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THEORIES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Course Description: This is an upper division course designed to provide you with detailed comparison of the four theoretical perspectives which have had the greatest influence upon our understanding of the organization and operation of international relations. The objective of the course is to compare and contrast the assumptions, arguments, strengths, and weaknesses of Realism, Liberalism, Marxism, and Constructivism. Each theory makes specific claims about international relations which are intended to make sense of and explain the complexities of world politics.

Requirements: Students will be held responsible for all required readings listed on the syllabus. All reading assignments should be completed before each class session. Since we meet only once each week, I fully expect that you attend each class. The material we will be discussing tends to be rather abstract and somewhat difficult to grasp the first time around. There will be three writing assignments in this course: a mid-term, one paper, and a final exam. The first test will cover the section on Realism; the paper (10-12 pages) will draw from any section of the course (more on the paper assignment later in the course); the final exam will be comprehensive. Class participation will be considered in the final grade, especially in cases of border-line grades.

Grades: A student must complete the exams and the paper in order to receive a passing grade. No make-up tests, deadline extensions, or incompletes will be given except in cases of documented illness or sudden personal emergency. The dates of the exams and paper deadline and their value in terms of the final grade break down are as follows:

Mid-term Exam:	Oct. 5	25%
Paper Assignment:	Nov. 23	35%
Final Exam:	Dec. 7	40%

Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations to meet the expectations of this course are encouraged to bring this to the attention of the instructors as soon as possible. Written documentation of the disability should be submitted during the first week of the quarter along with the request for special accommodations. To do so, contact the Center for Disabled Student Service, 160 Union, 581-5020.

Students will be held responsible for all academic policies and procedures listed in the Student Handbook, including plagiarism, submitting one paper to more than one class, etc.

Course Readings: Two books are required which can be purchased from the Bookstore. A packet of readings also is required. In the syllabus, these readings are marked with an (R). Both the textbook and the packet are on reserve in Marriott Library.

Joseph Nye, Understanding International Conflicts, 4th edition, New York: Longman, 2003.

Paul Viotti and Mark Kauppi, International Relations Theory, 3rd Edition, New York: Longman, 1999.

The New York Times. Read it on line or, if available, sign up for this during the first week of the semester in the Union.

CLASS SCHEDULE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

Aug. 24 Course Overview and Introduction

PART I. Analyzing International Relations

Aug. 24 Theories of International Relations
- Ch. 1 in Viotti and Kauppi, pp. 1-13
- James Rosenau, "Thinking Theory Thoroughly" in Viotti and Kauppi, pp. 29-37
- Nye: pp. 1-12

Aug. 31 NO CLASS

Sept. 7 Levels of Analysis
- pp. 13-22 in Viotti and Kauppi
- Kenneth Waltz, "Explaining War" in Viotti and Kauppi, pp. 130-143
- Nye: Ch. 2

PART II. Realism

Sept. 7 The Theoretical Heritage of Realism
- pp. 55-64 in Viotti and Kauppi
- Thucydides, Machiavelli, and Hobbes in Viotti and Kauppi, pp. 100-110
- Hans Morgenthau, "A Realist Theory of International Politics" ®

Sept. 7 The Structure of Power
- pp. 64-66 in Viotti and Kauppi
- Hans Morgenthau, "Political Power" ®

Sept. 14 The State and the National Interest
- Stephen Krasner, "Sovereignty" ®

Sept. 14 The Balance of Power

- pp. 66-76 in Viotti and Kauppi
- Inis Claude, "Balance of Power" ®
- Nye: Ch. 3

- Sept. 14 Hegemonic War
- pp. 76-79 in Viotti and Kauppi
 - Robert Gilpin, "War and Change in World Politics," in Viotti and Kauppi, pp. 145-152
- Sept. 21 Change and the End of the Cold War
- pp. 79-82 in Viotti and Kauppi
 - John Mearsheimer, "Back to the Future" ®
 - Nye: Ch. 5
- Sept. 21 Realism and the Global Economy
- Stephen Krasner, "The Accomplishments of International Political Economy," in Viotti and Kauppi, pp. 184-197
 - Cohn, "The Realist Perspective" ®
- Sept. 21 Realism and Modern Terrorism
- Issue 3: "Will the 'Bush Doctrine' Promote a More Secure World?" ®
- Sept. 28 Critique of Realism
- pp. 82-88 in Viotti and Kauppi
 - Keohane, "Theory of World Politics," in Viotti and Kauppi, pp. 153-179
- Sept. 28 Mid-Term Review
- Oct. 5 **Mid-Term Exam**

