politics as inherently dangerous because of the absence of a powerful global authority. We will then study the most important 20th century conflicts – the two World Wars and the Cold War. The second section will examine alternatives to realism, which attempt to show how states can overcome the problems of international anarchy in order to achieve cooperation, and even peace. In the third section we turn to current challenges in international politics, looking at issues such as climate change, ethnic conflict, globalization, and terrorism.

REQUIRED READINGS

Robert Art and Robert Jervis, eds. *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues*, 9th ed. (New York: Longman, 2008).

There will be a few additional sources that you will need to use to obtain your readings:

Additional readings will be marked with a ** and will be made available to you through the library's course reserves (<http://library.case.edu/ksl//reserves/index.html>).

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Your main responsibility will be to have completed all of the required reading prior to class and to be prepared to discuss them. Informed, quality participation is necessary during discussions, group work, etc. It is essential that you come to class having done the readings, and ready to talk about them –simply being present does not earn you a high participation grade.

Each class will begin with a brief discussion of pertinent current events. Because understanding current events is critical to the study of international relations, I require that you read the international or world section of at least one newspaper daily.

Appropriate news sources include but are not limited to the: *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *Financial Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Economist*, *Guardian*, *LA Times*, *Christian Science Monitor*, and *Times (London)*. The daily news brief provides you with a great opportunity to raise your participation grade. I would encourage you to supplement your news intake by reading blogs, but you SHOULD NOT rely solely upon blogs for your news. They should only complement what you read from direct news outlets. Because the material covered in the news briefs is important, it may be included on your exams. Moreover, each student is required to lead one day's discussion (which will be assigned) of the news by presenting a relevant story, and turning one-paragraph summary which includes a description of the news event, an analysis of the periodical's coverage of the event (i.e. is it biased?), as well as an discussion tying this event to material discussed in class. The news presentation will count towards the class participation grade.

Your grade will be based on class participation and attendance, an analytical paper due at the beginning of class on February 13th, a midterm on March 6th, and a final exam on May 1st.

Class Participation	15%
Paper	25%
Midterm	30%
Final Exam	30%

Students are required to uphold and comply with Academic Integrity Policy of the University, which can be viewed here:

<http://www.case.edu/provost/ugstudies/acintegrity.htm>

Monday January 12: Introduction

1. Stephen Walt: "International Relations: One World Many Theories," *Foreign Policy*, Spring 1998

This is not required by highly recommended, especially if you have not taken another IR course.

Wednesday January 14: Classical Realism

1. Hans J. Morgenthau, "Six Principles of Political Realism." (A&J, pp. 7-14)
2. **E.H. Carr, *Twenty Years Crisis*, Chapter 5 the Realist Critique, pp. 63-88

Friday January 16: Neorealism

1. Kenneth N. Waltz, "The Anarchic Structure of World Politics." (A&J, pp. 29-49)

2. **Kenneth N. Waltz, "The Origins of War in Neorealist Theory," *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, Vol. 18, No. 4, The Origin and Prevention of Major Wars (Spring 1988), pp. 615-628.

Monday January 19: NO CLASS MLK Jr. Day

Wednesday January 21: Defensive & Offensive Realism

1. Stephen M. Walt, "Alliances: Balancing and Bandwagoning." (A&J, pp. 96-103)
2. **John J. Mearsheimer, "The False Promise of International Institutions," *International Security*, Vol. 19, No. 3 (Winter 1994/95), pp. 9-14. [You many want to print out the entire article, we will be reading the other sections in the following weeks.]
3. John J. Mearsheimer, "Anarchy and the Struggle for Power," (A&J, pp. 50-60)

Friday January 23

NO CLASS

Monday January 26: Realism and the Origins of the First World War.

1. Robert Jervis, "Offense, Defense, and the Security Dilemma." (A&J, pp. 153-173).
2. **Scott D. Sagan, "1914 Revisited," *International Security*, Vol. 11, No. 2 (Autumn, 1986), pp. 151-175.
3. **Robert G. L. Waite, "Leadership Pathologies: The Kaiser and the Fuhrer and the Decisions for War in 1914 and 1939," ONLY the part on the Kaiser, pp. 143-154.

Wednesday January 28: The Second World War

1. **Joseph S. Nye Jr., "The Failure of Collective Security and World War II."
2. **Robert G. L. Waite, "Leadership Pathologies: The Kaiser and the Fuhrer and the Decisions for War in 1914 and 1939," pp. 154-162

Friday January 30: The Origins of the Cold War.

1. **Melvyn P. Leffler, "The American Conception of National Security and the Beginnings of the Cold War, 1945-48," *The American Historical Review*, Vol. 89, No. 2 (April 1984), pp. 346-381).
2. ** Robert Jervis, "Was the Cold War a Security Dilemma?" *Journal of Cold War Studies*, Vol. 3, No. 1 (Winter 2001), pp. 36-60.

