

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. 16th and March 26th, and a final on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 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: 20% midterm 1, 30% midterm 2, 50% final exam.

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 and its distributed for free in the business school.

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*. Eighth 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 pp. 29-49

Robert O. Keohane "International Institutions: Can Interdependence Work?" in Art and Jervis. pp. 119-126

Further Suggested Reading

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 (No Class Monday, Jan. 15; MLK Day):

Genest. *Conflict and Cooperation*. Chapter 1.

Hans J. Morgenthau. 2003. "The Moral Blindness of Scientific Man" in *International Politics* 6th ed. Robert Art and Robert Jervis pp. 7-14.

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 pp. 417-431

G. John Ikenberry. 2002. "America's Imperial Ambition." *Foreign Affairs* (September/October) 81:5 pp. 44-60
<http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~rgibson/Ikenberry.pdf>

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 4-5: 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, Jessica. "Al Qaeda: The Protean Enemy." *Foreign Affairs* (July/August 2003).
<http://www.pvtr.org/pdf/The%20Protean%20Enemy.pdf>

Further Suggested Reading

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

Week 6: Tools for thinking about Problems in International Relation: Game Theory.

Kenneth A. Oye. "The Conditions for Cooperation in World Politics" in Art and Jervis. pp. 69-82

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. pp. 149-162

Midterm 1: Friday, February 16th.

Week 7: Classical Realism and Neorealism (No Class Monday Feb 19th; Presidents Day).

Genest, Chapter 2.

Hans Morgenthau, "Six Principles of Political Realism" in Art and Jervis. pp. 7-14

Week 8: Neoliberalism.

Genest, Chapter 3 and pp. 191-198.

Robert O. Keohane and Joseph S. Nye. 1977. "Complex interdependence and the Role of Force." in *Power and Interdependence: World Politics in Transition*. Keohane and Nye. Little, Brown and Company. pp. 3-35.

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

Weeks 9: Grasping the Democratic peace. Part I.

Michael W. Doyle. "Kant, Liberal Legacies, and Foreign Affairs." In Art and Jervis. pp. 83-95

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

Bruce Russett. "Why Democratic Peace?"

Week 10: 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 19-24

Midterm 2: March 26

Week 11: What is IPE?:

Robert Gilpin. "The Nature of Political Economy." In Art and Jervis. pp. 267-282

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 12: 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

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 13: 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 14: 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 15: 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.

Further Suggested Reading

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

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

Final Exam: Tuesday, May 1, 2007 8:00 – 10:00 am in OSH 175