GOV 382M: THUCYDIDES ON WAR AND EMPIRE Unique #39065 TTH 2-3:30 in Bat 1.104

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The course will be devoted to a study of Thucydides' *Peloponnesian War*.

—If you have not read the whole work before, read through it once to get a bird's-eye view as soon as you can; then concentrate each week on the next portion announced for that week, aided by the study questions. For the first week, we will focus on Book One, secs. 1-23, the so-called "archaeology."

Texts:

The Landmark Thucydides. Ed. R. B. Strassler. Simon & Schuster, Touchstone Books. (Revised Crawley translation, which is inaccurate and not at all reliable; but this edition has good maps and conventional scholarly notes that are helpful).

The Loeb Library Thucydides, in four volumes. The translation is not altogether reliable but has facing Greek.

The Hobbes Translation. Chicago: U. of Chicago Press, 1989. includes "Of the Life and History of Thucydides" (The famous introd. to Hobbes's translation).

An email attachment of selected literal translations of key passages by T. Pangle. Kagan, Donald. *A New History of the Peloponnesian War*. 4 volumes. Ithaca:

Cornell, 1969-87. The major recent history of the period. Contains thought provoking critical discussions of Thucydides' accuracy and judgments as a historian.

Formal Requirements and Basis of Grading:

- —10-15 page interpretative paper on some portion of, or theme or problem in, Thucydides. Some suggested topics will be distributed. Due May 11 (40%). —class participation (10%).
- —Beginning second week 5 one-two page papers (600 words max.) responding to one of the study questions that has not yet been discussed, or interpreting another question of your own or a portion of the text that has not yet been discussed. Each of these is to be emailed to EVERYONE IN THE CLASS Monday of the week you have chosen to write (50%).

Recommended Secondary Literature:

Ahrensdorf, Peter	. "Thucydides'	Realistic Critiqu	ue of Realism."	Polity 30
(1997): 231-		1		v
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- _____. "Thucydides." in T. Pangle and Peter Ahrensdorf, *Justice Among Nations: On the Moral Basis of Power and Peace*. U. Kansas, 1999.
- _____. "The Fear of Death and the Longing for Immortality: Hobbes and Thucydides on Human Nature and the Problem of Anarchy." *American Political Science Review* 94 (2000): 579-93.

Bolotin, David. "Thucydides." In *History of Political Philosophy*, ed. Strauss and Cropsey. U. of Chicago, 1987.



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