

Introduction to International Politics

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Course Overview

This course has two primary aims.

The *first* is to provide students with a basic understanding of international politics. We examine why the international system looks the way it does and where it might be headed. We survey a selected number of the many important issues in contemporary world politics and study the history of the development of the contemporary international system.

The *second* is to provide students with the knowledge and analytical tools to think systematically about international politics. Through an analysis of historical and contemporary events, this course seeks to give students an understanding of competing theories and basic concepts in the study of international politics.

This is not an international-relations theory course, nor is it a survey of current events. However, students *are* expected to learn to "think theoretically." They are also expected to build knowledge of current events by reading the international (and when relevant, domestic) sections of the *New York Times* or the *Washington Post* each morning.

Requirements

1. Attendance and Readings

Each student is expected to complete *almost* all of the readings before class. Students are expected to attend lectures. Although I will not take attendance, the lectures and the readings do not substitute for one another. The lectures build on or depart from the readings in a variety of ways. EXAMS WILL DRAW FROM BOTH THE LECTURES AND THE READINGS.

2. Sections

Within the first two weeks of the course you will be expected to sign-up for a section. Section attendance is NOT MANDATORY. Regular and informed participation in your section may raise your final grade by as much as 1/3 of a level (turn a B- into a B, a B+ into an A-, etc.).

3. Grades and Assignments

Your grade will be composed of the following elements:

1. 25% In-Class Midterm.
2. 35% Assignments, including one short paper (1000-1500 words).
3. 40% Final.
4. Section participation (see section 2).

Procedures and Guidelines

Due to the large size of this class, your first point of contact should be the two TAs. All emails to me should have "006" at the start of the subject heading. Check Blackboard regularly for announcements.

In the absence of a reasonable excuse, such as a death in the family or illness (which must be documented), all assignments must be completed on time. Papers that arrive late will be penalized by a letter grade for each 24 hour period beyond the due date.

Plagiarism and other acts of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. If you have questions, ask.

Texts

The following REQUIRED texts will be available for purchase at the bookstore:

1. State Power and World Markets: The International Political Economy, by Joseph M. Grieco, G. John Ikenberry. W.W. Norton & Company; (January 2003)
2. Force and Statecraft: Diplomatic Problems of Our Time, by Gordon A. Craig, Alexander L. George, George Craig. Oxford University Press; 3rd edition (June 1997)
3. The Spread of Nuclear Weapons: A Debate Renewed, by Scott D. Sagan, Kenneth N. Waltz. W.W. Norton & Company; 2 edition (January 2003)
4. Arms and Influence, by Thomas C. Schelling. Publisher: Yale Univ Pr; (December 1967)

These texts are also on reserve at Lauinger Memorial Library. All readings marked with a "[B]" are, or will be, available on Blackboard. All readings marked with an "[R]" are on reserve at Lauinger, and most should be available via e-reserve. Some readings have specified URLs or locations that they can be downloaded from.

Miscellany

I am attempting to find "theme songs" to end each lecture on. I have been unable to find appropriate music for every class. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

Readings and Topics

8/28, Thursday

Introduction

- Aims of the Course
- Policies

9/02, Tuesday

Levels of Analysis

Readings

1. Jervis, Robert. Perception and Misperception in International Politics, pp. 13-31 (chapter 1). Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1976. [B]

9/04 Thursday

Power and Politics: Machiavelli and Political Realism

Readings

1. Machiavelli, Niccollo. The Prince.
(www.ilt.columbia.edu/publications/machiavelli.html) Or
www.bibliomania.com/2/1/64/111/frameset.html)

9/09, Tuesday

The Origins of the Sovereign-Territorial State System: The Medieval to Modern Transition in Europe

Readings

1. Mackenney, Richard. Sixteenth Century Europe, Expansion and Conflict, pp. 58-81 (chapter 3). London: Macmillan, 1993. [R]
2. Glete, Jan. War and the State in Early Modern Europe, pp. 1-16 (prologue and part of chapter 1). London and New York: Routledge, 2002. [R]
3. Steiger, Heinhard. "Concrete Peace and General Order: The Legal Meaning of the Treaties of 24 October 1648," in Klaus Bussmann and Heinz Schilling, eds. *1648*, pp. 437-445. [R]

9/11, Thursday

Explanations for the Emergence of the Modern State System: Economics, Warfare, or New Ideas?

Readings

1. Spruyt, Hendrik. The Sovereign State and its Competitors, pp. 61-76 (chapter 4). Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1994. [R]
2. Glete, Jan. War and the State in Early Modern Europe, pp. 16-41 (remaining part of chapter 1). London and New York: Routledge, 2002. [R]

9/16, Tuesday

The Age of Revolutions, Nationalism, and Empire I

Readings

1. Black, Jermy. War and the World: Military Power and the Fate of Continents, 1450-2000, pp. 129-202. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1998. [R]

9/18, Thursday

The Age of Revolutions, Nationalism, and Empire II

Readings

1. Anderson, M.S. "Eighteenth-Century Notions of the Balance of Power," in Ragnild Hatton, ed. Studies in Diplomatic History. London, 1970, pp. 183-198. [R]
2. Craig, Gordon A. and Alexander L. George. Force and Statecraft: Diplomatic Problems of Our Time, chapters 1-3 (excluding part III).

