

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:

1. First, through the library's website you will need to access JSTOR to download articles. These readings will be marked with "JSTOR" on the syllabus.

(<http://www.jstor.org>)

2. Second, by accessing the library's ejournal website and searching for the journal listed on the syllabus, you can download the articles marked "EJOURNAL."

(<http://lu4ld3lr5v.search.serialssolutions.com/>)

3. Finally, other 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 guarantee 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.

Your grade will be based on class participation and attendance, an analytical paper due at the beginning of class on September 30th, a midterm on October 9th, and a final exam on December 11th.

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>

August 26: Introduction and overview of major concepts.

August 28: The Realist tradition.

1. Hans J. Morgenthau, "Six Principles of Political Realism." (A&J, pp. 7-28)
2. Kenneth N. Waltz, "The Anarchic Structure of World Politics." (A&J, pp. 29-49)
3. Stephen M. Walt, "Alliances: Balancing and Bandwagoning." (A&J, pp. 96-103)
4. (JSTOR) 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.]

September 2: Realism and the origins of the First World War.

1. Robert Jervis, "Offense, Defense, and the Security Dilemma." (A&J, pp. 153-173).
2. (JSTOR) 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.
3. (JSTOR) Samuel R. Williamson Jr., "The Origins of World War I," *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, Vol. 18, No. 4, pp. 795-818.

September 4: The Second World War

1. (JSTOR) Jeffrey L. Hughes, "The Origins of World War II in Europe: British Deterrence Failure and German expansionism," *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, Vol. 18, No. 4, pp. 851-891.
2. (JSTOR) Scott D. Sagan, "The Origins of the Pacific War," *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, Vol. 18, No. 4, pp. 893-922.

September 9: The Origins of the Cold War.

1. (JSTOR) 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).

September 11: The Constructivist Critique of Realism & The End of the Cold War

1. ** Robert Jervis, "Was the Cold War a Security Dilemma?" *Journal of Cold War Studies*, Vol. 3, No. 1 (Winter 2001), pp. 36-60.
2. (JSTOR) Thomas Risse-Kappen, "Ideas do not Float Freely: Transnational Coalitions, Domestic Structures, and the End of the Cold War," *International Organization*, Vol. 48, No. 2 (Spring 1994), pp. 185-214.
3. Alexander Wendt, "Anarchy is What States Make of It." (A&J, pp. 61-68).
4. (JSTOR) Mearsheimer, "The False Promise of International Institutions," pp. 37-47.

September 16: Achieving cooperation under Anarchy: the role and function of international institutions.

1. Kenneth A. Oye, "The Conditions for Cooperation in World Politics." (A&J, pp. 69-82)
2. Robert O. Keohane, "International Institutions: Can Interdependence Work?." (A&J, pp. 119-126)

3. Adam Roberts, "The United Nations and International Security." (A&J, pp. 539-547)
4. (JSTOR) Mearsheimer, "The False Promise of International Institutions," pp. 5-9, 14-37.
5. (JSTOR) Robert O. Keohane and Lisa L. Martin, "The Promise of Institutional Theory," *International Security*, Vol. 20, No. 1 (Summer 1995), pp. 39-51.

September 18: The Democratic Peace

1. Michael W. Doyle, "Kant, Liberal Legacies, and Foreign Affairs." (A&J, pp. 95-102)
2. **Bruce Russett, *Grasping the Democratic Peace* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1993), pp. 24-42.
3. (JSTOR) Christopher Layne, "Kant or Cant: The Myth of the Democratic Peace," *International Security*, Vol. 19, No. 2 (Autumn 1994) pp. 5-15, 38-49 (pp. 16-37 are optional, but read them if you are interested in the cases Layne uses to argue that DPT is incorrect).

September 23: The Role of Individuals

1. (JSTOR) Daniel L. Byman & Kenneth M. Pollack, "Let Us Now Praise Great Men: Bringing the Statesman Back In," *International Security* Vol. 25, No. 4 (Spring, 2001), pp. 107-146.

