

# WWS 541 International Politics

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## Course description

This course introduces theories of international relations and evaluates their explanation of foreign policy decisions and general patterns in world affairs over the last century. Broadly covering security policy and international political economy, topics include the causes of war, the role of international organizations, the politics of trade negotiations, and international cooperation for environmental protection. We will discuss the interaction between domestic and international actors in foreign policy, the role of non-state actors, and the constraints on state power that arise from globalization.

## Course Assignments and Grading

Class participation: 20 percent  
Presentation: 20 percent  
Two Short papers: 30 percent  
Research paper or final exam: 30 percent

Students will be expected to do the readings and participate in seminars. Contribution to discussion will be part of the participation grade. Once during the semester, each student will give a presentation that connects themes from the readings for the week with a contemporary policy issue. Two students may work together for a joint presentation. Two short papers (3-4 pages) written on a question related to the readings will be required. One paper should be about a topic covered during the first 6 weeks, and a second paper should be about a topic covered during the final 6 weeks of the course. The paper is due at the beginning of class on the day that we will discuss the readings that you address in your paper (late papers will not be accepted). Students will have the choice between writing an individual research paper or taking a final exam.

A research paper should combine theoretically informed discussion of a policy problem with suggestions for policy solutions to improve outcomes. For those writing a paper, you should stop by office hours to discuss your topic, and a 2-4 page proposal is due October 24th. The final 15-20 page paper is due at 4pm on January 13. Late papers will be deducted one-third letter grade for each day past the due date.

For the exam, you will receive a list of questions in early December as a study guide (group studying is encouraged). The exam questions will be chosen from this list and given to you January 14th at 9am, and answers will be due at 4pm. Late exams will be deducted one-third letter grade for each *hour* past the due date.

### Readings suggested for purchase

Robert Art and Robert Jervis ed. *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues*. 6th ed. New York: Longman, 2003.

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

Waltz, Kenneth. *Man, the State, and War: A Theoretical Analysis*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1959.

Sagan, Scott and Kenneth Waltz. *The Spread of Nuclear Weapons: A Debate*. New York: W.W. Norton and Company, 2003.

*Readings marked with an asterisk are included in a course packet available for purchase and are also on reserve at Stokes Library. Readings marked with two asterisks are not included in the packet. These are available from JSTOR, and you can print them from the link at the course website.*

## The Nature of the International System

### • Week 1 (Sept. 16) ANARCHY AND POWER

Thucydides. "The Melian Dialogue" *History of the Peloponnesian War*. Trans. Rex Warner. London: Penguin, 1972. pp. 400–408.\*

Kenneth Waltz. *Man, the State, and War: A Theoretical Analysis*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1959. pp. 1–41, 159–238.

Gilpin, Robert. *War and Change in World Politics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1981. pp. 9–49, 186–210.\*

Gilpin, Robert. "The Nature of Political Economy." In Art and Jervis (2002), pp.281–297.

### • Week 2 (Sept. 23) INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY, WAR, AND PEACE

Ikenberry, G. John. *After Victory*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2001. pp. 3–79.

Jervis, Robert. "Theories of War in an Era of Leading-Power Peace." *American Political Science Review* 96, no. 1 (March 2002): 1–14.\*

Doyle, Michael. "Liberalism in World Politics." *The American Political Science Review* 80 no. 4 (1986): 1151-69.\*\*

• **Week 3 (Sept. 30) STRATEGIES**

- Frieden, Jeffrey A. "Actors and Preferences in International Relations." in *Strategic Choice and International Relations*. Ed. David Lake and Robert Powell. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1999. pp.39–76.\*
- Morrow, James D. "The Strategic Setting of Choices: Signaling, Commitment, and Negotiation in International Politics." in *Strategic Choice and International Relations*. Ed. David Lake and Robert Powell. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1999. pp.77–114.\*
- Oye, Kenneth. "The Conditions for Cooperation in World Politics." In Art and Jervis (2002), pp. 81–94.
- Schelling, Thomas. "The Diplomacy of Violence." In Art and Jervis (2002), pp. 166–179.
- Jervis, Robert. "Cooperation Under the Security Dilemma." In Art and Jervis (2002), pp. 180–199.
- Mueller, John. "The Irrelevance of Nuclear Weapons." In Art and Jervis (2002), pp. 207–220.
- Jervis, Robert. "The Utility of Nuclear Deterrence." In Art and Jervis (2002), pp. 221–229.