Monday February 2: The Constructivist Critique of Neorealism

1. Alexander Wendt, "Anarchy is What States Make of It." (A&J, pp. 61-68).
2. **Ward Thomas, "The New Age of Assassination," *SAIS Review* 25:1
3. Samuel P. Huntington, "The Clash of Civilization?" (A&J, pp. 395-410)

Wednesday February 4: The Democratic Peace

1. Michael W. Doyle, "Kant, Liberal Legacies, and Foreign Affairs." (A&J, pp. 83-96)

2. **Bruce Russett, *Grasping the Democratic Peace* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1993), pp. 24-42.

Friday February 6: Critiquing Democratic Peace Theory

1. **Christopher Layne, "Kant or Cant: The Myth of the Democratic Peace," *International Security*, Vol. 19, No. 2 (Autumn 1994)

Monday February 9 The End of the Cold War

1. **Mark L. Haas, "The United States and the End of the Cold War: Reactions to Shifts in Soviet Power; Policies, or Domestic Politics," *International Organization* 61 (Winter 2007)

Wednesday February 11: Achieving cooperation under Anarchy

1. Kenneth A. Oye, "The Conditions for Cooperation in World Politics." (A&J, pp. 69-82)

Friday February 13: Neoliberal Institutionalism

****PAPER DUE AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS****

1. Robert O. Keohane, "International Institutions: Can Interdependence Work?." (A&J, pp. 119-126)
2. **Mearsheimer, "The False Promise of International Institutions," pp. 5-9, 14-37.

Monday February 16: NO CLASS

Wednesday February 18: Coercive Diplomacy

1. Robert J. Art, "The Four Functions of Force." (A&J, pp. 131-138)
2. Thomas C. Schelling, "The Diplomacy of Violence." (A&J, pp. 166-179)

Friday February 20: Coercive Diplomacy and the First Gulf War

1. **Janice Gross Stein, "Deterrence and Compellence in the Gulf: A Failed or Impossible Task," *International Security*, Vol. 17, No. 2 (Autumn, 1992), pp. 1-34.

Monday February 23: Nuclear Deterrence in South East Asia

1. Scott D. Sagan, "Nuclear Instability in South Asia," (A&J pp. 217-227)
2. Kenneth N. Waltz, "Nuclear Stability in South Asia," (A&J, pp. 228-238)
3. **Glenn Snyder, *Deterrence and Defense*

Wednesday February 25: Nuclear Proliferation & the Threat of Loose Nukes

1. **Bruce Riedel, "South Asia's Nuclear Decade," *Survival*, Vol. 50, No. 2 (April, 2008), pp. 107-126.
2. **CQ Researcher, "Nuclear Proliferation and Terrorism," Vol. 14, No. 13, pp. 299-312
3. **Matthew Bunn and Anthony Wier, "The Seven Myths of Nuclear Terrorism," *Current History*, (April, 2005), pp. -153-161.

Friday February 27: The U.S.'s Unipolar Moment

1. **William C. Wohlforth, "The Stability of a Unipolar World." Pp. 469-475
2. **G. John Ikenberry, "The Stability of Post-Cold War Order." Pp. 477-483
3. **Kenneth N. Waltz, "Balancing Power: Not Today but Tomorrow." Pp. 484-492

Monday March 2: Challenges to US Primacy: Soft Balancing?

1. **Robert A. Pape, "Soft Balancing Against the United States," *International Security* 30:1
2. **Keir A. Lieber and Gerard Alexander, "Waiting for Balancing: Why the World is Not Pushing Back," *International Security* 30:1, pp. ONLY 109-110, 125-133.

Wednesday March 4 Review

Friday March 6 MIDTERM

March 9-13: Spring Break NO CLASS

Monday March 16: International Political Economy

1. Robert Gilpin, "The Nature of Political Economy." (A&J, pp. 263-279)

Wednesday March 18 North-South Relations

1. Bruce R. Scott, "The Great Divide in the Global Village," (A&J, pp. 290-302)
2. ** Immanuel Wallerstein, "The Rise and Future Demise of the World Capitalist System: Concepts for Comparative Analysis," pp. 149-156.

Friday March 20: Globalization

1. Jeffrey Frankel, "Globalization and the Economy," (A&J, pp. 303-318)
2. Pankaj Ghemawat, "Why the World Isn't Flat," (A&J, pp. 319-324)
3. Dani Rodrik, "Trading in Illusions." (A&J, pp. 325-332)
4. John Micklethwait and Adrian Wooldridge, "Why the Globalization Backlash is Stupid." (A&J, pp. 333-339)
5. Raqi Abdelal and Adam Segal, "Has Globalization Passed Its Peak?," (A&J, pp. 340-346)

Monday March 23 Environmental Degradation

IN CLASS SIMULATION PLEASE BRING LAPTOPS, IF POSSIBLE

1. Garrett Hardin, "The Tragedy of the Commons," (A&J, pp. 347-352).

Wednesday March 25: The Consequences of Climate Change

1. Colin H. Kahl, "Demography, Environment, and Civil Strife," (A&J, pp. 353-363).
2. David G. Victor, "International Cooperation on Climate Change: Numbers, Interests and Institutions," (A&J, pp. 364-371).
3. N. Gregory Mankiw, "One Answer to Global Warming: A New Tax," (A&J, pp. 372-374).

