

## WWS 541 International Politics

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This course introduces theories of international politics and seeks to use them to understand patterns of conflict and cooperation, the rise of the postwar liberal international order, and broad trends in interdependence and globalization. This is a “problem oriented” course, looking to theoretical literatures in the field to help illuminate global challenges. In the second half of the course, specific policy issues will be explored, including topics such as the challenge of rogue states, the international consequences of the Euro crisis, the Arab Spring and democracy promotion, the rise of China, and the reform of global institutions.

All students will be expected to participate actively in class discussions. Each student will write a discussion paper, circulated to the class before one of the sessions in the first six weeks of the course. In the second half of the term, each student will be part of a project team that prepares a brief report (not more than 1500 words) analyzing a major policy issue and discussing the relevance of international relations theory and history to it. The report will be circulated in advance. Well in advance of the class, the project team will research the issue they are studying and, in consultation with the professor, assign 50-75 pages on it. There will be a final examination.

### Course Assignments and Grading

Short Paper: 20 percent  
Group presentation (written and oral): 20 percent  
Class participation apart from the paper and presentation: 20 percent  
Final examination: 40 percent

Articles will be available on Blackboard. The following books will be used extensively and are available for purchase in the bookstore:

G. John Ikenberry, After Victory: Institutions, Strategic Restraint, and the Rebuilding of Order after Major War (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2001).

Robert J. Art and Robert Jervis, International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues (Pearson, 12<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2014).

## Part I: THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES AND HISTORICAL CASES

Week One: Critical Problems and Theoretical Debates: Can the World Be Governed?

Bruce Jones and Thomas Wright, The State of the International Order, The Brookings Institution, February 2014. <http://www.brookings.edu/research/reports/2014/02/state-of-the-international-order>

Aaron Friedberg, "The Future of U.S.-China Relations: Is Conflict Inevitable?" International Security (Fall 2005). [http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/files/is3002\\_pp007-045\\_friedberg.pdf](http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/files/is3002_pp007-045_friedberg.pdf)

Ian Bremmer and Nouriel Roubini, "A G-Zero World," Foreign Affairs (March/April 2011). <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/67339/ian-bremmer-and-nouriel-roubini/a-g-zero-world>

Charles Kupchan, Chapter 5 ("Alternatives to the Western Way") in No One's World: The West, the Rising Rest, and the Coming Global Turn (Oxford, 2012).

### Debate: The Return of Revisionist Great Powers?

Walter Russell Mead, "The Return of Geopolitics: The Revenge of the Revisionist Powers," Foreign Affairs (May/June 2014). <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/141211/walter-russell-mead/the-return-of-geopolitics>

G. John Ikenberry, "The Illusion of Geopolitics: The Enduring Power of Liberal Order," Foreign Affairs (May/June

2014). <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/141212/g-john-ikenberry/the-illusion-of-geopolitics>

## Week Two: Realism: Anarchy, Balance of Power, and Use of Force

Kenneth Waltz, "The Anarchic Structure of World Politics," Art and Jervis

Joseph Grieco, "Anarchy and the Limits of Cooperation: A Realist Critique of the Newest Institutionalism," International Organization, Vol. 42, No. 3 (Summer 1988), pp. 485-507.

Stephen Walt, "Alliances: Balancing and Bandwagoning," Art and Jervis.

Robert Jervis, "Offense, Defense, and the Security Dilemma," Art and Jervis.

Robert Art, "The Four Functions of Force," Art and Jervis.

### Debate: The West, Russia, and the Ukraine Crisis: Who is At Fault?

John Mearsheimer, "Why the Ukraine Crisis is the West's Fault: The Liberal Delusions that Provoked Putin," Foreign Affairs (Sept/Oct 2014). <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/141769/john-j-mearsheimer/why-the-ukraine-crisis-is-the-west-fault>

Strobe Talbott, "The Making of Vladimir Putin," Politico Magazine (17 August 2014) <http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2014/08/putin-the-backstory-110151.html#.VAW1YMt0xok>

## Week Three: Liberalism: Democracy, Economic Interdependence, and Institutions

Michael Doyle, "Kant, Liberal Legacies, and Foreign Affairs," Art and Jervis.

Robert O. Keohane, "International Institutions: can Interdependence Work," Art and Jervis.

Stanley Hoffmann, "The Uses and Limits of International Law," Art and Jervis.

