

**Political Science 372/572: Field Seminar in International Relations
Tuesday 14:00-16:40, Fenno Room (Harkness 329)**

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Purpose of the course: This is an advanced course intended to prepare Ph.D. students for comprehensive exams in international relations. The course conducts a broad survey of major works in the field and current research into the causes of international conflict and cooperation.

Course Requirements: This is a seminar with a heavy reading load, and it is essential to complete the required reading. Students are expected to write short (no more than 2-page) papers critiquing the assigned readings for each week, due Thursday at noon. Students have the option of skipping one paper; alternatively, the lowest grade will be dropped. In addition, students are expected to attend the lectures for PSC 272/472, which are designed to dovetail with the content of this course. (Note that there are no PSC 272 lectures the week of March 1.) There will be a 24-hour take-home final exam, due Friday, April 29 at 5:00 pm. Grading will be as follows: 1/3 class participation, 1/3 the average of the papers, and 1/3 final.

Readings: The papers will be in folders in the cubby hole on the third floor. I recommend purchasing the following books at Amazon.com (new) or Alibris.com (used).

Waltz, Kenneth. A Theory of International Politics. (Reading, Mass.: Addison-Wesley, 1979).

Baldwin, David A., ed. Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate. (New York: Columbia Univ. Press, 1993).

Wendt, Alexander. Social Theory of International Politics. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999.

Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce, and David Lalman. War and Reason: Domestic and International Imperatives. (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1992).

Powell, Robert. In the Shadow of Power: States and Strategies in International Politics. (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1999).

Schelling, Thomas. The Strategy of Conflict. (Cambridge: Harvard Univ. Press, 1960).

Schultz, Kenneth. Democracy and Coercive Diplomacy. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001.

Course Outline:

Week One

Tuesday, Jan. 23: Orientation and Overview

Week Two

Tuesday, Jan. 30: Classical Realism in International Relations

Thucydides. *The Peloponnesian War*. (New York: Modern Library ed., 1982). Book I, vs. 24-146 (pp. 14-86).

Macchiavelli, Niccolo. *The Prince*. Chpts. 15-21 (pp. 56-84.)

Morgenthau, Hans J. *Politics Among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace*. (New York: Knopf, 1948, Fourth Edition, 1967). Chpts. 1-3, 10-15, 21, 27 (pp. 3-35, 145-223, 332-49, 438-56). (Note: Chpt. and page numbers vary with editions.)

Herz, John H. "Idealist Internationalism and the Security Dilemma," *World Politics* (Jan. 1950).

Recommended:

Carr, Edward H. *The Twenty Years' Crisis, 1919-1939*. (London: MacMillan and Co., Ltd., 1946). + *handout of some omitted passages from the first edition*.

Hobbes, Thomas. *The Leviathan*.

Waltz, Kenneth N. *Man, the State and War*. (New York: Columbia Univ. Press, 1954).

Stanley Hoffman: *The State of War; Essays on the Theory and Practice of International Politics*. New York: Frederick A. Praeger, 1965, Chapters 1, 2 and 3.

Ludwig Dehio: *The Precarious Balance; Four Centuries of the European Power Struggle*. New York: Knopf, 1962

Edward Vose Gulick: *Europe's Classical Balance of Power; A case history of the theory and practice of one of the great concepts of European statecraft*. New York: W. W. Norton, 1967

Week Three

Tuesday, Feb. 6: Neorealism

Waltz, Kenneth. *A Theory of International Politics*. (Reading, Mass.: Addison-Wesley, 1979).

Helen Milner, "The Assumption of Anarchy," in Baldwin, ed, *Neorealism and Neoliberalism*.

Gaddis, John Lewis. "The Long Peace: Elements of Stability in the Postwar International System." *International Security* 10, No. 4 (Spring, 1986).

R. Harrison Wagner: "What was Bipolarity?" *International Organization* 47 (1): 77—106, Winter 1993.

Recommended:

Walt, Stephen. *The Origins of Alliances*. (Ithaca: Cornell Univ. Press, 1987), chpts. 1, 2, 5, 8.

Ikenberry, John G. *After Victory*. (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press 2000).

Marc Trachtenberg, *A Constructed Peace*. (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press 1999).

Week Four

Tuesday, Feb. 13: Imperialism

Lenin, Vladimir Ilich. *Imperialism: The Highest Stage of Capitalism*.

Doyle, Michael. *Empires*. (New York: Cornell Univ. Press, 1986). pp. 19-47, 54-81, 123-61, 232-305.

