

## **INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

Political Science 272 (Fall 2006)

M/W 9:00-10:15

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This course is an introduction to the study of world politics. It begins with concepts and problems that shape the contemporary field of international relations. Students will then become familiar with some of the major IR theories and apply them to historical and contemporary case studies. Topics include: World War II and the origins and end of the Cold War; the US in world politics, 9/11 and its international effects; cooperation in Europe and war in central Africa; governance of the global economy and the international distribution of wealth; and terrorist networks, nuclear proliferation and religion's role in global politics.

### **Readings:**

The following required textbook is available at the bookstore.

Joshua S. Goldstein and Jon C. Pevehouse, *International Relations*, 7<sup>th</sup> ed.  
(New York: Pearson Longman, 2007).

The other readings are available electronically either via the E-Journal Portal of the Kelvin Smith Library website or on the class Blackboard website, in which case I put "Blackboard" after the citation.

In addition to the assigned readings, you are required to read, on a regular basis, topical articles in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Financial Times*, *Le Monde* or any other leading foreign or American newspaper.

### **Course Requirements and Assignments:**

Students are responsible for all assigned readings and must attend lectures. The three exams will cover content from the readings, lectures and discussions.

- 1) In-Class Exam (25%), September 25.
- 2) Take-Home Exam (30%), Due November 6.
- 3) Final Exam (40%), December 18.
- 4) Attendance/Participation (5%) – Five unexcused absences will result in a zero for this category. Excused absences require prior consultation and/or a doctor's note.

## **Course Policies:**

All graded work must be completed in accordance with the Case Academic Integrity Standards.

Unexcused absences from exams will be penalized.

Please feel free to drop in during my office hours. I encourage all students in this course to do so, especially individuals with disabilities who are registered with the Coordinator of Disability Services (368-5230) and may need individual arrangements. I am happy to make individual appointments for students with scheduling conflicts. The best and quickest way to reach me is via email. If you send a message, please put the course number in the subject heading (i.e. "POSC 272").

## **Topics and Reading Assignments:**

### ***Part I: Introduction to the Study of World Politics***

#### **Session One: Introduction: A More Dangerous World (8/28)**

Niall Ferguson, "Sinking Globalization," *Foreign Affairs* 84, 2 (Mar/Apr 2005), 64-77.

#### **Session Two: International Relations and the Social Sciences (8/30)**

Goldstein, *International Relations*, 3-5 and 17-49.  
Stephen Jay Gould, *Wonderful Life: The Burgess Shale and the Nature of History* (New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 1990), 276-291.  
(Blackboard)

#### **Sessions Three and Four: Who are the actors and how are they related? (9/6 & 9/11)**

Goldstein, 10-15.  
Robert Pape, "Ground to Halt," *New York Times*, Aug 5, 2006.  
Michael Specter, "What Money Can Buy," *New Yorker*, October 24, 2005, 56-71.  
Deborah Avant, "Private Military Companies and the Future of War," E-Notes, Foreign Policy Research Institute, April 2006. (Blackboard)  
Jessica T. Matthews, "Power Shift," *Foreign Affairs* 76, 1 (Jan/Feb 1997), 50-66.  
Anne-Marie Slaughter, "The Real New World Order," *Foreign Affairs* 76, 5 (Sep/Oct 1997), 183-97.  
9/11 Commission, "The Foundations of the New Terrorism," Final Report of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, Official Government Edition, 2004, 47-70. (Blackboard)  
Heinrich Kreft, "China, India and Global Change," *The World Today*, Aug/Sep 2006, 25-7. (Blackboard)

**Sessions Five and Six: Levels of Analysis and Driving Forces (9/13 & 9/18)**

- John Lewis Gaddis, *We Now Know: Rethinking Cold War History* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997), 20-25. (Blackboard)
- Robert Jervis, "The Compulsive Empire," *Foreign Policy* 137 (Jul/Aug 2003), 83-87.
- John E. Mueller, *Retreat from Doomsday: The Obsolescence of Major War* (New York: Basic Books, 1989), 7-12 and 251-257. (Blackboard)
- Andre Gunder Frank, "The Development of Underdevelopment" in *Dependence and Underdevelopment: Latin America's Political Economy*, edited by J. Crockcroft, A. Gunder Frank and D. Johnson (New York: Doubleday, 1972), 3-17. (Blackboard)
- Paul Pillar, "Intelligence, Policy and the War in Iraq," *Foreign Affairs*, 85, 2 (Mar/April 2006), 15-27.

