

Politics 240: International Relations

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Course description

This course examines international relations from a historical and theoretical perspective. The course will address how balance of power politics, international institutions, and the domestic political process have influenced world affairs. These perspectives will be compared in analysis of important historical periods from classical Greece to the challenges leaders face today. Topics include the causes of war, establishment of postwar order, the pursuit of economic prosperity, cooperation for environmental protection, and questions about ethics and international relations.

Course requirements

Precept participation: 20 percent

Midterm exam: 20 percent

Paper: 25 percent. Students are required to write an 8–10 page paper based on assigned readings. A topic list will be distributed Nov. 17th and papers are due December 17th.

Take home final exam: 35 percent

Course policies

The course will follow the Politics department late penalty of 1/3 grade drop for each 24 hour delay in submission of written assignments. Requests for extensions or re-grading must be accompanied by a comprehensive written explanation including note from Princeton health services in case of medical justification. Note that re-grading will be completed by the professor and may result in raising *or lowering* the original grade. Students are expected to familiarize themselves with Princeton's Honor Code and plagiarism policy:

<http://www.princeton.edu/pr/pub/integrity/08/intro/index.htm>

Readings ordered at Labyrinth Books

Art, Robert and Robert Jervis ed. *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues*. 9th ed. New York: Longman, 2009.

Ikenberry, John G. *After Victory: Institutions, Strategic Restraint, and the Rebuilding of Order after Major Wars*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2001.

Snyder, Jack. *Myths of Empire: Domestic Politics and International Ambition*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1991.

Frieden, Jeffrey. *Global Capitalism: Its Fall and Rise in the Twentieth Century*. NY: W.W. Norton, 2006.

All other readings are posted on electronic reserves available from the course website. If you have any problem locating a reading, first use e-reserve help request. Should this not resolve the problem, contact Tom Hale (thale@princeton.edu).

Precept Schedule

- **Realist theory (week of Sept 28)** readings from lectures 1-3 (169 pages)
- **Liberal and institutional theories (week of Oct 5)** readings from lectures 4-5 (201 pages)
- **Security Dilemma (week of Oct 12)** readings from lectures 6-7 (147 pages)
- **Domestic politics and IR (week of Oct 19)** readings from lectures 8-9 (236 pages)
- **The Cold War Peace (week of Oct 26)** readings from lectures 10-11 (130 pages)
- **Foreign Policy Decision-making (week of Nov 9)** readings from lecture 12 (84 pages)
- **Development and Financial Markets (week of Nov 16)** readings from lectures 13-14 (116 pages)
- *No regular precept meetings for Thanksgiving week. Preceptors will schedule individual meetings with students to discuss paper assignment.*
- **International Trade (week of Nov 30)** readings from lectures 17-18 (133 pages)
- **Nuclear Proliferation (week of Dec 7)** readings from lecture 19 (37 pages)
- **Non-State Actors (week of Dec 14)** readings from lectures 20-21 (83 pages)
- **Intervention and the future of IR (week of Jan 4)** readings from lectures 22-23 (97 pages) *reading period session is part of course requirement. Students who are unable to attend may choose to submit a 2 page response paper that addresses themes raised in reading materials from lectures 22-23.*

1 Anarchy and Order in the Modern State System

- **Lecture 1 (Sept. 17)** THE CHALLENGE OF SELF-DEFENSE AMIDST ANARCHY

Diamond, Jared. *Guns, Germs, and Steel*. New York: W.W. Norton and Company, 1997. pp. 67–81; 85-92.

- **Lecture 2 (Sept. 22)** REALIST THEORY

Morgenthau, Hans. “Six Principles of Political Realism.” In Art and Jervis, pp. 7-14.

Waltz, Kenneth. “The Anarchic Structure of World Politics.” In Art and Jervis, pp.29-49.

Thucydides. *History of the Peloponnesian War*. Trans. Rex Warner. London: Penguin, 1972. pp.35–49, 53–87, 400–408.

- **Lecture 3 (Sept. 24)** BALANCE OF POWER

Gilpin, Robert. *War and Change in World Politics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1981. pp. 9–49.

Walt, Stephen. “Alliances: Balancing and Bandwagoning.” In Art and Jervis, pp. 96–103.

George, Alexander and Gordon A. Craig. “Balance of Power, 1815-1914” in *Force and Statecraft: Diplomatic Problems of Our Time*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1995. pp. 25–42.

recommended reading: Kissinger, Henry. Chapters on the Concert of Europe, Napoleon and Bismarck, and Realpolitik in *Diplomacy*, pp. 78–167.

- **Lecture 4 (Sept. 29)** LIBERAL AND INSTITUTIONALIST THEORY

Oye, Kenneth. “The Conditions for Cooperation in World Politics.” In Art and Jervis, pp. 69–82.