September 25: 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)
3. (JSTOR) 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.

September 30: U.S Primacy: Do we want it, can we have it?

PAPER DUE at the beginning of class

1. Robert Jervis, "The Era of Leading Power Peace," (A&J, pp. 379-394.)
2. (EJOURNAL) Stephen Walt, Taming American Power," *Foreign Affairs* (September/October 2005).
3. **William C. Wohlforth, "The Stability of a Unipolar World." pp. 469-475
4. **G. John Ikenberry, "The Stability of Post-Cold War Order." pp. 477-483
5. **Kenneth N. Waltz, "Balancing Power: Not Today but Tomorrow." pp. 484-492
6. G. John Ikenberry, "Rising Powers and Global Institutions," (A&J, pp. 560-566)

October 2: Nuclear Weapons, Nuclear Deterrence, and Nuclear Peace?

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. **Bruce Riedel, "South Asia's Nuclear Decade," *Survival*, Vol. 50, No. 2 (April, 2008), pp. 107-126.

October 7: International Political Economy and North-South Relations.

1. Robert Gilpin, "The Nature of Political Economy." (A&J, pp. 263-279)
2. Michael J. Hiscox, "The Domestic Sources of Foreign Economic Policy," (A&J, pp. 280-289)
3. Bruce R. Scott, "The Great Divide in the Global Village," (A&J, pp. 290-302)
4. ** Immanuel Wallerstein, "The Rise and Future Demise of the World Capitalist System: Concepts for Comparative Analysis," pp. 149-156.

October 9: MIDTERM

October 14: Globalization and Interdependence.

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)

October 16: New Actors in World Politics?

1. Andrew Moravcsik, "Europe Without Illusions," (A&J, pp. 471-476)
2. Margaret E. Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, "Transnational Advocacy Networks." (A&J, pp. 477-483)
3. Sebastian Mallaby, "NGOs: Fighting Poverty, Hurting the Poor," (A&J, pp. 484-490)
4. Phil Williams, "Trasnational Organized Crime and the State," (A&J, pp. 491-503)
5. (EJOURNAL) P. W. Singer, "Outsourcing War," *Foreign Affairs* (March/April, 2005).

October 23: Ethnic Conflict.

1. Samuel P. Huntington, "The Clash of Civilizations?" (A&J, pp. 395-410)
2. Chaim Kaufmann, "Possible and Impossible Solutions to Ethnic Civil Wars." (A&J, pp. 435-456)
3. **Barry Posen, "Military Responses to Refugee Disasters," pp. 406-426.

4. (EJOURNAL) Andrew S. Natsios, "Beyond Darfur," *Foreign Affairs*, (May/June 2008)

October 28: The rise of China and potential problems in South East Asia.

1. (JSTOR) Avery Goldstein, "Great Expectations: Interpreting China's Arrival," *International Security*, Vol. 22, No. 3 (Winter 1997/98), pp. 36-73.
2. Thomas J. Christensen, "The Contemporary Security Dilemma: Deterring a Taiwan Conflict," *The Washington Quarterly*, Vol. 25, No. 4, pp. 7-21.
3. James M. Lindsay and Michael E. O'Hanlon, "Missile Defense After the ABM Treaty," *The Washington Quarterly*, Vol. 25, No. 3, pp. 163-176.
[Both #s 2&3 are available at *The Washington Quarterly's* website: www.twq.com]

October 30: The Environment and Climate Change

1. Garrett Hardin, "The Tragedy of the Commons," (A&J, pp. 347-352).
2. Colin H. Kahl, "Demography, Environment, and Civil Strife," (A&J, pp. 353-363).
3. David G. Victor, "International Cooperation on Climate Change: Numbers, Interests and Institutions," (A&J, pp. 364-371).
4. N. Gregory Mankiw, "One Answer to Global Warming: A New Tax," (A&J, pp. 372-374).