**Part II: Approaches to International Politics**

**Session Seven: In-Class Discussion (9/20)**

No additional readings.

**Session Eight: IN CLASS EXAM (9/25)**

**Session Nine: No Lecture. Class to be rescheduled. (9/27)**

- Goldstein, 55-61.
- Samuel Huntington, "The U.S. – Decline or Renewal?" *Foreign Affairs* 67, 2 (Winter 1988-9), 76-96.

**Sessions Ten and Eleven: Realism and Power (10/2 & 10/4)**

- Goldstein, 62-94.
- Tom Lansford, *Evolution and Devolution*, (Ashgate: Aldershot, 2000), 10-15. (Blackboard)
- John J. Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics*, (New York: Norton, 2001) 1-14. (Blackboard)

**Sessions Twelve and Thirteen: Cooperation among States (10/9 & 10/11)**

- Goldstein, Chapter 101-5 and 380-93.
- Robert O. Keohane, "A Functional Theory of Regimes" in *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues*, edited by R. J. Art and R. Jervis (New York: HarperCollins Publishers Inc., 1992), 95-101. (Blackboard)
- Tom Lansford, *Evolution and Devolution*, (Ashgate: Aldershot, 2000), 15-22. (Blackboard)
- Charles A. Kupchan, "The End of the West," *The Atlantic Monthly*, November 2002, 42-4.

**Session Fourteen: Commercial Liberalism (10/16)**

Milton Friedman and Rose Friedman, *Free to Choose: A Personal Statement* (New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1980), 51-53. (Blackboard)

Edward D. Mansfield and Brian M. Pollins, "Interdependence and Conflict: An Introduction," in Edward D. Mansfield and Brian M. Pollins, eds., *Economic Interdependence and International Conflict: New Perspectives on an Enduring Debate* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2003), 1-4. (Blackboard)

Richard Rosecrance, "The Rise of the Virtual State," *Foreign Affairs* 75, 4 (Aug 1996), 45-62.

**Session Fifteen: Democratic Peace Theory (10/18)**

Goldstein, Chapter 4, 160-163.

Fareed Zakaria, "The Rise of Illiberal Democracy," *Foreign Affairs* 76, 6 (Nov/Dec 1997), 22-43.

**No Class: Fall Break (10/23)**

**Session Sixteen: The Constructivist Challenge (10/25)**

Goldstein, 119-121.

Richard Price, "Compliance with International Norms and the Mines Taboo" in *To Walk Without Fear: The Global Movement to Ban Landmines*, edited by Maxwell Cameron, Brian Tomlin and Robert Lawson (Toronto: Oxford University Press, 1998), 340-363. (Blackboard)

Thomas Risse, "U.S. Power in a Liberal Security Community" in *America Unrivaled*, edited by G. John Ikenberry (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2002), 239-260. (Blackboard)

**Session Seventeen: Foreign Policy Approaches and International Spillovers (10/30)**

Goldstein, 139-160.

U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, "Report on the U.S. Intelligence Community's Prewar Intelligence Assessments on Iraq," 2004. Read "Conclusions (Excerpted From Full Report)." (<http://intelligence.senate.gov/>)

**\*\*\* Take-Home Exam Given Out \*\*\***

**Session Eighteen: In-Class Discussion (11/1)**

No additional readings.

