This course is an introduction to the causes and character of international conflict and cooperation, both in military and economic affairs. Historical cases will be used to examine various theories of international politics and to expand our understanding of the range of possible forms of international behavior.

Requirements: Lectures are given on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00-11:30 AM in Lowell Lecture Hall. In addition, sections will meet every week for one and one-half hours. Sections will begin meeting the week of February 16, and attendance in sections is mandatory.

There will be a midterm exam during the term and a final exam at the end of the course. The midterm will be a take-home exam distributed at the end of lecture on Thursday, March 18, and due by 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 23. Seniors writing honors theses may elect not to take the midterm exam if they notify their section leader at least one week before the exam is distributed. Failure to take the midterm without a documented excuse (e.g., doctor’s note) will result automatically in a failing grade for the course. The final exam will be scheduled by the registrar’s office.

There will be five short (two-page, 500 words) written assignments during the term. These response papers are intended to help students develop the skills needed for the examinations, and to provide students with regular feedback from section leaders about their grasp of the course material. These papers will be graded and will comprise roughly one-half of your section participation grade.

Grading: The final exam will count for 40% of your final grade (70% for senior thesis writers not taking the midterm), the mid-term for 30%, and section participation (including written work) for 30%. Grading of exams and papers will be done by your TF, under supervision of the faculty, and will be double-checked to ensure uniformity across sections. TFs are not permitted to change grades, except in cases of arithmetic errors. The only other way to change a grade is to have the exam or paper in question re-graded by the professors, without knowledge of the previous grade and with the possibility of the grade either increasing or decreasing. If you wish to invoke this option, contact the head TF.

Deadlines and Penalties: Failure to fulfill any course requirement, including section participation, automatically leads to failure of the course. Late work will be penalized 1/3 grade per day or any part thereof. In other words, a B+ becomes a B if it is up to one day late. Attendance will count towards the section participation grade, and students who are absent from three or more sections without a medical or other appropriate excuse, approved in advance by the TF, will automatically fail the course.

Plagiarism: Please read and familiarize yourself with the statement on plagiarism available on the course web site. If you are still uncertain as to what constitutes plagiarism please to not hesitate to contact your section leader or the head TF. Plagiarism is a very serious academic offense. Harvard faculty can use various internet-based programs for detecting plagiarism if necessary.
Sectioning: Electronic sectioning will open as soon as section times and rooms have been confirmed, and an announcement will be posted on the course web site. Sectioning is currently scheduled to close at the end of the day on Friday, February 13. Section assignments should be available by e-mail and on the web site no later than Sunday, February 15. Sections will begin the week of February 16. It is extremely important that you participate in electronic sectioning. Students failing to do so should contact the head TF as soon as possible, but are not guaranteed to be able to participate in the course.

Readings: Most readings for the course are available in the sourcebook, online, or in books available for purchase at the Coop, and can also be found on reserve at Lamont and Hilles. The syllabus is carefully marked into indicate where each reading may be found. Readings not otherwise marked can be found in the sourcebook, which will be available for purchase and on reserve at Lamont and Hilles. This term, sourcebooks may be ordered online at http://www.hpps.harvard.edu/coursepacks and picked up in the stockroom in the Science Center basement.

Films: Several films will be shown to complement the readings, lectures and section discussions. Each film will be shown on two different evenings during the week for which it is assigned. Attendance is mandatory. Material from the films may be discussed in section and will appear on written examinations.

Course web site: Essential course materials, including the course syllabus, lecture handouts, section information, final exam announcements, and course-related links can be found on the web site at http://courses.fas.harvard.edu/~hsa12. Important announcements will also be made in lecture and by e-mail.

Contact Information for Professors: Professor Moravcsik’s office is at the Center for European Studies, 27 Kirkland Street. He may be reached at moravcs@fas.harvard.edu or 5-4303, ext. 205. Professor Johnston’s office is at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, 1033 Massachusetts Avenue, and he may be reached at johnston@fas.harvard.edu or 6-3965.

Contact Information for Teaching Fellows: The head teaching fellow for the course is James Perry. All questions concerning course policies and sectioning, in particular, should be directed to him. He may be reached at jdperry@fas.harvard.edu or (617) 868-4006. The other teaching fellows are Deborah Boucoyannis (boucoyan@fas.harvard.edu), Andy Kennedy (bkenney@fas), Gregg Peeples (peeples@fas), and Erin Simpson (esimpson@fas).

Office hours and biographies for teaching fellows and professors are available on the course web site.

**SUMMARY OF KEY DATES**

**Electronic Sectioning:** Through February 13

**Section Lists Posted:** By Sunday, February 15 via e-mail and on the web site

**First Section Meetings:** Week of Monday, February 16

**Midterm:** Distributed – Thursday, March 18, after lecture
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**Note:** AM = Andrew Moravcsik, AIJ = A.I. Johnston
REQUIRED READINGS

Notes:

The readings are grouped according to the week of section in which they are discussed. “Week 1,” therefore, refers to the topics and readings to be discussed in the first section meeting, during the week of February 16-20. These topics are covered in lecture, however, during the first two weeks of the course.

* - Designates books available for purchase at the Coop
⊗ - Designates readings available online (and linked through the course web site)
! - Designates readings available only on reserve

Readings not otherwise marked may be found in the sourcebook, and copies of all readings should also be on reserve at Lamont and Hilles.

WEEK 1: THE FIRST 10,000 YEARS – CLASSIC VISIONS OF WORLD POLITICS (225 PP.)

