

## **Introduction to International Relations Political Science 2100**

Room: OSH 175  
Time: MWF 9:40-10:30

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**Purpose of the Course:** Introduces students to the analysis of international relations. Topics include the determinants of state power and the conditions that foster conflict and cooperation in international politics. No previous background in the study of international relations is required. This course is designed to give a brief overview of important developments in both of the major sub-field of the discipline, International Political Economy and Security Studies. Topics include foreign policy making, realism and its challengers, international organizations, terrorism and globalization.

**Course Requirements:** Reading constitutes the bulk of this classes course work and it is essential that these readings be completed before the lecture in which they will be discussed. There will be two midterm exams on Feb. 10th and March 20th, and a final on Monday, May 1, 2006 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the normally scheduled room. Student who cannot make these exam dates are required to consult with the professor or a TA well in advance of requesting a make-up exam.

Grading will be as follows: 50% final exam, 20% midterm 1, 20% midterm, 10% class participation.

**New York Times:** While many of the readings for this class are historical in nature, we are not primarily interested in history itself. Rather we wish to develop a body of theory and use that to understand the world both today and in the near future. As such students are required to read the *New York Times* daily and be prepared to discuss its coverage of relevant events in class. The *New York Times* provides the best daily coverage of international events of any American newspapers. The easiest way to get it is to visit their web-page (nytimes.com). Registration is required, but it is free and easy. The NY Times is also available to University of Utah students on campus. Alternatively, students may choose to read the *Financial Times*. This British newspaper provides the best

international coverage of economic and business news, as well as excellent coverage of international events. It can be found at <http://news.ft.com>. This paper would be an excellent choice for those primarily interested in International Political Economy and Globalization.

**On-line Class Discussion:** Part of the class participation grade is based on the students' participation in the on-line discussion forum. Each student is expected to post at least once a week. You may either respond to the discussion questions I post, critique another student's response, or pose a question yourself based on the readings in class and the NY Times. I will monitor the discussion and reserve the right to remove posts. As always you should be courteous in your discussions with fellow classmates and avoid personal insults or name calling. Feel free to reference outside sources with appropriate citations.

### **Required Texts:**

All required readings are on reserve in the library. The following books are available at the bookstore and are strongly recommended for purchase:

Art, Robert J. and Robert Jervis. 2005. *International Politics: Enduring concepts and Contemporary Issues*. Seventh Edition. New York: Pearson Longman.

Marc A Genest. 2004. *Conflict and Cooperation: Evolving Theories of International Relations*. Second Edition. Thomson Wadsworth.

### **Course Outline:**

#### **Week 1: Anarchy in IR:**

Kenneth N. Waltz "The Anarchic Structure of World Politics" in Art and Jervis

Robert O. Keohane "International Institutions: Can Interdependence Work?" in Art and Jervis.

Joseph M Grieco. 1988. "Anarchy and the Limits of Cooperation: A Realist Critique of the Newest Liberal Institutionalism." *International Organization*. 42:3 (Summer), 485-507.

#### **Week 2: The LOA debate, Power and Morality in IR:**

Genest. *Conflict and Cooperation*. Chapter 1.

Hans J. Morgenthau. 2003. "The Moral Blindness of Scientific Man" in *International Politics* 6<sup>th</sup> ed. Robert Art and Robert Jervis ed. New York: Longman Publishers 7-16.

Week 3: US Foreign Policy Making: Essence of Decision.

Genest. *Conflict and Cooperation*. Chapter 7.

Robert Jervis. "Explaining the Bush Doctrine" in Art and Jervis

G. John Ikenberry. "America's Imperial Ambition." in Art and Jervis

Further Suggested Reading

Executive Office of the President. *National Security Strategy of the United States*. December 2001. Available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/nsc/nssall.html>

Week 4: US Foreign Policy Making: Contemporary Problems and Issues.

Richard Betts. 2002. "The Soft Underbelly of American Primacy: Tactical Advantages of Terrorism." *Political Science Quarterly*. Vol. 117, Spring 2002, pp. 19-36.

Stern. "Al Qaeda—The Protean Enemy." In Art and Jervis.

Further Suggested Reading

Audrey Kurth Cronin. 2003. "Behind the Curve: Globalization and International Terrorism." *International Security* 27:3 pp. 30-58.

Week 5: Tools for thinking about Problems in International Relation: Game Theory.

Kenneth A. Oye. "The Conditions for Cooperation in World Politics" in Art and Jervis.

Axelrod and Keohane. 1985. "Achieving Cooperation Under Anarchy: Strategies and Institutions." In Baldwin ed. *Neorealism and Neoliberalism*. NY:Columbia UP. 85-116.