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

Moravcsik, Andrew. “Taking Preferences Seriously: A Liberal Theory of International Politics,” *International Organization* 51: 4 (Autumn 1997), pp. 513–536, 544–549.

Ikenberry, G. John. “Varieties of Order” in *After Victory*, pp. 21–49.

- **Lecture 5 (Oct. 1)** THE RISE OF THE MODERN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY

Frieden, Jeffrey. “Global Capitalism.” pp. 1–104.

Gilpin, Robert. “The Nature of Political Economy.” In Art and Jervis, pp. 263–279.

recommended reading: Milgrom, Paul R., Douglass C. North, and Barry R. Weingast. “The Role of Institutions in the Revival of Trade: The Law Merchant, Private Judges, and the Champagne Fairs.” *Economics and Politics* 2, no. 1 (1990): 1–23.

2 Sources of Conflict

- **Lecture 6 (Oct. 6) THE SECURITY DILEMMA: WWI**

Jervis, Robert. "Offense, Defense, and the Security Dilemma." In Art and Jervis, pp.153–173.

Van Evera, Stephen. "The Cult of the Offensive and the Origins of the First World War." *International Security* 9, no. 1 (Summer 1984): 58–107.

recommended reading: Kissinger, Henry. "A Political Doomsday Machine" in *Diplomacy*, pp. 168–217.

- **Lecture 7 (Oct. 8) COLLECTIVE SECURITY: THE INTERWAR YEARS**

Ikenberry, G. John. *After Victory*, pp. 117–162.

Keohane, Robert. "International Institutions: Can Interdependence Work?" In Art and Jervis, pp. 119–124.

Carr, E.H. *The Twenty Years Crisis, 1919-1939*. New York: Harper and Row Publishers, 1964 (original book published in 1939). pp. 22–40, 80–88.

- **Lecture 8 (Oct. 13) DOMESTIC POLITICS AND ECONOMIC RIVALRY: THE INTERWAR YEARS**

Kindleberger, Charles. "An Explanation of the 1929 Depression," in *The World in Depression*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 1986. pp. 288–305.

Eichengreen, Barry. "The Political Economy of the Smoot-Hawley Tariff." In *International Political Economy: Perspectives on Power and Wealth*, edited by Jeffrey Frieden and David Lake. New York: Bedford/St. Martin's Press, 2000. pp. 37–46.

Frieden, Jeffrey. "Global Capitalism." pp.105–250.

- **Lecture 9 (Oct. 15) DOMESTIC POLITICS AND WAR: WWII**

Snyder, Jack. *Myths of Empire*, pp. 1–20, and read one case chapter on WWII: *either* 66–111 *or* 112–152.

3 The Foundations of the Post-1945 Order

- **Lecture 10 (Oct. 20) HIROSHIMA AND THE NUCLEAR ERA**

Schelling, Thomas. "The Diplomacy of Violence." In Art and Jervis, pp. 139–152.

Mueller, John. "The Irrelevance of Nuclear Weapons."

Jervis, Robert. "The Utility of Nuclear Deterrence."

Walzer, Michael. *Just and Unjust Wars*. pp. 41–47, 251–274.

- **Lecture 11 (Oct. 22)** BUILDING INSTITUTIONS FOR A NEW ORDER

Ikenberry, G. John. *After Victory*, pp. 199–214.

Frieden, Jeffrey. *Global Capitalism*, pp. 253–300.

- **Lecture 12 (Oct. 27)** FOREIGN POLICY DECISION-MAKING: THE COLD WAR

Khong, Yuen Foong. *Analogies at War: Korea, Munich, Dien Bien Phu, and the Vietnam Decisions of 1965*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1992. pp. 3–18, 97–117.

Snyder, Jack. *Myths of Empire*, pp. 255–304.

- **Midterm Exam (Oct. 29)**

- **FALL RECESS**

4 Negotiating Peace and Prosperity

- **Lecture 13 (Nov. 10)** NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT

Frieden, Jeffrey. “Global Capitalism.” pp. 413–456.

Rodrik, Dani. “Trading in Illusions.” In Art and Jervis. pp. 325–332.

- **Lecture 14 (Nov.12)** GLOBAL CAPITAL MARKETS

Frieden, Jeffrey. “Global Capitalism.” pp. 385–412; 457–476.

Frankel, Jeffrey. “Globalization of the International Economy.” In Art and Jervis, pp. 303–318.

Ghemawat, Pankaj. “Why the World Isn’t Flat.” In Art and Jervis, pp. 319–324.

Wolf, Martin. “Seeds of its own destruction.” *Financial Times* March 8, 2009.

- **Lecture 15 (Nov. 17)** ECONOMIC-SECURITY LINKAGES

Art, Robert. “The Fungibility of Force.” In Art and Jervis, pp. 181–197.

Gowa, Joanne. *Allies, Adversaries, and International Trade*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1994. pp. 3–10.