9/23 Tuesday

Realism and the Balance of Power

Readings

1. Morgenthau, Hans. Politics Among Nations, 1st edition, pp. 125-166. New York: Knopf, 1953. [R]
2. Waltz, Kenneth. "Anarchic Orders and Balances of Power," in Robert O. Keohane, ed. Neorealism and its Critics, pp. 98-130. New York: Columbia University Press, 1986. [R]
3. Jervis, Robert. "Cooperation Under the Security Dilemma," in Richard Betts, ed. Conflict after the Cold War, pp. 312-29. [R]

9/25 Thursday

Alliance Formation, Polarity, and War

Readings

1. Walt, Stephen M. "Alliance Formation and the Balance of World Power," *International Security* 9,4 (Spring, 1985), pp. 3-43 (only read through p. 34). [B]
2. Schweller, Randall L. "Bandwagoning for Profit: Bringing the Revisionist State Back In," *International Security* 19,1 (Summer, 1994), pp. 72-107. [B]

9/30 Tuesday

World War I: Causes

Readings

1. Polanyi, Karl. The Great Transformation: the Political and Economic Origins of Our Times. Beacon Press, 1957, chapter 1, pp. 3-19 (also read note 2 to chapter 1, pp. 264-6). [R]
2. Craig and George, Force and Statecraft, chapter 3, part III.
3. Sagan, Scott D. "1914 Revisited: Allies, Offense, and Instability," *International Security* 11,2 (Autumn 1986), pp. 151-75. [R]

10/02 Thursday

From World War I to World War II

Readings

1. Craig and George, Force and Statecraft, chapters 4-7.
2. Kindleberger, Charles P. The World in Depression, 1929-1939, pp. 291-307. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1973. [R]
3. Wilson, Woodrow. "Fourteen Points"
(<http://www.lib.byu.edu/~rdh/wwi/1918/14points.html>)

Recommended

1. Armstrong, David, Lorna Lloyd, and John Redmond. From Versailles to Maastricht: International Organization in the Twentieth Century. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1996, chapters 1-2, pp. 7-61. [R]

10/07 Tuesday

The Post-War Economic Order: A Case of Hegemonic Stability?

Readings

1. Armstrong et al. From Versailles to Maastricht, chapter 3, pp. 62-87. [R]
2. Craig and George, Force and Statecraft, chapter 8.
3. Grieco and Ikenberry, State Power and World Markets, chapter 4, pp. 92-123 and chapter 5, pp. 124-148 and 156-158.

10/09 Thursday

The Cold War

Readings

1. Kennan, George F. (X), "The Sources of Soviet Conduct." [<http://www.historyguide.org/europe/kennan.html>]
2. Stephanson, Anders. "Fourteen Notes on the Very Concept of the Cold War." [<http://www2.h-net.msu.edu/~diplo/stephanson.html>]
3. Pitman, Paul. "'A General Named Eisenhower': Atlantic Crisis and the Origins of the European Economic Community," in Mark Trachtenberg, ed. Between Empire and Alliance: America and Europe During the Cold War, pp. 33-63. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2000. [R]
4. Craig and George, Force and Statecraft, chapter 9.

Recommended

1. Gaddis, John Lewis. "The Long Peace: Elements of Stability in the Postwar International System," *International Security* 10,4 (Spring 1986), pp. 99-142. [B]

10/14 Tuesday

De-Colonization and the Emergence of the "Third World"

Readings

1. Philpott, Daniel. Revolutions in Sovereignty: How Ideas Shaped Modern International Relations, chapters 8 and 11, pp. 153-167 and 203-219. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2001.

10/16 Thursday

****** MIDTERM EXAM ******

10/21 Tuesday-
10/23 Thursday

The Logic of Deterrence

Readings

1. Schelling, Thomas. Arms and Influence (selections TBA).
2. Craig and George. Force and Statecraft, either chapters 13, 14, or 15, pp. 163-228.
3. Jervis, Robert. The Logic of Images in International Relations, chapter 5, pp. 113-138. New York: Columbia University Press, 1970.
4. *possible additional reading TBD*

10/28 Tuesday

The Changing Economic Order I

Readings

1. Grieco and Ikenberry, State Power and World Markets, chapter 8, pp. 244-283 and chapter 9, pp. 305-314.
2. Vogel, Ezra. The Four Little Dragons, chapter 1, pp. 1-12. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1993. [R]

