

Political Science 272
Introduction to International Relations
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Tentative and Subject to Change

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Traditionally, International Relations considers patterns of behavior between states, largely issues pertaining to conflict and war. As the 21st Century unfolds, the field has expanded to examine the role of stateless actors determining issues of human development. While war continues to be a concern of the field, others issues regarding sustainability have become paramount. While this course will consider traditional issues of state-to-state relations and the causes of war, it also examines issues of sustainability such as the environment, global warming, globalization, and development issues.

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, the Gulf War, and Iraq and Afghanistan.

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, include stateless actors and terrorism, plus sustainability, including globalization, environmental degradation, climate change, and the rise of new states, e.g. China, as a potential global power.

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

Required Readings

Robert Art and Robert Jervis, eds., *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues*, 9th ed., Longman Press, 2008. Listed as A & J below.

Additional readings are listed on the syllabus and are available on Blackboard.

Course Requirement

The key to success in this course is to have done all 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. **Assigned presentations** of a current issue in international relations. Material should be taken from the media, especially major newspapers or magazines, e.g. *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Newsweek*, or *Time*. Presentations should be limited to no longer than 5 minutes, with 10 minutes for discussion. **This accounts for 15 percent of your grade.** *It is a wise citizen who keeps up with global issues that will drive government policies, which do impact our lives.*
2. **A take-home midterm** that should incorporate issues covered by class discussions and the assigned readings. *It is a wise student who keeps up with the readings.* Paper length should be 5-8 pages. You will be given several questions from which to choose. **This accounts for 35 percent of your grade.**
3. **A take-home final** that includes a different set of questions geared more toward an evaluation of various theories of international relations. This too will be based on class discussions and assigned readings. *It is a wise student who keeps up with the readings.* It will cover the entire course. Paper length should be 8-10 pages. **This accounts for 50 percent of your grade.**

There is no additional paper required given that you have two take-home exam papers.

Course Schedule

August 25: Introduction

1. Scope of Course
2. The Three Concentrations
3. Levels of Analysis

No assigned readings

Section 1 August 27: Classical Realism

1. * Stephen Walt: “International Relations: One World, Many Theories” in *Foreign Policy*, Spring 1998.
2. Hans Morgenthau: “Six Principles of Political Realism” A & J, pp. 7-14.
3. *E. H. Carr, “The Realist Critique (Ch. 5) in *Twenty Years Crisis*, pp 63-88.

Section 2 September 1: Neorealism

1. Kenneth Waltz: “The Anarchic Structure of World Politics” A & J pp. 29-49.
2. *Kenneth Waltz: “The Origins of War in Neorealist Theory” in *The Origin and Prevention of Major Wars*, Rotberg & Rabb, eds.

Section 3 September 3: Defensive & Offensive Realism

1. Stephen Walt, “Alliances, Balancing and Bandwagoning” A & J pp. 96-103.
2. John J. Mearsheimer, “Anarchy and the Struggle for Power” A & J pp. 50-60.
3. *John J. Mearsheimer. “The False Promise of International Institutions” in *International Security*, Vol. 10, No. 3 (Winter 1994/1995) pp. 9-14.

Section 4 September 8: Realism and the Origins of the First World War

1. Robert Jervis, “Offense, Defense, and the Security Dilemma” A & J pp. 153-173.
2. *Robert G. L. Waite, “Leadership Pathologies: The Kaiser and the Fuhrer and the Decisions for War in 1914 and 1939” pp. 143-154 only.

Section 5 September 10: 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.

Section 6 September 15: The Origins of the Cold War

1. *X: “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*.

Section 7 September 17: The Constructivist Critique of Neorealism

1. Alexander Wendt, “Anarchy is What States Make of It” A & J, pp. 61-68.

Section 8 September 22: Democratic Peace Theory

1. Michael W. Doyle: "Kant, Liberal Legacies, and Foreign Affairs" A & J, pp. 83-96.
2. *Bruce Russett: "*Grasping the Democratic Peace*, Princeton University Press, 1993, pp. 24-42.

Section 9 September 24: Critique of Democratic Peace Theory

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

Section 10 September 29: The End of the Cold War

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 Waltz: "Balancing Power: Not Today But Tomorrow," pp. 484-492.
4. *Francis Fukuyama: "The End of History," *Foreign Affairs*,
5. *Samuel P. Huntington, "The Clash of Civilizations" A & J pp. 83-96.

