

Political Science 272
Introduction to International Relations
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Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. or by appointment.

Traditionally, the study of International Relations considers patterns of behavior between states, largely issues pertaining to or avoiding conflict and war. While war continues to be a concern of the field, issues regarding sustainability have become equally paramount. This course will consider traditional issues of state-to-state relations and the causes of war, but will also examine sustainability in terms of the environment, globalization, and development issues. The course also examines the role of state-less actors as variables in determining international relations.

The course examines three main issues. **The first** is international relations theory, e.g. realism, and how this has been used and redefined. We will examine the nature of conflicts that inform our understanding of realism, including the two World Wars, the Cold War, and the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

The Second is alternatives to realism, including the *End of History*, the *Clash of Civilizations*, Democratic Peace, and neo-conservatism.

The Third looks at current issues in international relations that cross state boundaries, including stateless actors and terrorism, sustainability, globalization, environmental degradation, climate change, and the rise of new states, e.g. China, as a potential global power.

These issues overlap, so keep them in mind as the course progresses.

Books to Purchase

1. Barbara Tuchman: *The March of Folly*, Galantine Books, 1984.
2. Michael Dobbs: *One Minute to Midnight*, Vintage Books, 2008.
3. Robert Art & Robert Jervis: *International Politics*, 10th Edition, Longman, 2011.
4. Joseph Nye: *Understanding International Conflicts*, 7th Edition, Longman, 2009.
5. Alexander George: *Forceful Persuasion*, United States Institute of Peace, 1991.

Art & Jervis is indicated in the reading assignments as A & J. Additional readings marked with an asterisk below are available on Blackboard.

Course Requirement

It is a wise student who keeps up with reading assignments and comes to class.

The **key** to success in this course is to have done the required reading ***prior to*** each class session and to be prepared to participate in class discussions.

Your grade will be determined by the following assignments:

1. **Monday Short Answer Quizzes – 20 percent of the grade. I drop the lowest grade. No quiz after Thanksgiving.** Occasionally Monday quizzes are given on Wednesday so you should not miss class. **I do not give make-up quizzes.**
2. **An in-class midterm – 25 percent of the grade.** Format is either multiple choice, true/false, or short answer or a combination of these.
3. **An in-class final – 45 percent of the grade.** Same format as midterm.
4. **Attendance and participation – 10% of the grade.** Some students who scored “A” on all work received a B for the course because they did not attend class regularly or did not participate in discussions. I do take attendance each class. ***UNDOCUMENTED ABSENCE IS A DEDUCTION OF 5% PER DAY ABSENT.*** I also note participation. I ask questions. Sitting quietly and saying nothing when questions are posed to you indicates you are not prepared.

DO NOT BE SHY!

A note on success. If you come to class but do not do the readings, you're likely grade will be 50%. If you do the readings but do not come to class, your likely grade will be 50%. If you do the readings ***and*** come to class, your likely grade will be much higher. I do not grade on a curve.

Course Schedule

Tentative, Subject to Change

NOTE: A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT WILL HAVE DONE THE ASSIGNED READINGS BEFORE THE DATE ON WHICH THEY ARE ASSIGNED.

August 27: Introduction

1. Scope of Course

August 29 & 31 Section 1 Anarchy & Levels of Analysis

Reading for the section

1. John J. Mearsheimer, "Anarchy and the Struggle for Power" A & J pp. 59-69.
2. Joseph Nye: *Understanding International Conflicts*, Ch. 2.
3. *Betty Glad: "Why Tyrants Go Too Far: Malignant Narcissism and Absolute Power" in *Political Psychology*, 23 (2002), pp 1-34.
4. *Geoffrey Blainey: *The Causes of War*, 3rd Edition, Chs 3 & 9.
5. *Paul Schroeder: "A Life, Wasted" in *The Washington Post*, January 6, 2006.

September 5 & 7 Section 2: Theories & The Struggle for Power

Reading for the section

1. Robert Jervis: "Offense, Defense, and The Security Dilemma," A & J, pp 93-110.
2. * Stephen Walt: "International Relations: One World, Many Theories" in *Foreign Policy*, Spring 1998.

September 10 & 12 Section 3: Realism and Neorealism

Reading for the section

1. Kenneth Waltz: "The Anarchic Structure of World Politics" A & J pp. 37-58.
2. *Kenneth Waltz: "The Origins of War in Neorealist Theory" in *The Origin and Prevention of Major Wars*, Rotberg & Rabb, eds.

September 14 Section 4: The Constructivist Critique of Neorealism

Reading for the Section

1. Alexander Wendt, "Anarchy is What States Make of It" A & J, pp. 70-78.

September 17 & 19 Section 5: Democratic Peace Theory

Reading for the section

1. *Bruce Russett: "*Grasping the Democratic Peace*, Princeton University Press, 1993, pp. 24-42.
2. Michael W. Doyle: "Kant, Liberal Legacies, and Foreign Affairs" A & J, pp. 114-126.
3. *Christopher Layne: "Kant or Cant: The Myth of the Democratic Peace" in *International Security*, Vol. 19, No. 2 (Autumn 1994).
4. *Andrew Bacevich: *The New American Militarism*, Chapter 1, "Wilsonians Under Arms."