4. **John Podesta & Peter Ogden, "The Security Implications of Climate Change," *The Washington Quarterly*, 31:1 (Winter 2007-08) available at <http://www.twq.com/>

Friday March 27: New Actors in World Politics?

1. Margaret E. Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, "Transnational Advocacy Networks." (A&J, pp. 477-483)
2. Sebastian Mallaby, "NGOs: Fighting Poverty, Hurting the Poor," (A&J, pp. 484-490)
3. Phil Williams, "Transnational Organized Crime and the State," (A&J, pp. 491-503)
4. **P. W. Singer, "Outsourcing War," *Foreign Affairs* (March/April, 2005).

Monday March 30: Ethnic Conflict & The Conflict in Darfur

1. Chaim Kaufmann, "Possible and Impossible Solutions to Ethnic Civil Wars." (A&J, pp. 435-456)
2. **Barry Posen, "Military Responses to Refugee Disasters," pp. 406-426.
3. **Scott Straus, "Darfur and the Genocide Debate," *Foreign Affairs*, January/February 2005

Wednesday April 1: The Rise of China

1. ** Aaron L. Friedberg, "The Future of U.S.-China Relations," *International Security* 30:2

Friday April 3 NO CLASS

Monday April 6: Terrorism

1. Bruce Hoffman, "What is Terrorism?," (A&J, pp. 174-180)
2. Robert A. Pape, "The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism," (A&J, pp. 198-216)
3. Philip H. Gordon, "Can the War on Terror Be Won?," (A&J, pp. 419-426)
4. F. Gregory Gause III, "Can Democracy Stop Terrorism?" (A&J, pp. 411-418)

Wednesday April 8: Al Qaeda

1. **"The Foundation of the New Terrorism," *The 9/11 Commission Report*, pp. 47-70
2. **Peter Bergen, "Al Qaeda, the Organization: A Five-Year Forecast," *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 618 (July, 2008), pp. 14-30.

Friday April 10: The Current Shape of Al Qaeda

1. **Bruce Riedel, "Al Qaeda Strikes Back," *Foreign Affairs*, May/June 2007.
2. **Marc Sageman, *Leaderless Jihad*

Monday April 13: Neoconservatives

1. **Stefan Halper & Jonathan Clarke, "Neoconservatives: A New Political Interest Group," pp. 9-39.

Wednesday April 15: Democracy Promotion

1. **Tamara Cofman Wittes, *Freedom's Unsteady March* (Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2008), pp. 1-13.

2. **Edward Mansfield and Jack Snyder, "Democratization and War," *Foreign Affairs* (May/June 1995).

Friday April 17: Decision to Invade Iraq

1. **Kenneth M. Pollack, "Next Stop Baghdad? (United States' foreign policy)" *Foreign Affairs* Vol. 81, Issue 2 (March/April 2002).
2. **Stephen M. Walt and John J. Mearsheimer, "An Unnecessary War (U.S.-Iraq Conflict)," *Foreign Policy* (January/February 2003).
3. **Kenneth M. Pollack, "Spies, Lies, and Weapons: What Went Wrong," *The Atlantic Monthly*, Vol. 293, Issue 1 (January/February 2004).
4. **Olivier Roy, *The Politics of Chaos in the Middle East*, pp. 11-32.

Monday April 20: The Occupation of Iraq

1. **Tony Dodge, "The Causes of U.S. Failure in Iraq," *Survival* Vol. 49, No. 1 (March 2007), pp. 85-106
2. **Stephen Biddle, Michael E. O'Hanlon, and Kenneth M. Pollack, "How to Leave a Stable Iraq," *Foreign Affairs* (September/October 2008)
3. **Marc Lynch, "Politics First," *Foreign Affairs* (November/December 2008)

Wednesday April 22: The Nexus Between Afghanistan and Pakistan

1. **Barnett R. Rubin & Ahmed Rashid, "From Great Game to Grand Bargain," *Foreign Affairs*, (November/December 2008).
2. **Bruce Riedel, "Pakistan and Terror: The Eye of the Storm," *ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 618, (July, 2008), pp. 31-45.

Friday April 24: The Challenge of Iran

1. Barry R. Posen, "A Nuclear-Armed Iran: A Difficult but Not Impossible Policy Problem," (A&J pp. 239-254)
2. TBA

Monday April 27: Conclusions

FINAL EXAM: Friday May 1: 10:00-11:30