• **Week 4 (Oct. 7) DECISION-MAKING, DOMESTIC POLITICS AND FOREIGN POLICY**

- 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, 97–147 (skim this chapter), 251–263.\*
- Weinberg, Gerhard. "No Road From Munich to Iraq." *The Washington Post* 3 November 2002.\*
- Allison, Graham. "Conceptual Models and the Cuban Missile Crisis." *The American Political Science Review*. 63, no. 3 (September 1969): 689–718.\*\*
- Purdum, Todd. "The Missiles of 1962 Haunt the Iraq Debate." *The New York Times* 13 October 2002.\*
- Martin, Lisa. *Democratic Commitments: Legislatures and International Cooperation*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2000. pp. 21–52.\*
- Sobel, Richard. *The Impact of Public Opinion on U.S. Foreign Policy Since Vietnam*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001. pp. 9–47, 143–174.\*

• **Week 5 (Oct. 14) INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

- Ikenberry, G. John. *After Victory*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2001. pp. 163–273.
- Keohane, Robert. "A Functional Theory of Regimes." In Art and Jervis (2002), pp. 131–137.
- Chayes, Abram and Antonia Handler Chayes. "On Compliance." *International Organization* 47, no. 2 (Spring 1993): 175–205.\*\*
- Alter, Karen. "Who are the 'Masters of the Treaty'? European Governments and the European Court of Justice." *International Organization* 52, no. 1 (Winter 1998): 121–147.\*

- **Week 6 (Oct. 21)** GLOBALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- Spero, Joan and Jeffrey Hart. *The Politics of International Economic Relations*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, 2003. pp. 1-11, 171-191.\*
- Rodrik, Dani. "Trading in Illusions." In Art and Jervis (2002), pp. 495-502.
- Stiglitz, Joseph and Lyn Squire. "International Development: Is It Possible?" 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. 383-391.\*
- Kapur, Devesh. "The IMF: A Cure or a Curse?" *Foreign Policy* (Summer 1998): 114-129.\*
- Summers, Lawrence H. "International Financial Crises: Causes, Prevention, and Cures." *The American Economic Review* 90, no. 2 (May 2000): 1-16.\*
- Schraeder, Peter J., Steven W. Hook, and Bruce Taylor. "Clarifying the Foreign Aid Puzzle: A Comparison of American, Japanese, French, and Swiss Aid Flows." *World Politics* 50, no. 2 (1998): 294-323.\*

- **FALL RECESS (no class Oct. 28)**

## Topics in International Relations

- **Week 7 (Nov. 4)** THE POLITICS OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

- Jackson, John. *The World Trading System: Law and Policy of International Economic Relations*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. pp. 1-30.\*
- Hippler Bello, Judith. "The WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding: Less is More." *American Journal of International Law* 90, no. 3 (July 1996): 416-418.\*
- Davis, Christina. *Food Fights over Free Trade: How International Institutions Promote Agricultural Trade Liberalization*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2003. pp. 1-33, 178-223.
- Steinberg, Richard. "In the Shadow of Law or Power? Consensus-Based Bargaining and Outcomes in the GATT/WTO." *International Organization* 56, no. 2 (Spring 2002): 339-374.\*
- Tussie, Diana and Miguel Lengyel. "Developing Countries: Turning Participation into Influence." In Hoekman, Mattoo, and English ed. *Development, Trade, and the WTO* Washington DC: The World Bank, 2002. pp.485-492.\*

