Main Idea: Trade, Diplomacy, War, & the Fates of Nations

Understandings:

The take-aways of this course are traditional issues of state-to-state relations and the causes of conflict, along with issues of sustainability in terms of the globalization and the environment.

Assessment of your work will depend on how well you prepare in advance of class.

Tasks:

• Attendance plus periodic Group Discussion sessions are worth 30% of the final grade.

• Midterm Exam is True/False scheduled for October 17, 2019 worth 30% of the final grade.

• Final Exam is Multiple Choice scheduled for December 12 worth 40% of the final grade.

Books to Purchase


Additional readings marked with an asterisk below are available on canvas.

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Tentative Schedule
Subject to Change

Aug 27 & 29  Our understanding this week (1) Anarchy in the international system; (2) the level of analysis used to consider an event; and (3) how policy choices are made based on that. The issue is critical: if policy options are based on an international systems level of analysis and the opponent considers only a state-centric level, fruitful negotiations may be impossible.

Reading
*Kenneth Waltz: “The Anarchic Structure of World Politics
Joseph Nye: Understanding International Conflicts & Cooperation, Ch. 2

Sept 3 & 5  What is the struggle for power in international relations theories?

Reading
*Stephen Walt: “International Relations: One World, Many Theories” in Foreign Policy, Spring 1998.

Sept 10 & 12  What is Realism and Neorealism and how do they differ?

Reading

Sept 17 & 19  What are the Constructivist Critiques of Neorealism and what is democratic peace theory?

Reading
**Sept 24 & 26**  *What is coercive diplomacy and how is it used?*

*Reading*  
**Alexander George:** *Forceful Persuasion.* Entire book.  
*Robert J. Art:* *The United States and Coercive Diplomacy,* Introduction  
**Robert J. Art:** “The Four Functions of Force” in A & J.  
*Jon Alterman* “Coercive Diplomacy against Iraq, 1990-1998  

**Oct 1 & 3**  *Balance of Power and World War I*

*Reading*  
**Joseph S. Nye, Jr.:** “The Balance of Power and World War I” in *Understanding International Conflicts & Cooperation,* Ch. 3.  

**Oct 8 & 10**  *The Failure of Collective Security & the run-up to World War II*

*Reading*  
**Joseph S. Nye, Jr.:** *Understanding International Conflicts & Cooperation,* Ch. 4.

**October 15**  *Midterm Review*

**October 17**  *Midterm Exam*

**October 22**  *Fall Break*

**Oct 24**  *Start of the Cold War and its Lasting Strategy*

*Reading*  
*X (George Kennan):* “The Sources of Soviet Conduct” in *Foreign Affairs,* July 1947.  
**Joseph S. Nye, Jr.:** *Understanding International Conflicts & Cooperation:* Ch. 5.

**Oct 29 & 31**  *The Cuban Missile Crisis*

*Film:*  

*Reading*  
**Michael Dobbs:** *One Minute to Midnight,* Chs. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 13, and 14.  
*Graham Allison:* "The Cuban Missile Crisis at 50" in *Foreign Affairs,* July/August 2012.

**Nov 5 & 7**  
*End of the Cold War and the New World Order*

**Reading**  
Joseph Nye: *Understanding International Conflicts*, Chapter 6  
Benjamin Barber: Jihad vs. McWorld

**Nov 12 & 14**  
*How primacy has changed America*


**Nov 19 & 21**  
The 9/11 attacks gave policy primacy to the Neo-Conservatives, who advocate war as a diplomatic tool, unleashed American military power in the Middle East, and brought down upon the United States international opprobrium.

**Reading**  
Nov 26

Reading


*Charles Lewis*: *935 Lies*, Prologue.


November 28  Thanksgiving

Dec 3 & 5

*Dealing with issues that cross national borders, including globalization and the environment.*

Final Exam Review

Reading


December 10  Final Exam