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STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

This course surveys important theoretical perspectives and debates in the field of international politics. We will cover works that span major research traditions (Realism, Liberalism, and Constructivism) and that are pitched at different levels of analysis – from the international system to domestic politics to individual leaders. The course is designed to provide an introduction to mainstream approaches international relations and to encourage critical and constructive thinking about world politics.

Requirements

You are expected to attend every class, complete all readings before class, and to participate actively and thoughtfully in seminar discussions. All readings on this syllabus are required and will be discussed in class. You should come to class prepared to discuss each reading on its own terms (e.g., what's the author's basic argument, how does the author develop and support his/her claims, etc.) as well as how it relates to other readings for the week and previous sessions.

There are also two writing assignments and a final in-class exam. The writing assignments involve a (a) ten page (double-spaced) research proposal and (b) two short critical reviews, four to five pages (double-spaced) each, of a given week's readings.

Research proposal Students will propose a research question on an issue or puzzle suggested by some of the literature covered in the course. This paper should develop a clear argument and formulate a number of ideas or hypotheses that might explain the research question or puzzle. (Note: This is not a research paper, but you are expected to offer some empirical facts that might support argument.)

You should plan to discuss your proposed topic with me by Friday February 17. A two-page summary is due Friday February 24 by 12:00 noon. A draft of the full 10-page proposal will be due on Friday April 13 by 12:00 noon. Students will present their proposals during the second half of class April 18, April 25, and May 2. A revised draft of the proposal is due by Friday May 11 at 12:00 noon. All drafts should be submitted via email.

Critical reviews These short essays will critically examine a given week's readings. The essays should address some aspect of the week's readings, such as critically examining some of the authors' claims and arguments, drawing critical distinctions between the week's readings and previous week's readings, and/or discussing the strengths and weaknesses of the research designs employed.

Students will sign up for weeks to do these essays at the first meeting, and each week's essays will be due by 5:00 pm on the Tuesday before the seminar meets. (Your essay should be emailed to members of the seminar.) Students writing weekly essays should be prepared to present their ideas the following day.

The final exam is an in class, closed book three-hour exam. It will consist of three comprehensive exam-style questions covering the material discussed in the course. You are required to answer two

of the three exam questions. Your answers must be type written and double-spaced. The exam will be held Friday May 11 from 7:00-10:00 pm during the regularly scheduled final exam period.

All of the books listed below are required and may be purchased at the University Coop. They are also available on reserve at Perry-Castañeda Library. Additional readings may be purchased as a course packet at Paradigm Books at 407 West 24th Street (472-7986). They are also available on line at www.courses.utexas.edu.

Martha Finnemore, *National Interests in International Society* (Cornell, 1996)

Robert Gilpin, *War and Change in World Politics* (Cambridge 1981)

Peter Katzenstein, *A World of Regions* (Cornell 2005)

Robert Keohane, *After Hegemony* (Princeton 1984)

John Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* (Norton 2001)

Jack Snyder, *Myths of Empire* (Cornell 1991)

Peter Trubowitz, *Politics and Strategy* (Princeton 2011)

Kenneth Waltz, *Theory of International Politics* (Random House, 1979)

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Scholastic dishonesty: University policies regarding scholastic dishonesty are strictly enforced in this class. Plagiarism is grounds for assigning an “F” as a final course grade. All incidents of plagiarism will be reported to Student Judicial Services. On what constitutes plagiarism and scholastic dishonesty, see <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/academicintegrity.html>.

Accommodations for religious holidays: By UT Austin policy, you must notify me of your pending absence at least fourteen days prior to the date of observance of a religious holy day. If you must miss a class, an examination, a work assignment, or a project in order to observe a religious holy day, you will be given an opportunity to complete the missed work within a reasonable time after the absence.

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¹ Students should familiarize themselves with all the exit doors of each room and building they occupy at the university, and should remember that the nearest exit routes may not be the same as the way they typically enter buildings. Students requiring assistance in evacuation shall inform their instructors in writing during the first week of class. Faculty members must then provide this information to the Fire Prevention Services office by fax (512-232-2759), with "Attn. Mr. Roosevelt Easley" written in the subject line. Information regarding emergency evacuation routes and emergency procedures can be found at <http://www.utexas.edu/emergency>.

Schedule

January 18 Introduction and overview

Daniel Maliniak, Amy Oakes, Susan Peterson, and Michael Tierney, "International Relations in the United States," *International Studies Quarterly* 55 (2011): 437-64

January 25 History and sociology of the field

Miles Kahler, "Inventing International Relations: International Relations Theory after 1945," in Michael Doyle and G. John Ikenberry, eds., *New Thinking in International Relations Theory* (Westview 1997): 20-53

Kenneth Waltz, *Man, the State, and War* (Columbia 1959), 16-41, 80-85, 159-65

Peter Katzenstein, Robert Keohane, Stephen Krasner, "International Organization and the Study of World Politics," *International Organization* 52 (1998): 645-685

Thomas Biersteker, "The Parochialism of Hegemony: Challenges for 'American' International Relations," in Arlene Tickner and Ole Waever, eds., *International Relations Scholarship Around the World* (Routledge 2009): 308-27

Stephen Walt, "The Relationship Between Theory and Policy in International Relations," *Annual Review of Political Science* 8 (2005): 23-48

