

Political Science 272
Introduction to International Relations
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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 paramount. While this course will consider traditional issues of state-to-state relations and the causes of war, it also examines sustainability in terms of the environment and global warming, globalization, and development issues. The course also examines the role of state-less actors in 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, the Gulf 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, 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 keep them in mind as the course progresses.

Books to Purchase

1. Robert Art and Robert Jervis, eds., *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues*, 10th ed., Longman Press, 2009. Listed as A & J below.
2. Thomas Friedman: *The World is Flat*, Release 3.0, Picador Reading Group, 2007.
3. Elizabeth Economy: *The River is Black*, 2nd Edition, Cornell University, 2010.

Additional readings marked with an asterisk below 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. **Periodic Quizzes – 25 percent of the grade.** *It is a wise student who keeps up with reading assignments.*
2. **A take-home midterm – 25 percent of the grade.** The exam paper (3-5 pages) should incorporate issues covered by class discussions and the assigned readings. *It is a wise student who keeps up with reading assignments.*
3. **A take-home final – 40 percent of the grade.** The exam paper (5-8 pages) should include an evaluation of various theories of international relations regarding an event in international relations (to be determined). *It is a wise student who keeps up with reading assignments.*
4. **Attendance and participation – 10% of the grade.** *Please note this carefully.* 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 from your grade. I also note participation. Sitting quietly and saying nothing when questions are posed is an indication you are not prepared. DO NOT BE SHY!

Course Schedule

Tentative, Subject to Change

August 24: Introduction

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

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

Section 1 August 26: Anarchy & the Struggle for Power

1. John J. Mearsheimer, “Anarchy and the Struggle for Power” A & J pp. 59-69.
2. Stephen Walt, “Alliances, Balancing and Bandwagoning” A & J pp. 127-134.

Section 2 August 31: Theories

1. * Stephen Walt: “International Relations: One World, Many Theories” in *Foreign Policy*, Spring 1998.
2. *E. H. Carr, “The Realist Critique (Ch. 5) in *Twenty Years Crisis*, pp 63-88.

Section 3 September 2: Neorealism

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.

Section 4 September 7: The Constructivist Critique of Neorealism

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

Section 5 September 9: Democratic Peace Theory

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.

Section 6 September 16: Balance of Power, Psychology and the Origins of the First World War

1. *Joseph S. Nye, Jr.: “Balance of Power and World War I” in *Understanding International Conflicts: An Introduction to Theory and History* (7th Edition)
2. Robert Jervis, “Offense, Defense, and the Security Dilemma” A & J pp. 93-113.
3. *Robert G. L. Waite, “Leadership Pathologies: The Kaiser and the Fuhrer and the Decisions for War in 1914 and 1939” in Betty Glad, ed., *Psychological Dimensions of War*, 1990, pp. 143-154 only.

Section 7 September 14: Critique of Democratic Peace Theory & the Persistence of Realism

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

Section 8 September 21: The Second World War

1. *Joseph S. Nye, Jr. “The Failure of Collective Security and World War II.” in *Understanding International Conflicts: An Introduction to Theory and History* (7th Edition)
2. *Robert G. L. Waite, “Leadership Pathologies: The Kaiser and the Fuhrer and the Decisions for War in 1914 and 1939” in Betty Glad, ed., *Psychological Dimensions of War*, 1990, pp. 154-162.

Section 9 September 23: The Origins of the Cold War

1. *Joseph S. Nye, Jr.: “The Cold War” in *Understanding International Conflicts: An Introduction to Theory and History* (7th Edition)
2. *X (George Kennan): “The Sources of Soviet Conduct” in *Foreign Affairs*, July 1947.
3. * “The Truman Doctrine, The Marshall Plan, and Containment” in Edward Judge & John Langdon, *A Hard and Bitter Peace*.

Section 10 September 28: The End of the Cold War

1. *Kenneth Waltz: "Structural Realism After the Cold War" in *International Security*, Vol. 25, No. 1, Summer 2000.
2. *Francis Fukuyama: "The End of History," *The National Interest*, 1989.
3. *Samuel P. Huntington, "The Clash of Civilizations" in *Foreign Affairs*, Summer 1993.
4. *G. John Ikenberry: "The Stability of Post-Cold War Order," in *Foreign Affairs*, May/June 1996.
5. *William C. Wohlforth: "The Stability of a Unipolar World," *International Security*, 1999.

Section 11 October 5: Achieving Cooperation Under Anarchy

1. Kenneth Oye: "The Conditions for Cooperation in World Politics" A & J pp. 79-92.
2. *Stephen M. Walt: *Taming American Power*, pp. 13-62.

Section 12 October 7: Neoliberal Institutions

1. Robert O. Keohane: "International Institutions: Can Interdependence Work?" in A & J pp. 150-158.
2. *John J. Mearsheimer. "The False Promise of International Institutions" in *International Security*, Vol. 10, No. 3 (Winter 1994/1995) pp. 9-14.