Section 11 October 1: Achieving Cooperation Under Anarchy

1. Kenneth Oye: "The Conditions For Cooperation in World Politics" A & J pp. 69-82.
2. *Stephen M. Walt: *Taming American Power*, pp. 13-62.

Section 12 October 6: Neoliberal Institutions

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

Section 13 October 8: Coercive Diplomacy

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

Section 14 October 13: Coercive Diplomacy and the First Gulf War

To be announced

Thursday, October 15: Midterm Exam Questions Distributed

Section 15 October 15: Terrorism

1. Bruce Hoffman: "What is Terrorism?" in A & J pp. 174-180.
2. Robert A. Pape: "The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism" in A & J, pp. 198-216.
3. Philip H. Gordon: "Can the War on Terror be Won?" in A & J, pp. 419-426.
4. F. Gregory Gause III: "Can Democracy Stop Terrorism?" in A & J, pp. 411-418.
5. *The Foundation of the New Terrorism, *9/11 Commission Report*, pp. 47-70. On-line at <http://www.9-11commission.gov/report/911Report.pdf>.
6. *Bruce Riedel, "Al Qaeda Strikes Back," *Foreign Affairs*, May/June 2007.
7. *Rand Corporation Research Brief: *How Terrorism Ends*.

October 20: FALL BREAK

Section 16 October 22: Decision to Invade Iraq

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.

Monday, October 26 at 23:59 hours: Midterm Exam Due via e-mail.

October 27, 2009 MANDATORY

4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Lecture by James Lindsay, Council on Foreign Relations.
"Obama's Foreign Policy."
Location to be announced.

Section 17 October 29: The Occupation of Iraq

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. *Charles W. Kegley & Gregory Raymond: *After Iraq*, pp. 1-6.
4. *Paul Schroeder & Norman Robbins: "Alternatives With American Withdrawal," *Families of the Fallen for Change*, October 8, 2006.

Section 18 November 3: Afghanistan & Pakistan

1. *Barnett Rubin & Ahmed Rashid: "From Great Game to Grand Bargain," *Foreign Affairs*, (November/December 2008).
2. *Paul Schroeder: "Vision As Well As Troops Needed to Heal Afghanistan," *Families of the Fallen for Change*, January 3, 2009.

Section 19 November 5: The Neoconservatives

1. *Stefan Halper & Jonathan Clarke: "Neoconservatives: A New Political Interest Group," pp. 9-39.
2. *Joseph S. Nye, Jr.: *Soft Power*, Chapter One.

Section 20: November 10: Global Issues – International Political Economy

1. Robert Gilpin: *The Nature of Political Economy*, A & J, pp. 263-279.

Section 21 November 12: Global Issues – North-South Relations

1. Bruce R. Scott: "The Great Divide in the Global Village," A & J pp. 290-302.

Section 22 November 17: Global Issues – 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 Mickelwait & Adrian Wooldridge: "Why the Globalization Backlash is Stupid," A & J, pp. 333-339.
5. Raqi Abdelal & Adam Segal: "Has Globalization Passed Its Peak," A & J pp. 340-346.

Section 23 November 19: Global Issues – Environmental Degradation

1. Garrett Hardin: “The Tragedy of the Commons” A & J pp. 347-352.
2. Colin Kahl: “Demography, Environment and Civil Strife,” A & J, pp. 353-363.
3. *Elizabeth Economy: *The River is Black*, Introduction.

Section 24 November 24: Global Issues – Climate Change

1. David Victor: “International Cooperation on Climate Change: Numbers, Interests and Institutions,” A & J, pp. 364-371.
2. N. Gregory Mankiw: “One Answer to Global Warming: A New Tax,” A & J, pp. 372-374.
3. *John Podesta & Peter Ogden: “The Security Implications of Climate Change,” *The Washington Quarterly*, 31:1 (Winter 2007-08).
4. Additional reading to be announced.

NOVEMBER 26 HOLIDAY

Section 25: December 1: Global Issues – New Actors in World Politics

1. Margaret Keck & 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.

Section 26 December 3: China

1. *David Shambaugh: *The Chinese Communist Party*, Chs. 1, 6, & 8.
2. *Susan Shirk: *China: Fragile Superpower*, Chapter 1

SUMMATION

DISTRIBUTION OF FINAL EXAM

FINAL EXAM IS DUE 23:60 HOURS VIA E-MAIL ON DECEMBER 9, 2009.