Gallagher, John, and Ronald Robinson. "The Imperialism of Free Trade." *Economic History Review* 2nd ser., 6, No. 1 (1953): 1-25. Excerpts in Harrison M. Wright, *The "New Imperialism": Analysis of Late Nineteenth-Century Expansion* (Lexington: D. C. Heath, 1976): 134-58.

Gilpin, Robert. *War and Change in World Politics*. (Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press, 1981). Chapters 3-6 (pp. 106-210).

Recommended:

Evans, Peter. *Dependent Development: The Alliance of Multinational, State and Local Capital in Brazil*. (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 1979). Chpt. 1, pp. 14-54.

Cohen, Benjamin. *The Question of Imperialism*. (New York: Basic Books, 1973).

Schumpeter, Joseph. *Imperialism and Social Classes; Two Essays*. Meridian Books, 1960

Kahler, Miles. *Decolonization in Britain and France*.

Hobsbawm, E. J. *Industry and Empire: From 1750 to the Present Day*. (New York: Penguin Books, 1968, reprinted 1986).

Week Five

Friday, Feb. 20: Constructivist Approaches

Wendt, Alexander. *Social Theory of International Politics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999, Chapters 1-4, 6.

Risse-Kappen, Thomas. *Cooperation Among Democracies: The European Influence on U.S. Foreign Policy*. Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 1995.

Tannenwald, Nina. ["Stigmatizing the Bomb: Origins of the Nuclear Taboo,"](#) *International Security* 29, no. 4 (Spring 2005):5-49.

Recommended:

Legro, Jeffrey. *Cooperation under Fire: Anglo-German Restraint During World War II*. (Ithaca: NY: Cornell University Press) 1995

Legro, Jeffrey. *Rethinking the World: Great Power Strategies and International Order*. (Ithaca: NY: Cornell University Press) 2005

Tannenwald, Nina. *The Nuclear Taboo: The United States and the Non-Use of Nuclear Weapons since 1945*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007

Finnemore, Martha. *The Purpose of Intervention: Changing Beliefs about the Use of Force*. (Ithaca: NY: Cornell University Press) 2004.

Week Six

Tuesday, Feb. 27: Complex Interdependence

Keohane, Robert and Joseph Nye. *Power and Interdependence: World Politics in Transition*. (Boston: Little, Brown and Co., 1977, 2nd. ed., 1989). Parts I and V (pp. 3-60, 245-82).

Hirschman, Albert O. *Exit, Voice, and Loyalty: Responses to Decline in Firms, Organizations, and States*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1970). Chpts. 1-5 (pp. 1-61).

Moravcsik, Andrew. "Taking Preferences Seriously: A Liberal Theory of International Politics." *International Organization* 51 (4) (1997): 513-54.

Gourevitch, Peter. "The Second Image Reversed: The International Sources of Domestic Politics." *International Organization* 32 (Autumn 1978): 881-912.

Week Seven

Tuesday, March 6: Institutional Liberalism

Baldwin, David A., ed. *Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate*. (New York: Columbia Univ. Press, 1993). Chpts. 1-8.

Keohane, Robert O. *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy*. (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 1984). Chpts. 1-2, 4-7 (pp. 5-30, 49-132).

Recommended:

Axelrod, Robert. *The Evolution of Cooperation*. (New York: Basic Books, 1984).

Taylor, Michael. *The Possibility of Cooperation*. (Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press, 1987).

Bull, Hedley. *The Anarchical Society: A Study of Order in World Politics*. (New York: Columbia Univ. Press, 1977). Chpts. 1-3 (pp. 3-76).

Baldwin, David. "Power Analysis and World Politics: New Trends Versus Old Tendencies." *World Politics* 31 (January, 1979), pp. 471-506.

Krasner, Stephen, ed. *International Regimes*. (Ithaca: Cornell, 1983).

Inis L. Claude, Jr. *Words into Plowshares; The Problems and Progress of International Organization*. New York, Random House, 3rd revised edition.

*Tuesday, Mar. 13: **SPRING BREAK** No class*

Week Eight

Tuesday, Mar 20: The Democratic Peace

Doyle, Michael. "Kant, Liberal Legacies, and Foreign Affairs, Part I." *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 12, No. 3 (Summer 1983): 205-35.

Kant, Immanuel. "Perpetual Peace, a Philosophical Sketch." In *Perpetual Peace and Other Essays on Politics, History and Morals*. Trans. Ted Humphrey. (Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Co., 1983.)