September 21 & 24 Section 6: State-Level Causes: Balance of Power and the First World War

Reading for the section

1. Joseph S. Nye, Jr.: *Understanding International Conflicts: An Introduction to Theory and History*, Ch. 3.
2. *Marc Trachtenberg: "The Meaning of Mobilization in 1914" in *International Security* 15 (3) (winter 1990/91), pp 120-150.
3. *Scott Sagan: "1914 Revisited: Allies, Offense, and Instability," *International Security* 11 (2) (Autumn 1986) pp. 151-175.

September 26 Section 7: Failure of Collective Security & World War II

Reading for the section

1. Joseph S. Nye, Jr. *Understanding International Conflicts*, Ch. 4.

September 28, October 1 & October 3 Section 8: Containment, Cold War and Cuba

Reading for the section

1. *X (George Kennan): "The Sources of Soviet Conduct" in *Foreign Affairs*, July 1947.
2. * "The Truman Doctrine, The Marshall Plan, and Containment" in Edward Judge & John Langdon, *A Hard and Bitter Peace*.
3. Joseph S. Nye, Jr.: *Understanding International Conflicts: An Introduction to Theory and History*, Ch. 5.
4. Michael Dobbs: *One Minute to Midnight*, Chs. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 13, and 14.
5. *Graham Allison: "The Cuban Missile Crisis at 50" in *Foreign Affairs*, July/August 2012.

October 5, 8 & 10 Section 9: After the Cold War & American Primacy

Reading for the section

1. *Francis Fukuyama: "The End of History," *The National Interest*, 1989.
2. Joseph Nye: *Understanding International Conflicts*, Ch 6.
3. Samuel P. Huntington, "The Clash of Civilizations" in *Foreign Affairs*, Summer 1993.
4. *G. John Ikenberry: "The Myth of Post-Cold War Order," in *Foreign Affairs*, May/June 1996.
5. *William C. Wohlforth: "The Stability of a Unipolar World," *International Security*, 1999.
6. *Kenneth Waltz: "Structural Realism After the Cold War" in *International Security*, Vol. 25, No. 1, Summer 2000.
7. Kenneth Oye: "The Conditions for Cooperation in World Politics" in *A & J*, pp. 79-92.
8. *Stephen M. Walt: The Problem of American Power in *Taming American Power*, pp. 13-62.

October 10 & 12 Section 10: Coercive Diplomacy

Reading for the section

1. Alexander George: *Forceful Persuasion*. Entire book.
2. Robert J. Art: "The Four Functions of Force" in A & J, pp. 163-170.
3. * Robert Art and Patrick Cronin: "Coercive Diplomacy against Iraq, 1990-1998" in *The United States and Coercive Diplomacy*.
4. * Bruce Jentleson: "Coercive Diplomacy: Scope and Limits in the Contemporary World" in *Policy Analysis Brief*, The Stanley Foundation, December 2006.

October 17 & 19 Section 11: Terrorism & Competitive Authoritarianism

Reading for the section

1. *The Foundation of the New Terrorism, *9/11 Commission Report*, pp. 47-70. On-line at <http://www.9-11commission.gov/report/911Report.pdf>.
2. Bruce Hoffman: "What is Terrorism?" in A & J pp. 185-195.
3. *Seth Jones & Martin Libicki: *How Terrorist Groups End*, Chapter 2, Rand Corporation, 2008.
4. *F. Gregory Gause III: "Can Democracy Stop Terrorism?" in Art & Jervis 9th edition.
5. *Barry Posen: "The Struggle Against Terrorism: Grand Strategy, Strategy, and Tactics" in *International Security*, 26 (3) winter 2001-02) pp. 39-55
6. *Barry Rosen: "The Case for Restraint" in *The National Interest*, November/December 2007.
7. *Steven Levitsky & Lucan A. Way: *Competitive Authoritarianism*, Introduction.

October 22 Fall Break

October 24 Section 12: Decision to Invade Iraq

Reading for the section

1. *Kenneth M. Pollack: "Next Stop Baghdad?" *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 81, Issue 2 (March/April 2002).
2. *Stephen Walt & John Mearsheimer: "An Unnecessary War," *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. *Oliver Roy: "The Politics of Chaos in the Middle East," pp. 11-32.
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5. Barbara Tuchman: "Pursuit of Policy Contrary to Self-Interest" in *The March of Folly, From Troy to Vietnam*, Ballantine Books, 1985.

October 26 Section 13: The Occupation of Iraq

Reading for the section

1. *Stephen Biddle, Michael O'Hanlon, and Kenneth Pollack, "How to Leave a Stable Iraq," *Foreign Affairs*, (September/October 2008).
2. *Marc Lynch. "Politics First," *Foreign Affairs* (November/December 2008).
3. *Jonathan Pollack: "The Battle for Baghdad" in *National Interest*, September/October 2009.
4. *Paul Schroeder & Norman Robbins: "Alternatives With American Withdrawal, *Families of the Fallen for Change*, October 8, 2006.
5. *Charles W. Kegley & Gregory Raymond: *After Iraq*, pp. 1-6.