The First 10,000 Years
Victor D. Hanson, Carnage and Culture: Landmark Battles in the Rise of Western Power, pp. 440-443, 444-448.

Classic Visions of World Politics: Realism and its Critics
**Ancient Greece**


“The Dispute over Corcyra”, pp. 53-67.  
“The Debate at Sparta and Declaration of War”, pp. 72-87.  
“Pericles’ Funeral Oration”, pp. 143-151.  
“Melian Dialogue”, pp. 400-408.

**Warring States Period**


**WEEK 2: 19TH CENTURY EUROPEAN BALANCE OF POWER AND WORLD WAR I (342 PP.)**

**General**

**The Classical European State System**

**The Causes of World War I**

**POLICY CASE: Postwar Conference to Assess the Blame for World War I**
Students simulate a conference of national delegations to assess the blame of various countries for the outbreak of World War I.
⊗ The July Crisis: A Chronology

**WEEK 3: FREE TRADE AND IMPERIALISM IN THE 19TH CENTURY GLOBAL ECONOMY (218 PP.)**

**Free Trade**


**European Imperialism**


Tony Smith, "Introduction" and "The Dynamics of Imperialism", in *The Pattern of Imperialism*, pp. 15-49.


WEEK 4: LIBERALISM AND ITS CRITICS – INTERWAR COOPERATION AND CONFLICT (152 pp.)

General

Constructing the Interwar International Security Order
⊗ Woodrow Wilson, Speeches: “Peace Without Victory” (22 January 1917); “War Message to Congress” (2 April 1917); “Fourteen Points,” (8 January 1918).
⊗ Haile Selassie, “Appeal to the League of Nations” (10 pp.)

Constructing the Interwar International Economic Order
*Thomas Lairson and David Skidmore, International Political Economy, pp. 57-64.
WEEK 5: IDEOLOGY AND CONFLICT – THE ORIGINS OF WORLD WAR II AND THE COLD WAR (276 PP.)

**World War II**


Gerhard L. Weinberg, Selection from "From One War to Another", in *A World At Arms: A Global History of World War II*, pp. 17-47.


**The Cold War**


John Lewis Gaddis, "Cold War Empires: Europe", in *What We Now Know*, pp. 26-53.


"The Norikov Telegram, Sept. 27, 1946."
**WEEK 6: LIMITED AND UNLIMITED CONFLICT IN THE COLD WAR (236 pp.)**

**Film**
“Dr. Strangelove” (Peter Sellers and George C. Scott, directed by Stanley Kubrick, 1964, 93 min.)

**Nuclear Weapons**


**Limited War in Vietnam, Korea and Afghanistan**


**WEEK 7: POSTWAR ECONOMIC REGIMES IN TRADE, FINANCE, AND OIL (256 PP.)**

**General**

**Postwar International Regimes in Trade, Finance, and Oil**
⊗ *Address by General George C. Marshall*, Secretary of State of the United States at Harvard University, June 5, 1947.

**The Postwar International Oil Regime**
WEEK 8: THE NEW GLOBALIZATION (301 PP.)

Managing Global Debt and Finance
* Mark Brawley, Turning Points, "Brazil’s Responses to the Debt Crisis", pp. 311-327.

Competitiveness among Advanced Industrial States

North-South Trade Relations
* Mark Brawley, "South Korea Opt for Export-Oriented Industrialization", in Turning Points, pp. 279-292.
* Dani Rodrick, Has Globalization Gone too Far? 1-85.

POLICY ANALYSIS: The Vote to Renew “Fast-Track” Trade Authority in the U.S. Senate
Should the U.S. Senate have renewed “fast track” authority for trade negotiation in 2001? Students will research and represent different domestic groups and foreign governments.

http://www.citizen.org/trade/fasttrack/index.cfm
http://www.epinet.org/briefingpapers/bp118.html
WEEK 9: IDEALPOLITIK—THE PROMOTION OF UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS (244 PP.)

Are Human Rights Universal?
⊗ Universal Declaration of Human Rights
⊗ African Human Rights Charter

The Promotion of Human Rights
* Michael Ignatieff, "Justice and Revenge" in Virtual War. Kosovo and Beyond, pp. 115-134.
* Margaret Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, (selections); “Preface” and “Transnational Advocacy Networks in International Politics” and “Human Rights Networks,” in Activists Beyond Borders, pp. vi-x, 8-34, 79-110, 116-120.

Jack Snyder, From Voting to Violence: Democratization and Nationalist Conflict, pp. 313-20, 338-353.

POLICY CASE: The Trial of Dr. Henry Kissinger

Where universal jurisdiction or an international court for “crimes against humanity” exists, should Henry Kissinger be convicted under international law? If so, for what? Students will represent prosecution, defense, and judges in a special session for this simulation.

WEEK 10: NEW ISSUES IN SECURITY: THE RISE OF CHINA AND THE PROBLEM OF TERRORISM (206 PP.)

Film
“The Battle of Algiers” (Jean Martin, directed by Gillo Pontocorvo, 1966, 123 mins.)

The Rise of China

The Means and Ends of Contemporary Terrorism
WEEK 11: GLOBAL COMMONS AND THE FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (327 pp.)

Intervention and Nation-Building after the Cold War

The Environment in International Politics
⊗ The Economist, “Oh No, Kyoto,” (April 7-13th 2001). (3 pp.).

The Long-Term Prognosis for World Politics