Green, Donald, et. al. "Dirty Pool," *International Organization* 55 (2) (Spring 2001): 441-68.

Beck, Nathaniel, and Jonathan Katz. "Throwing Out the Baby with the Bath Water: A Comment on Green, Kim and Yoon." *International Organization* 55 (2) (Spring 2001): 487-96.

Russett, Bruce, and John Oneal. *Triangulating Peace: Democracy, Interdependence, and International Organizations*. (New York: Norton, 2001).

Slantchev, Branislav L., Anna Alexandrova, Erik Gartzke. "Probabilistic Causality, Selection Bias, and the Logic of the Democratic Peace." *American Political Science Review* Vol. 99, No. 3, pp. 459-62, August, 2005.

Week Nine

Tuesday, Mar. 27: International Bargaining

Schelling, Thomas. *The Strategy of Conflict*. (Cambridge: Harvard Univ. Press, 1960). Chpts. 1-3.

Powell, Robert. "Crisis Bargaining, Escalation, and MAD." *American Political Science Review* 81, No. 3 (September 1987): 717-37.

Powell, Robert. *In the Shadow of Power: States and Strategies in International Politics*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1999).

Lake, David A. "Anarchy, Hierarchy, and the Variety of International Relations." *International Organization* 50 (1), 1996: 1-34.

Recommended:

Stone, Randall. *Satellites and Commissars: Strategy and Conflict in the Politics of Soviet-Bloc Trade*. (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 1996).

Week Ten

Tuesday, April 3: Deterrence and War

Schelling, *The Strategy of Conflict*, Chpts. 8, 10.

Jervis, Robert. *Perception and Misperception in International Politics*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1976). Part I (pp. 3-113).

Huth, Paul K. "Extended Deterrence and the Outbreak of War." *American Political Science Review* 82: 2 (June 1988): 423-44.

Fearon, James D. "Signaling versus the Balance of Power and Interests: An Empirical test of a Crisis Bargaining Model." *The Journal of Conflict Resolution* 38 (2) (June 1994): 236-69.

Jervis, Robert. "Cooperation under the Security Dilemma." *World Politics* 30, No. 2 (January 1978): 167-214.

Mearsheimer, John J. *Conventional Deterrence*, Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press; Chaps 1—3.

Levy, Jack S. "Prospect Theory, Rational Choice, and International Relations." *International Studies Quarterly* 41 (1) (March 1997): 87-112.

Recommended:

Powell, Robert. *Nuclear Deterrence Theory: The Search for Credibility*. (Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press, 1990).

Bundy, McGeorge. *Danger and Survival*. (New York: Random House, 1989). Esp. pp. 578-611.

Robert Pape. *Bombing to Win: Air Power and Coercion in War*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1996

Betts, Richard. *Nuclear Blackmail and Nuclear Balance*. (Washington, D.C.: Brookings, 1987).

Week Eleven

Tuesday, April 10: Theories of Rational War

Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce, and David Lalman. *War and Reason: Domestic and International Imperatives*. (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1992), Chapters 1-5.

Fearon, James D. "Rationalist Explanations for War." *International Organization* 49, No. 3 (Summer 1995): 379-414.

Slantchev, Branislav L. "The Power to Hurt: Costly Conflict with Completely Informed States." *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 47, No. 1. (March, 2003), pp. 123-135.

Mark Fey & Kris Ramsay: Mechanism Design, University of Rochester, unpublished manuscript.

Week Twelve

Tuesday, Apr. 17: The Leader as the Unit of Analysis

Downs, George W., and David M. Rocke. *Optimal Imperfection? Domestic Uncertainty and Institutions in International Relations*. (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 1995), Chapter 3 (pp. 56-75).

Goemans, Hein. *War and Punishment: The Causes of War Termination and the First World War*, Princeton, N. J.: Princeton University Press, 2000. Chapters 1, 2 and 4.

Goemans, Hein, and Giacomo Chiozza. International Conflict and the Tenure of Leaders: Is War Still *Ex Post* Inefficient?" *American Journal of Political Science*. Volume 48 No. 3 (July) 2004: 604-619.

Hein Goemans & Mark Fey: Risky but Rational: War as an Optimal Gamble. University of Rochester, unpublished manuscript.

Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce, James D. Morrow, Randolph M. Siverson, and Alastair Smith, "An Institutional Explanation of the Democratic Peace." *American Political Science Review* 93 (4) (December 1999): 791-808.