Thursday, October 7: Midterm Exam Questions Distributed.

Exam Paper Due Noon, October 15 via e-mail.

Section 13 October 12 & 14: Coercive Diplomacy

1. Robert J. Art: "The Four Functions of Force" in A & J, pp. 163-170.
2. Thomas C. Shelling: "The Diplomacy of Violence" in A & J, pp. 1716-184.
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.

Tuesday October 19 Fall Break

Section 14 October 21: Terrorism

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. Robert A. Pape: "The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism" in A & J, pp. 213-230.
4. *Philip H. Gordon: "Can the War on Terror be Won?" in Art & Jervis 9th edition..
5. *F. Gregory Gause III: "Can Democracy Stop Terrorism?" in Art & Jervis 9th edition.
6. *Bruce Riedel, "Al Qaeda Strikes Back," *Foreign Affairs*, May/June 2007.
7. *Seth Jones & Martin Libicki: *How Terrorist Groups End*, Chapter 2, Rand Corporation, 2008.
8. Audrey Kurth Cronin: "Ending Terrorism," in A & J, pp. 398-411.

Section 15 October 26: 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.

Section 16 October 28: 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.
5. *Jonathan Pollack: "The Battle for Baghdad" in *National Interest*, September/October 2009.

Section 17 November 2: 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 18 November 4: The Neoconservatives

1. *Andrew Bacevich: "Wilsonians Under Arms" in *The New American Militarism: How Americans Are Seduced by War*.
2. *Stefan Halper & Jonathan Clarke: "Neoconservatives: A New Political Interest Group," pp. 9-39.
3. *Joshua Muravchik & Stephen Walt: "The Great Debate: the Neocons vs. The Realists" in *The National Interest*, No. 27, September/October 2008.
4. *Leslie H. Gelb: "A Realist Rally" in *The National Interest*, No. 27, September/October 2008.
5. *Joseph S. Nye, Jr.: *Soft Power*, Chapter 1.
6. *Francis Fukuyama: *America at the Crossroads*, 2006, Chapter 1.

Section 19: November 9: Global Issues – International Political Economy

1. Robert Gilpin: The Nature of Political Economy, A & J, pp. 265-281.
2. *Mitsuo Matsushita, et. al.: *The World Trade Organization*, Oxford University Press, 2006, Chapters 1 & 3.

Section 20 November 11: Global Issues – North-South Relations

1. Bruce R. Scott: "The Great Divide in the Global Village," A & J pp. 292-304.
2. *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.
3. *William Easterly: *The Elusive Quest for Growth*, Chapter 2.

Section 21 November 16: Global Issues – Globalization

1. Thomas Friedman: *The World is Flat*, Chapter 2
2. Pankaj Ghemawat: “Why the World Isn’t Flat,” A & J pp. 322-327.
3. *Jeffrey Frankel: “Globalization and the Economy,” in Art & Jervis, 9th edition.
4. Dani Rodrik: “Trading in Illusions.” A & J, pp. 339-347.
5. John Micklethwait & Adrian Wooldridge: “Why the Globalization Backlash is Stupid,” A & J, pp. 348-354.
6. *Raqi Abdelal & Adam Segal: “Has Globalization Passed Its Peak,” in Art & Jervis, 9th edition.

Section 22 November 18: Global Issues – Environmental Degradation

1. Garrett Hardin: “The Tragedy of the Commons” A & J pp. 502-507.
2. *Colin Kahl: “Demography, Environment and Civil Strife,” in Art & Jervis, 9th edition.
3. Elizabeth Economy: *The River is Black*, Cornell University, 2004, Chapters 1, 3, 5 & 6.

Section 23 November 23: Global Issues – Climate Change

1. David Victor: “International Cooperation on Climate Change: Numbers, Interests and Institutions,” A & J, pp. 515-523.
2. *N. Gregory Mankiw: “One Answer to Global Warming: A New Tax,” in Art & Jervis, 9th edition.
3. *John Podesta & Peter Ogden: “The Security Implications of Climate Change,” *The Washington Quarterly*, 31:1 (Winter 2007-08).

NOVEMBER 25 HOLIDAY

Section 24: November 30: Global Issues – New Actors in World Politics

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.: “Information Revolution and Transnational Actors” in *Understanding International Conflicts: An Introduction to Theory and History* (7th Edition)

Section 25 December 2: China

1. *David Shambaugh: *The Chinese Communist Party*, Chs. 1, 6, & 8.
2. *Susan Shirk: *China: Fragile Superpower*, Chapter 1
3. *Ken Miller: “coping With China’s Financial Power” in *Foreign Affairs*, July/August 2010.

SUMMATION

DISTRIBUTION OF FINAL EXAM

**FINAL EXAM IS DUE NOON (ET)
VIA E-MAIL ON DECEMBER 10, 2009.**