November 4: Failed States & Terrorism

1. Robert I. Rotberg, "Failed States, Collapsed States, Weak States: Causes and Indicators," (A&J, pp. 427-434)
2. Bruce Hoffman, "What is Terrorism?," (A&J, pp. 174-180)
3. Robert A. Pape, "The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism," (A&J, pp. 198-216)
4. Philip H. Gordon, "Can the War on Terror Be Won?," (A&J, pp. 419-426)
5. F. Gregory Gause III, "Can Democracy Stop Terrorism?" (A&J, pp. 411-418)

November 6: 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.
3. (EJOURNAL) Bruce Riedel, "Al Qaeda Strikes Back," *Foreign Affairs*, (May/June 2007).
4. (EJOURNAL) Bruce Hoffman, "The Myth of Grassroots Terrorism," *Foreign Affairs*, (May/June 2008).
5. (EJOURNAL) Marc Sageman and Bruce Hoffman, "Does Osama Still Call the Shots?," *Foreign Affairs*, (July/August 2008).

November 11: The Decision to Invade Iraq in 2003

1. (EJOURNAL) Kenneth M. Pollack, "Next Stop Baghdad? (United States' foreign policy)" *Foreign Affairs* Vol. 81, Issue 2 (March/April 2002).
2. (JSTOR) 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.

November 13: The Occupation of Iraq

1. **Tony Dodge, "How Iraq Was Lost," *Survival*, Vol. 48, No. 4 (December 2006), pp. 157-171.
2. (EJOURNAL) Larry Diamond, "What Went Wrong in Iraq," *Foreign Affairs* (September/October 2004).
3. **Tony Dodge, "The Causes of U.S. Failure in Iraq," *Survival* Vol. 49, No. 1 (March 2007), pp. 85-106

November 18: 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. (EJOURNAL) Scott D. Sagan, "How to Keep the Bomb From Iran," *Foreign Affairs* (September/October 2006)
3. **Robert S. Litwak, "Living with Ambiguity: Nuclear Deals with Iran and North Korea," *Survival* Vol. 50, No. 1 (February, 2008), pp. 91-118.
4. **Norman Podhoretz, "The Case for Bombing Iran," *Commentary* (June 2007)

November 20: US Democracy Promotion

1. **Steve Smith, "U.S. Democracy Promotion: Critical Questions," in Michael Cox, G. John Ikenberry, and Takashi Inoguchi, eds., *American Democracy Promotion: Impulses, Strategies and Impacts* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2000), pp. 63-82.
2. **Tamara Cofman Wittes, *Freedom's Unsteady March* (Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2008), pp. 1-13.
3. (EJOURNAL) Edward Mansfield and Jack Snyder, "Democratization and War," *Foreign Affairs* (May/June 1995).
4. **Stefan Halper & Jonathan Clarke, "Neoconservatives: A New Political Interest Group," pp. 9-39.

November 25: The Nexus Between Afghanistan and Pakistan

1. (EJOURNAL) Barnett R. Rubin, "Saving Afghanistan," *Foreign Affairs*, (January/February 2007).
2. **Seth G. Jones, "Averting Failure in Afghanistan," *Survival*, Vol. 48, No. 1 (March, 2006), pp. 111-128.
3. **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.

December 2: Nuclear Proliferation & The Threat of Loose Nukes

1. David Albright and Corey Hinderstein, "Unraveling the A.Q. Khan and Future Proliferation Networks," *Washington Quarterly*, Vol. 28, No. 2 (Spring, 2005), pp. 111-128. (available at www.twq.com)
2. **Matthew Bunn and Anthony Wier, "The Seven Myths of Nuclear Terrorism," *Current History*, (April, 2005), pp. -153-161.
3. **Robert Galluci, "Averting Nuclear Catastrophe: Contemplating Extreme Responses to U.S. Vulnerability," *ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 607 (September, 2006), pp. 51-58.

December 5: Conclusion

December 11: FINAL EXAM 12:30-2:00