- **Lecture 16 (Nov. 19)** Guest Lecture, Professor Andrew Moravcsik
END OF THE COLD WAR

Ikenberry, G. John. *After Victory*, pp. 215–256.

Waltz, Kenneth. “Structural Realism after the Cold War.” *International Security* 25, no. 1 (Summer 2000): 5–41.

Nye, Joseph. *The Paradox of American Power*, pp. 1–40.

- **Lecture 17 (Nov. 24)** THE POLITICS OF TRADE

Destler, I.M. *American Trade Politics*. (Washington D.C.: Institute for International Economics, 2005) pp. 3–10, 279–306.

Bergsten, Fred C., Takatoshi Ito, and Marcus Noland. *No More Bashing: Building a New Japan-United States Economic Relationship*. Washington, DC: Institute for International Economics, 2001. pp.1–29.

Hufbauer, Gary Clyde et al. *US-China Trade Disputes: Rising Tide, Rising Stakes*. Washington D.C.: Institute for International Economics, 2006, 1-10.

- **Lecture 18 (Dec. 1)** INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW AND THE WTO

Jackson, John. *The World Trading System: Law and Policy of International Economic Relations*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. pp. 1–30.

Barton, Goldstein, Josling, and Steinberg. *The Evolution of the Trade Regime*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2006, pp. 1-25.

Hippler Bello, Judith. “The WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding: Less is More.” *American Journal of International Law* 90, no. 3 (July 1996): 416–418.

“China and the WTO: Let me Entertain You.” *Economist* 13 August 2009.

Bhagwati, Jagdish and Panagariya, Arvind. “Legal Trade Barriers Must Be Kept in Check.” *Financial Times*. 12 June 2009.

- **Lecture 19 (Dec. 3)** NON-PROLIFERATION

Sagan, Scott. “Nuclear Instability in South Asia.” In Art and Jervis, pp. 217–227.

Waltz, Kenneth. “Nuclear Stability in South Asia.” In Art and Jervis, pp. 228–238.

Posen, Barry. “A Nuclear-Armed Iran: A Difficult but Not Impossible Policy Problem.” In Art and Jervis, pp. 239–254.

5 Looking Beyond the State

- **Lecture 20 (Dec. 8)** TERRORISM AND NEW SOURCES OF THREAT

Lake, David. “Rational Extremism: Understanding Terrorism in the Twenty-First Century.” *Dialog-IO* (Spring 2002): pp. 15–29.

Pape, Robert. “The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism.” In Art and Jervis, pp. 198–215.

Sageman, Marc. *Leaderless Jihad: Terror Networks in the Twenty-First Century* University of Pennsylvania Press, 2007, pp. 3–12, 109–124.

Hoffman, Bruce. “The Myth of Grass-Roots Terrorism,” *Foreign Affairs* (May/June 2008).

- **Lecture 21 (Dec. 10)** TRANSNATIONAL RELATIONS AND NON-STATE ACTORS: ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Hardin, Garrett. "The Tragedy of the Commons." In Art and Jervis, pp. 347–352.

Keck, Margaret and Kathryn Sikkink. "Transnational Activist Networks." In Art and Jervis, pp. 477–483.

DeSombre, Elizabeth R. "Power, Interdependence, and Domestic Politics in International Environmental Cooperation." In *Power, Interdependence, and Nonstate Actors in World Politics*. (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2009) pp. 147–163.

Levi, Michael. "Copenhagen's Inconvenient Truth," *Foreign Affairs* (Sept/Oct 2009).

recommended reading:

IPCC, "Climate Change 2007: Synthesis Report Summary for Policymakers."

Revkin, Andrew. "Nobel Halo Fades Fast for Climate Change Panel." *New York Times*. 4 August 2009.

- **Lecture 22 (Dec. 15)** QUESTIONS OF INTERVENTION

Hoffmann, Stanley. "The Politics and Ethics of Military Intervention." *Survival* 37, no. 4 (Winter 1995-96): 29–51.

President George W. Bush "West Point Commencement Speech" In *America and the World: Debating the New Shape of International Politics*. New York: Council on Foreign Relations, 2002. pp. 364–371.

Dobbins, James. "Nation-Building: UN Surpasses U.S. on Learning Curve." In Art and Jervis, pp. 457–465.

"Imposing Freedom," *Economist* July 23, 2009.

- **Lecture 23 (Dec. 17)** THE FUTURE

Layne, Christopher. "The Waning of U.S. Hegemony – Myth or Reality?" *International Security*. Vol. 34, no. 1 (Summer 2009) pp. 147–172.

Huntington, Samuel. "The Clash of Civilizations?" In Art and Jervis, pp. 395–410.

Slaughter, Anne-Marie. "Government Networks and Global Governance." In Art and Jervis, pp. 577–586.

Jervis, Robert. "The Era of Leading Power Peace." In Art and Jervis, pp. 379–394.