- **Week 8 (Nov. 11)** ENGAGEMENT AND SANCTIONS

- Keohane, Robert and Joseph Nye. "Complex Interdependence and the Role of Force." In Art and Jervis (2002), pp. 231-246.
- Art, Robert. "The Fungibility of Force." In Art and Jervis (2002), pp. 247-262.
- Martin, Lisa. "Credibility, Costs, and Institutions: Cooperation on Economic Sanctions." *World Politics* 45, no. 3 (April 1993): 406-432.\*\*

Juster, Kenneth. "The United States and Iraq: Perils of Engagement." In Richard N. Haass Meghan L. O'Sullivan ed., *Honey and Vinegar: Incentives, Sanctions, and Foreign Policy*. Washington: Brookings Institution, 2000. pp. 51–69.\*

Suettinger, Robert Lee. "The United States and China: Tough Entanglement." In Richard N. Haass Meghan L. O'Sullivan ed., *Honey and Vinegar: Incentives, Sanctions, and Foreign Policy*. Washington: Brookings Institution, 2000. pp. 12–32.\*

• **Week 9 (Nov. 18) TERRORISM AND PROLIFERATION**

Sagan, Scott and Kenneth Waltz. *The Spread of Nuclear Weapons: A Debate*. New York: W.W. Norton and Company, 2003. 1-124 required (125-184 recommended).

Betts, Richard. "The New Threat of Mass Destruction" *Foreign Affairs* 77, no. 1 (Jan/Feb 1998): 26-41.\*

Byford, Grenville. "The Wrong War" *Foreign Affairs* 81, no. 4 (Jul/Aug 2002): 34-43.\*

Hoge, James and Gideon Rose. *How Did This Happen? Terrorism and the New Order*. New York: the Council on Foreign Relations, 2001. pp. 53–82, 199–209, 225–240.\*

Stern, Jessica. "The Protean Enemy" *Foreign Affairs* 82, no. 4 (Jul/Aug 2003).\*

• **Week 10 (Nov. 25) NGOS AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

Mathews, Jessica. "Power Shift." In Art and Jervis (2002), pp. 539–550.

Hardin, Garrett. "The Tragedy of the Commons." In Art and Jervis (2002), pp. 511–516.

Keck, Margaret and Kathryn Sikkink. "Transnational Activist Networks" In Art and Jervis (2002), pp. 557-563.

Keck, Margaret and Kathryn Sikkink. *Activists Beyond Borders*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1998. pp. 121–150.\*

Haas, Peter M. "Do Regimes Matter? Epistemic Communities and Mediterranean Pollution Control," *International Organization* 43, no. 3. (Summer 1989): 377–403.\*\*

DeSombre, Elizabeth R. *Domestic Sources of International Environmental Policy: Industry Environmentalists, and U.S. Power*. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2000. pp. 1–17, 171–191.\*

• **Week 11 (Dec. 2) HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERVENTION**

Mutua, Makau wa. "Politics and Human Rights: an Essential Symbiosis." In Michael Byers ed. *The Role of Law in International Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000. pp. 149–175.\*

Franck, Thomas. "Are Human Rights Universal?" *Foreign Affairs* 80 no. 1 (Jan-Feb 2001): 191-204.\*

Moravcsik, Andrew. "Explaining International Human Rights Regimes: Liberal Theory and Western Europe." *European Journal of International Relations* 1, no. 2 (1995): 157-189.\*

Krasner, Stephen. *Sovereignty: Organized Hypocrisy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1999. pp. 105-126.\*

Hoffmann, Stanley. "The Politics and Ethics of Military Intervention." *Survival* 37, no. 4 (Winter 1995-96): 58-78.\*

• **Week 12 (Dec. 9) THE FUTURE**

Huntington, Samuel. "The Clash of Civilizations?" In Art and Jervis, pp. 411-425.

Hoffmann, Stanley. "Clash of Globalizations." *Foreign Affairs* 81, no. 4 (July/August 2002): 104-115.\*

Slaughter, Anne-Marie. "The Real New World Order." *Foreign Affairs* 76, no. 5 (Sept/Oct 1997): 183-197.

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

Kagan, Robert. "Power and Weakness." *Policy Review* (June/July 2002): 3-28.\*