10/30 Thursday

The Changing Economic Order II: Explanations

Readings

1. Keohane, Robert O. and Joseph Nye, Jr. Power and Interdependence, 2nd Edition. chapters 1-2, pp. 3-37. New York: HarperCollins, 1989. [R]
2. Keohane, Robert O. and Robert Axelrod, "Achieving Cooperation Under Anarchy: Strategies and Institutions," in David Baldwin, ed. Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate, pp. 85-115. New York; Columbia University Press, 1993. [R]

Recommended

1. David Baldwin, "Neoliberalism, Neorealism, and World Politics," in David Baldwin, ed. Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate, pp. 3-25. [R]

11/04 Tuesday

Détente, Cold War II, and 'New Thinking'

Readings

1. Brooks, Stephen G. and William C. Wohlforth. "Power, Globalization, and the End of the Cold War. Reevaluating a

- Landmark Case for Ideas," *International Security* (Winter 2000/2001), pp. 5-53. [B]
2. Doyle, Michael. "Liberalism and the End of the Cold War," in Richard Ned Lebow and Thomas Risse-Kappen, eds., *International Relations Theory and the End of the Cold War*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1995, pp. 85-108. [B]
3. Nelson, Lars-Erik. "Fantasia," *New York Review of Books*, May 11, 2000. [R]

11/06 Thursday

International Law

Readings

1. Arend, Anthony. Legal Rules and International Society, chapters 1-2. New York: Oxford University Press, 1999. [R]

11/11 Tuesday

Terrorism

Readings

1. Tilly, Charles. The Politics of Collective Violence, pp. 1-22 and 102-130. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003. [R]
2. Lesser, Ian O. et al. Countering the New Terrorism, chapter 2, pp. 7-38. Washington, DC: RAND, 1999. [B]

Recommended

1. Lesser, Ian O. et al. Countering the New Terrorism, chapter 3, pp. 39-84. [B]

11/13 Thursday

Interventions and Nation Building

Readings

1. Drydale, John. "Foreign Military Intervention in Somalia: The Root Cause of the Shift from UN Peacekeeping to Peacemaking and Its Consequences," in Walter Clarke and Jeffrey Herbst, eds., Learning from Somalia: The Lessons of Armed Humanitarian Intervention, pp. 118-134, Boulder: Westview, 1997. [B]
2. Crocker, Chester. "The Lessons of Somalia: Not Everything Went Wrong," *Foreign Affairs* 74:3, pp. 2-8. May/June 1995. [B]
3. Stedman, Stephen John. "Spoiler Problems in Peace Processes," *International Security* 22,2 (Fall 1997), pp. 5-53 [B]

11/17 Monday

****** PAPER DUE ******

11/18 Tuesday

Weapons Proliferation

Readings

1. Sagan and Waltz, *The Spread of Nuclear Weapons: A Debate Renewed*.

11/20 Thursday

The Unipolar Order and US Grand Strategy: A Pax Americana?

Readings

1. Brooks, Stephen G. and William C. Wohlforth, "American Primacy in Perspective," *Foreign Affairs* July/August 2002. [R]
2. Ikenberry, G. John. "America's Imperial Ambition," *Foreign Affairs*, September/October 2002. [R]
3. Rosen, Stephen P. "An Empire, If You Can Keep It," *National Interest*, Spring 2003. [R]
4. Snyder, Jack. "Imperial Temptation," *National Interest*, Spring 2003. [R]
5. Kaplan, Robert D. "Supremacy by Stealth," *Atlantic*, July/August 2003, pp. 65-84. [R]
6. Tilly, Charles. "How Empires End," in Karen Barkey and Mark von Hagen, eds. *After Empire: Multiethnic Societies and Nation-Building* , pp. 1-11. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1997. [B]

Recommended

1. Motyl, Alexander. *Imperial Ends: The Decay, Collapse, and Revival of Empire*, pp. 12-24. New York: Columbia University Press, 2001. [R]

11/25 Tuesday-
12/02 Tuesday

Globalization I: IPE and Globalization

Readings

1. Grieco and Ikenberry, *State Power and World Markets*, chapter 3, pp. 57-91, chapter 7, pp. 204-239, chapter 8, pp. 314-323, and chapter 9, pp. 327-337.

12/04 Thursday

Globalization II: Futures of World Order

Readings

1. Huntington, Samuel. "The Clash of Civilizations," *Foreign Affairs*, Summer 1993 [R]
2. Lewis, Martin W. and Wigen, Karen E. *The Myth of Continents: A Critique of Metageography*, chapter 3, pp. 73-103. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1997. [R]
3. Seidman, Gary W. "Adjusting the Lens: What Do Globalizations,

Transnationalism, and the Anti-Apartheid Movement Mean for Social Movement Theory?" in James Guidry et al, eds. Globalizations and Social Movements, pp. 339-57. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2000.

4. *possible additional readings TBD*