February 1 Realist approaches to IR

E. H. Carr, *The Twenty Years' Crisis, 1919-1939*, 2nd ed. (1946 [1939]), 1-21, 63-88, 208-23

Hans Morgenthau, *Politics Among Nations* (Knopf 1948), 3-25

Kenneth Waltz, *Theory of International Politics*, 60-128, 161-93

John Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics*, 1-59

February 8 Liberalism and its variants

Michael Doyle, "Liberalism and World Politics," *American Political Science Review* 80 (1986): 1151-69

Robert Keohane, *After Hegemony*, 5-46

Lisa Martin, "Interests, Power, and Multilateralism" *International Organization* 46 (1992): 765-92

Andrew Moravcsik, "Taking Preferences Seriously: A Liberal Theory of International Politics," *International Organization* 51 (1997): 513-53

Daniel Deudney and G. John Ikenberry, "The Nature and Sources of Liberal International Order," *Review of International Studies* 25 (1999): 179-96

February 15 Constructivism and IR

John Ruggie, "What Makes the World Hang Together?" *International Organization* 52 (1998): 855-85

Alexander Wendt, "Anarchy is What States Make of It," *International Organization* 46 (1992): 391-425

Peter Katzenstein, ed., *The Culture of National Security: Norms and Identity in World Politics* (Columbia 1996), 1-75

Martha Finnemore, *National Interests in International Society*, 1-33, 69-88

February 22 No class meeting: two-page summary of research proposal is due Friday February 24 by 12:00 noon

February 29 International sources of conflict

Robert Gilpin, *War and Change in World Politics*, 1-49, 85-105, 156-210

Robert Jervis, *Perception and Misperception in International Politics* (Princeton 1976), 58-116

John Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics*, 338-59

Dan Reiter, "Exploring the Bargaining Model of War," *Perspectives on Politics* 1 (2003): 27-43

March 7 Domestic politics and war

Jack Snyder, *Myths of Empire*, 1-65, 305-22

John Owen, "How Liberalism Produces Democratic Peace," *International Security* 19 (1994): 87-125

Dan Reiter and Allan Stam, "Democracy, War Initiation, and Victory," *American Political Science Review* 92 (1998): 377-89

James Fearon, "Domestic Political Audiences and the Escalation of International Disputes," *American Political Science Review* 88 (1994): 577-92

Jack Snyder and Erica Borghard, "The Cost of Empty Threats: A Penny, Not a Pound," *American Political Science Review* 105 (2011): 437-56

March 14 Spring break

March 21 Leaders and foreign policy

Christopher Gelpi, "Democratic Diversions: Governmental Structure and the Externalization of Domestic Conflict," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 41 (1997): 255-82

Bruce Bueno de Mesquita and Randolph Siverson, "War and the Survival of Political Leaders: A Comparative Study of Regime Types and Political Accountability," *American Political Science Review* 89 (1995): 841-55

John Schuessler, "The Deception Dividend: FDR's Undeclared War," *International Security* 34 (2010): 133-65

Robert Putnam, "Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two-Level Games," *International Organization* 42 (1988): 427-60

Peter Trubowitz, *Politics and Strategy*, 1-43, 129-50

March 28 Global governance and cooperation

Robert Keohane, *After Hegemony*, 49-132

Michael Barnett and Martha Finnemore, "The Politics, Power, and Pathologies of International Organizations," *International Organization* 53 (1999): 699-732

G. John Ikenberry, "Institutions, Strategic Restraint, and the Persistence of American Postwar Order," *International Security* 23 (1999): 43-78

Kenneth Abbott and Duncan Snidal, "Why States Act through Formal International Organizations," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 42 (1998): 3-32

George Downs, David Rocke, Peter Barsoom, "Is the Good News about Compliance Good News about Cooperation?," *International Organization* 50 (1996): 379-406

April 4 International alliances and alignments

Stephen Walt, "Alliance formation and the Balance of Power," *International Security* 9 (1985): 3-43

Thomas Christensen and Jack Snyder, "Chain Gangs and Passed Bucks: Alliance Patterns in Multipolarity," *International Organization* 44 (1990): 137-68

Randall Schweller, "Bandwagoning for Profit: Bringing the Revisionist State Back In," *International Security* (1994): 72-107

James Morrow, "Alliances: Why Write Them Down?," *Annual Review of Political Science* (2000): 63-83

Kevin Narizny, "The Political Economy of Alignment: Great Britain's Commitments to Europe, 1905-39," *International Security* 27 (2003): 184-219

April 11 No class meeting: a draft of the full research proposal will be due Friday April 13 by 12:00 noon

April 18 International-national connections

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

Jon Pevehouse, "Democracy from the Outside In? International Organizations and Democratization," *International Organization* 56 (2002): 519-49

April 25 Regionalism and transnationalism

Peter Katzenstein, *A World of Regions*, 1-75

Thomas Risse-Kappen, ed., *Bringing Transnational Relations Back In* (Cambridge 1995), 3-36.

May 2 Reconsiderations and conclusion

Rudra Sil and Peter Katzenstein, "Analytic Eclecticism in the Study of World Politics: Reconfiguring Problems and Mechanisms across Research Traditions," *Perspectives on Politics* 8 (2010): 411-31