Further Suggested Reading

Thomas C. Schelling. "The Diplomacy of Violence." in Art and Jervis

## **Midterm 1: February 10<sup>th</sup>.**

### Week 6: Classical Realism and Neorealism.

Genest, Chapter 2.

Hans Morgenthau, "Six Principles of Political Realism" in Art and Jervis

### Week 7: Neoliberalism

Genest, Chapter 3 and pp. 191-198.

Robert O. Keohane and Joseph S. Nye "Complex interdependence and the Role of Force." In Art and Jervis.

Josiah Ober. "Classical Greek Times." In Michael Howard, et al., eds., *The Laws of War*, pp. 12-26.

### Weeks 8: Grasping the Democratic peace. Part I.

Michael W. Doyle. "Kant, Liberal Legacies, and Foreign Affairs." In Art and Jervis.

Bruce Russett. "The Fact of the Democratic Peace."

Bruce Russett. "Why Democratic Peace?"

### Week 9: Explaining the Democratic Peace. Part II.

Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, James Morrow, Randolph Sieverson, and Alastair Smith, "An Institutional Explanation of the Democratic Peace," *American Political Science Review* 93 (December 1999), pp. 791-808.

Ido Oren. "The Subjectivity of the 'Democratic' Peace: Changing US perceptions of Imperial Germany."

<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/oren.htm>

#### Further Suggested Reading

Kenneth Schultz, "Do Democratic Political Institutions Constrain or Inform? Contrasting Two Institutional Perspectives on Democracy and War," *International Organization* 53 (Spring 1999), pp. 233-266.

Spring Break: March 13-17

**Midterm 2: March 20**

Week 10: What is IPE?:

Robert Gilpin. "The Nature of Political Economy." In Art and Jervis 7<sup>th</sup> ed.

Krasner. 1976. "State Power and the Structure of the International Trading System." *World Politics*. 28. April. pp. 317-343.

Arthur Stein. 1984. "The Hegemon's Dilemma" *International Organization* v. 38. Spring.

Further Suggested Reading (on HST)

Duncan Snidal. 1985. "The Limitations of Hegemonic Stability Theory." *International Organization* 39: 579-614.

Week 11: Domestic intuitions, regime type, and free trade.

Helen Milner. 1998. "The Political Economy of International Trade." *Annual Review of Political Science*. V. 2  
[http://www.columbia.edu/%7Ehvm1/Research\\_files/petrade.pdf](http://www.columbia.edu/%7Ehvm1/Research_files/petrade.pdf)

Further Suggested Reading

Mansfield and Busch. 1995. "The Political Economy of Non-tariff Barriers: A Cross-National Analysis." *International Organization* v. 49:723-49.

Judith Goldstein. 1988. "Ideas, Institutions, and American Trade Policy." *International Organization* 42 (Winter): 179-217.

Week 12: Economic Causes of War and Conflict.

Genest, Chapter 4.

Theotonio Dos Santos. 1970. "The Structure of Dependence." *American Economic Review*. Vol. 60 (May) 231-36.  
<http://ideas.repec.org/a/aea/aecrev/v60y1970i2p231-36.html>

Moran. 1978. "Multinational Corporations and Dependency." *International Organization*. Vol. 32 (Winter). 79-100.

Week 13: Economic Statecraft and Foreign Policy.

Robert A. Pape. 1997. "Why Economic Sanctions Do Not Work." *International Security*, Vol. 22, No. 2 (Fall) 90-136.

David A. Baldwin. 1999. "The Sanctions Debate and the Logic of Choice." *International Security*, Vol. 24, No. 3 (Winter) 80-107.

Daniel W. Dresner. 2003. "How Smart are Smart are Smart Sanctions." *International Studies Review* 5, 107-110.  
<http://www.danieldresner.com/research/smartsanctions.pdf>

Week 14: New Actors in IR: The EU and regional integration.

Walter Mattli. 1999. *The Logic of Regional Integration: Europe and Beyond*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Chapter 1 and 2.

Rakore, "Europe's Floundering Fathers." Art and Jervis

Further Suggested Reading

Ratner, "International Law: The Trials of Global Norms." Art and Jervis

Week 15: The Future of World Politics: Globalization.

Thomas Friedman and Ignacio Ramonet. 1999. "Dueling Globalizations" *Foreign Policy*, No. 116 (Fall), pp. 110-127

David Dollar and Aart Kraay, "Spreading the Wealth," *Foreign Affairs*, vol. 81, January/February 2002, pp. 120-133.

Branko Milanovich. 2003. "The Two Faces of Globalization: Against Globalization as we know it." *World Development* 31:4 667-683.

Further Suggested Reading

Moses Naim, *Five Wars of Globalization* .

**Final Exam: Monday, May 1, 2006 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. in OSH 175**