Clarke, Kevin, and Randall W. Stone. "Democracy and the Logic of Political Survival." Working paper, Rochester, 2006.

Week Thirteen

Tuesday, Apr. 24: Democratic Politics and International Bargaining

Putnam, Robert D. "Diplomacy and Domestic Politics." *International Organization* 42 (3) (Summer 1988): 427-61.

Downs and Rocke, Chpts. 4, 5 (pp. 76-129).

Schultz, Kenneth. *Democracy and Coercive Diplomacy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001.

Leventoğlu, Bahar, and Ahmer Tarar. 2005. "Prenegotiation Public Commitment in Domestic and International Bargaining." *American Political Science Review* 99 (3):419-433.

Recommended:

Milner, Helen V. *Interests, Institutions, and Information: Domestic Politics and International Relations*. (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 1997). Chpts. 1-4 (pp. 3-128).

Tarar, Ahmer. "International Bargaining with Two-Sided Domestic Constraints." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 45 (3) (June 2001): 320-40.

Week Fourteen

Tuesday, May 1: Terrorism

Richardson, Louise. *What do Terrorists Want: Understanding the Enemy, Containing the Threat*. New York: Random House, 2006

Pape, R. A., "The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism." *American Political Science Review*, 97 (3): 343-361. August, 2003

Bloom, M. M. "Palestinian Suicide Bombing: Public Support, Market Share, and Outbidding." *Political Science Quarterly*, 119 (1): 61-88; Spring 2004

Wintrobe, R. "Extremism, Suicide Terror, and Authoritarianism." *Public Choice* 28 (1-2): 169-195; July 2006

de Mesquita, E. B. "The Quality of Terror." *American Journal of Political Science* 49 (3): 515-530; July 2005

Recommended

Arce, D.G and Sandler, T. "Counterterrorism – A Game-theoretic Analysis" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 49 (2): 183-200; April 2005

Robert Pape, *Dying to Win: The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism*, New York: Random House 2005

Kydd, A.H. and Walter, B. F. "The Strategies of Terrorism." *International Security* 31 (1): 49; Summer 2006

Friday, May 4, 5:00 pm: Final Exam Due

This is a subreddit for discussing international relations. What does that mean? It means that you can feel free to discuss any of the following and much more: international political economy, globalization, state sovereignty. However, it was intended not just to be about stories relating to international relations, but to be about the very discipline of international relations itself. This can mean discussing notable authors and texts but also applying them to the status quo as we find it now. While world events might be about the latest breaking news, IR studies will be more about global trends and big meta-issues.

16. The continents where the most studies on the origin of international migration have been made are Asia and then Europe (see Table no. 1). In Europe, with the exception of the United Kingdom and Ireland, the subject was not considered a serious problem until a few years ago. Considering the present state of international relations, there is no country in the world that would agree to alter its policy on incoming foreigners in response to an injunction or advice from international organizations.

" Countries that made the political choice to impose drastic emigration regulations on their elite (countries in the East, for instance) were not paragons of democracy and did not wait for recommendations from international experts to implement these measures.

26. *The National Security Problem in International Relations* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1983), especially chap. 3; Keohane, Robert O., *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1984); and Waltz, Kenneth, *Theory of World Politics* (Reading, Mass. 14. Culbertson, William S., *Reciprocity: A National Policy for Foreign Trade* (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1937), p. 159. Institute for International Economics, *Policy Analyses in International Economics* no. 2 (Washington, DC 1982), and Wonnacott, R. J., "Aggressive U.S. Reciprocity Evaluated with a New Analytical Approach to Trade Conflicts," Institute for Research on Public Policy, *Essays in International Economics* (Montreal, 1984).

International relations (IR) or international affairs (IA) is commonly also referred to as international studies (IS), global studies (GS), or global affairs (GA) is the study of politics, economics and law on a global level. Depending on the academic institution, it is either a field of political science, an interdisciplinary academic field similar to global studies, or an independent academic discipline that examines social science and humanities in an international context. While international relations traditionally has examined inter-state relations, the field covers a broad spectrum of political action among the different entities at different levels of analysis. This can be through an examination of relationships on the individual level (leaders), the national level, or the global system level.

Muedini has earned a Ph.D. in Political Science, and specializes in international relations, international affairs, and international studies. He has also written many peer-reviewed articles, books, and policy pieces related to international affairs and international relations issues. We want to ensure that you have an accurate and detailed answer to the question "what is international relations."