October 29 & 31 Section 14: Afghanistan & Pakistan

Reading for these section

1. *Barnett Rubin & Ahmed Rashid: "From Great Game to Grand Bargain," *Foreign Affairs*, (November/December 2008).
2. *Kim Baker: "Letter from Kabul" in *Foreign Affairs*, November 30, 2009.
3. *Paul Schroeder: "Vision As Well As Troops Needed to Heal Afghanistan," *Families of the Fallen for Change*, January 3, 2009.
4. *Michael O'Hanlon: "Staying Power," *Foreign Affairs*, September/October 2010.
5. *Mark Landler & Helene Cooper: "Obama Will Speed Pullout From War in Afghanistan," in *The New York Times*, June 22, 2011
6. *Gideon Rose: "What Would Nixon Do?" in *The New York Times*, June 26, 2011.
7. Stephen Biddle, Fotini Christia & Alexander Thier: "Defining Success in Afghanistan" in *Foreign Affairs*, July/August 2010.
8. Commentary: "Is It Time to Negotiate With the Taliban" in *The New York Times*, September 1, 2009.
9. Alissa Rubin & Taimoor Shah: "Karzai Welcomes Withdrawal, But Many Afghans Wary" in *The New York Times*, June 23, 2011.
10. Thom Shanker: "2012 Troop Pullback Worries Military Experts" in *The New York Times*, June 22, 2011.
11. Sami Yousafzai: "The Taliban in their Own Words" in *Newsweek*, September 26, 2009.

November 2 Section 15: The Neoconservatives

Reading for the section

1. *Stefan Halper & Jonathan Clarke: "Neoconservatives: A New Political Interest Group," pp. 9-39.
2. *Joshua Muravchik & Stephen Walt: "The Great Debate: the Neocons vs. The Realists" in *The National Interest*, No. 27, September/October 2008.
3. *Joseph S. Nye, Jr.: *Soft Power*, Chapter 1.
4. *Francis Fukuyama: *America at the Crossroads*, 2006, Chapter 1.
5. *Frederick Kagan: "Choosing Victory" in *AEI Online*, December 14, 2006.

November 5 Section 16: Global Issues – Globalization

Reading for the section

1. Joseph Nye: *Understanding International Conflicts*, Ch 7.
2. *Joseph Stiglitz: *Globalization and Its Discontents*, Chapters 4.
3. *Joseph Stiglitz: *Making Globalization Work*, Chapter 3.

November 7 & 9 Section 17: Global Issues – North-South Relations

Readings for the section

1. Bruce R. Scott: "The Great Divide in the Global Village," A & J pp. 292-304.
2. *William Easterly: *The Elusive Quest for Growth*, Chapter 2.
3. *William Easterly: *The White Man's Burden, Why the West's Efforts to Aid the Rest Have Done So Much Ill and So Little Good*, Chapter 1, Penguin Books, 2006.

November 12, 14, 16 Section 18: Global Issues – Tragedy of the Commons

Reading for the section

1. Garrett Hardin: "The Tragedy of the Commons" A & J pp. 502-507.
2. *Elizabeth Economy: *The River is Black*, Cornell University, 2004, Chapters 1, 3, 5 & 6.
3. *Michael Wines: "China Admits Problems With Three Gorges Dam" in *The New York Times*, May 19, 2011 (continued on next page)

4. *Edward Wong: "Plan for China/s Water Crisis Spurs Concern" in *The New York Times*, June 1, 2011.
5. Keith Bradsher: "Bolder Protests Against Pollution Win Project's Defeat" in *The New York Times*, July 4, 2012.

November 19, 2011 Film (Optional)

November 21, 23 No Class

November 26 & 28 Section 19: Global Issues: The Growth of Civil Society

Reading for the Section

1. Margaret Keck & Kathryn Sikkink: "Transnational Advocacy Networks," A & J, pp. 475-481.
2. Sebastian Mallaby: "NGOs Fighting Poverty, Hurting the Poor," A & J, pp. 482-487.
3. Phil Williams: "Transnational Organized Crime and the State," A & J pp. 489-501.
4. Joseph S. Nye, Jr.: *Understanding International Conflicts*, Ch 8.

November 30 & December 3 Section 20: Institutions & A New World Order

Reading for the section

1. Robert Nye: *Understanding International Conflicts*, Ch. 9
2. *Joseph E. Stiglitz: *Globalization and Its Discontents*, Chapter 8.
3. *Susan Schwab: "After Doha" in *Foreign Affairs*, May/June 2011.
4. *John J. Mearsheimer. "The False Promise of International Institutions" in *International Security*, Vol. 10, No. 3 (Winter 1994/1995) pp. 9-14.
5. Robert O. Keohane: "International Institutions: Can Interdependence Work?" in A & J pp. 150-158.

December 5 Section 21: New Actor in World Politics

Reading for the section

1. *David Shambaugh: *The Chinese Communist Party*, Chapters 1, 6 & 8.

December 7 Review for the final

December 13 Final Exam at 8:30 a.m.