PART III. Liberalism

- Oct. 12 Theoretical Heritage of Liberalism
- pp. 199-204 in Viotti and Kauppi
 - Hedley Bull, "The Anarchical Society" in Viotti and Kauppi, pp. 127-130
- Oct. 12 Liberal Critique of Realism
- Keohane and Nye, "Realism and Complex Interdependence," in Viotti and Kauppi, pp. 307-317
- Oct. 12 Bureaucratic Politics and Foreign Policy
- pp. 205-210 in Viotti and Kauppi
 - Allison, "Conceptual Models and the Cuban Missile Crisis," in Viotti and Kauppi, pp. 280-295

- Oct. 19 International Regimes and Multilateralism
 - pp. 210-219 in Viotti and Kauppi
 - John Gerard Ruggie, "Multilateralism," in Viotti and Kauppi, pp. 331-338
 - Nye: Ch. 6
- Oct. 19 Power and Interdependence
 - Keohane and Nye, "International Interdependence and Integration," in Viotti and Kauppi ®
 - Nye: Ch. 7
- Oct. 19 Economic Development
 - Deepak Lal, "The Misconceptions of 'Development Economics'" ®
- Oct. 26 Democratic Peace
 - Bruce Russett, "Why Democratic Peace?" ®
- Oct. 26 Liberal Internationalism
 - Stanley Hoffmann, "The Crisis of Liberal Internationalism" ®
 - Nye: Ch. 4
- Oct. 26 Critique of Liberalism
 - pp. 222-225 in Viotti and Kauppi
 - John Mearsheimer, "The False Promise of International Institutions" ®

PART IV. Globalism

- Nov. 2 Theoretical Heritage of Globalism
 - pp. 341-347 in Viotti and Kauppi
 - Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, "Manifesto of the Communist Party" ®
- Nov. 2 Transition to Capitalism
 - Dudley Dillard, "Capitalism" ®
- Nov. 2 Lenin and Imperialism
 - J.A. Hobson, "The Economic Taproot of Imperialism," in Viotti and Kauppi, pp. 365-368
 - Lenin, "Imperialism" ®
- Nov. 9 Dependency
 - pp. 347-351 in Viotti and Kauppi
 - Valenzuela and Valenzuela, "Modernization and Dependency" ®
- Nov. 9 Critique of Globalism
 - pp. 355-360 in Viotti and Kauppi

PART V. Constructivism

- Nov. 9 Constructivism and International Politics
 - pp. 427-432 in Viotti and Kauppi
 - Alexander Wendt, "Anarchy is What States Make of It?" in Viotti and Kauppi, pp. 434-454
- Nov. 16 Constructivism and Culture
 - Goldstein and Keohane, "Ideas and Foreign Policy" in Viotti and Kauppi, pp. 297-304
 - Nye: Ch. 8
- Nov. 16 Constructivism and the End of the Cold War
 - Rey Koslowski and Friedrich Kratochwil, "Understanding Change in International Politics" ®
- Nov. 16 Critique of Constructivism
 - Samuel Huntington, "The Clash of Civilizations" ®
 - Francis Fukuyama, "History is Still Going Our Way" ®

PART VI. Morality and Modern International Change in World Politics

- Nov. 23 Role of Morality in International Politics **(PAPER ASSIGNMENT DUE)**
 - pp. 397-406 in Viotti and Kauppi
 - E.H. Carr, "The Nature of Politics," in Viotti and Kauppi, pp. 422-425
 - Nye: pp. 20-28
- Nov. 23 Morality and Power
 - Hugo Grotius, "War, Peace, and the Law of Nations," in Viotti and Kauppi, pp. 410-415
 - Immanuel Kant, "Morality, Politics, and Perpetual Peace," Viotti and Kauppi, pp. 415-421
- Nov. 23 International Change and Theories of International Politics
 - Snow, "September 11, 2001," pp. 289-315 ®
 - Nye: Ch. 9
- Nov. 30 Final Exam Review Session
- Dec. 7 **FINAL EXAM**

Liberalism and Foreign Policy

- Michael Doyle, "Liberalism and World Politics," in Viotti and Kauppi, pp. 233-244

What is Economic Development?

- Snow, "Millennium Summit," pp. 235-251 ®