**Session Nineteen: TAKE-HOME EXAM DUE (11/6)**

### ***Part III: The US and World Politics***

#### **Session Twenty: The Bush Doctrine (11/8)**

- George Bush, "The National Security Strategy of the United States of America" (Sep 2000), 1-35. (Blackboard)
- Francis Fukuyama, "The Neoconservative Moment," *The National Interest* 76 (Summer 2004), 57-68.
- Philip H. Gordon, "The End of the Bush Revolution," *Foreign Affairs* 85, 4 (Jul/Aug 2006).

#### **Session Twenty-One: Effects of Bush Doctrine (11/13)**

- Foreign Policy and Center for American Progress, "The Terrorism Index," *Foreign Policy*, July/August 2006, 49-55.
- G. John Ikenberry, "A Weaker World," *Prospect*, November 2005, 30-33.
- John Mueller, "Force, Legitimacy, Success and Iraq," *Review of International Studies* 31, 2005, 109-125.

#### **Session Twenty-Two: Security Dilemmas and Counterbalancing (11/15)**

- Keir A. Lieber and Daryl G. Press, "The Rise of American Nuclear Primacy," *Foreign Affairs* 85, 2 (Mar/Apr 2006), 42-54.
- Stephen M. Walt, "Taming American Power," *Foreign Affairs* 84, 5 (Sep/Oct 2005).
- Stephen G. Brooks and William C. Wohlforth, "Hard Times for Soft Balancing," *International Security* 30, 1 Summer 2005, 72-108.
- Bruce Stokes, "Does Anti-Americanism Matter?" *National Journal*, August 12, 2006. (Blackboard)

### ***Part IV: Special Topics***

#### **Session Twenty-Three: International Politics of Regions (11/20)**

- Jeremy M. Weinstein, "Africa's 'Scramble for Africa': Lessons of a Continental War," *World Policy Journal* 17, 2 (Summer 2000), 11-21.
- Letitia Lawson and Donald Rothchild, "Sovereignty Reconsidered," *Current History*, May 2005. (Blackboard)
- James F. Hoge, "A Global Power Shift in the Making," *Foreign Affairs* 83, 4 (Jul/Aug 2004), 2-8.
- Jorge G. Castaneda, "Latin America's Left Turn," *Foreign Affairs* 85, 3 (May/Jun 2006).

#### **Session Twenty-Four: Nuclear Weapons (11/22) (Wednesday before Thanksgiving)**

- Goldstein, 231-45.
- Scott D. Sagan and Kenneth N. Waltz, *The Spread of Nuclear Weapons*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (New York: W. W. Norton and Company, 2003), 43-45 & 83-87. (Blackboard)
- Reading on Iran and North Korea's nuclear aspirations, TBA.

**Session Twenty-Five: States and the Global Economy (11/27)**

Dani Rodrik, "Trading in Illusions," *Foreign Policy* 123 (Mar/Apr 2001): 55-62.  
David Dollar and Aart Kraay, "Spreading the Wealth," *Foreign Affairs* 81,  
1 (Jan/Feb 2002):120-34.

**Session Twenty-Six: Governance of the Global Economy (11/29)**

Readings on the Doha Round's Collapse, TBA.

**Session Twenty-Seven: Terrorism (12/4)**

John Mueller, "Six Rather Unusual Propositions about Terrorism," *Terrorism and Political Violence* 17, 2005: 485-505. (Blackboard)  
Bruce Hoffman, "Religion and Terrorism," *Inside Terrorism* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2006), 81-130. (Blackboard)

**Session Twenty-Eight: Religion and Global Politics (12/6)**

Bruce Stokes, "Fervor in Foreign Policy," *National Journal*, March 20, 2006, 36-43. (Blackboard)  
Timothy Samuel Shah and Monica Duffy, "Why God is Winning," *Foreign Policy* (July/August 2006): 38-43.  
Vali Nasr, "When the Shiites Rise," *Foreign Affairs* 85, 4 (July/August 2006).

**Final Exam: December 18, 8:30-11:30**