John R. Oneal, Bruce Russett, and Michael L. Berbaum, "Causes of Peace: Democracy, Interdependence, and International Organizations, 1885-1992," International Studies Quarterly, Vol. 47, No. 3 (September 2003), pp. 371-93.

Supplemental:

William Burke-White, "Crimea and the International Legal Order," Survival (August/September 2014), pp. 65-80. <http://www.iiss.org/en/publications/survival/sections/2014-4667/survival--global-politics-and-strategy-august-september-2014-838b/56-4-08-burke-white-9f46>

Debate: Are Democracies Really More Peaceful?

John Owen, "How Liberalism Produces Democratic Peace," International Security (Fall 1994), pp. 87-125. <http://www.jstor.org/discover/10.2307/2539197?uid=3739808&uid=2129&uid=2&uid=70&uid=4&uid=3739256&sid=21104584861167>

Stephen Rosato, "The Flawed Logic of Democratic Peace Theory," American Political Science Review, Vol. 97, No. 4 (2003), pp. 5585-602. <http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=191046>

Week Four: Power, Institutions, and International Order

Ikenberry, After Victory, chapters 1-3, 5-7 (pp. 3-79; 163-256).

John Mearsheimer, "The False Promise of International Institutions," International Security, Vol. 19, No. 3 (December 1994), pp. 5-49. <http://mearsheimer.uchicago.edu/pdfs/A0021.pdf>

Debate: How Does the Obama Administration Think about Institutions and Order?

President Obama, "Remarks of the President at the Acceptance of the Nobel Peace Prize," Oslo, Norway, 10 December 2009. [http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel\\_prizes/peace/laureates/2009/obama-lecture.html](http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/2009/obama-lecture.html)

The White House, National Security Strategy (Washington, D.C.: October 2010). [http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/rss\\_viewer/national\\_security\\_strategy.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/rss_viewer/national_security_strategy.pdf)

## Week Five: Information, Misperception, and Miscalculation

Robert Jervis, "Hypotheses on Misperception," World Politics, Vol. 20, No. 3 (April 1968), pp. 454-79.

Jerel A. Rosati, "The Power of Human Cognition in the Study of World Politics," International Studies Review, Vol. 2, No. 3 (Autumn 2000), pp. 45-75.

James Fearon, "Rationalist Explanations of War," International Organization, Vol. 49, No. 3, pp. 454-79.

Dani Kahneman, "Why Hawks Win," Foreign Policy (February 2007). [http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2006/12/27/why\\_hawks\\_win](http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2006/12/27/why_hawks_win)

Steve Van Evera, "Why States Believe Foolish Things," manuscript.

M. Niam, "The YouTube Effect," Foreign Policy, 158 (January-February 2007). [http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2006/12/27/the\\_youtube\\_effect](http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2006/12/27/the_youtube_effect)

### Debate: What Went Wrong? Explaining the Intelligence Failure in Iraq

Robert Jervis, "Reports, Politics, and Intelligence Failures: The Case of Iraq," Journal of Strategic Studies, Vol. 29, Issue 1 (February 2006), pp. 3-52. <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/01402390600566282?journalCode=fjss20#preview>

## Week Six: Foundations of International Political Economy

Robert Gilpin, "The Nature of Political Economy," Art and Jervis.

Joseph Grieco and G. John Ikenberry, States and Markets: The International Political Economy (New York: Norton, 2003), Chapters Three and Four.

Michael J. Hiscox, "The Domestic Sources of Foreign Economic Policies," Art and Jervis.

Dani Rodrik, “Why Doesn’t Everyone Get the case for Free Trade?” Art and Jervis.

Debate: Responses to the 2008 Financial Crisis: Did the System Work?

Daniel W. Drezner, “The System Worked: Global Economic Governance During the Great Recession,” World Politics Vol. 66, No. 1 (January 2014), pp. 123-64. <http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=9138247&fileId=S0043887113000348>

Jonathan Kirshner, “The Neoliberal Bailout,” The Boston Review (June 2014). <http://www.bostonreview.net/books-ideas/jonathan-kirshner-daniel-drezner-neoliberal-bailout>

[suggested readings for policy teams announced]

## Part II: GLOBAL CHANGE AND POLICY DEBATES

### Week Seven: Rising Non-Western States and Reform of Global Order

Richard Fontaine and Daniel M. Kliman, “International Order and Global Swing States,” Washington Quarterly, Vol. 36, No. 1 (Winter 2013), pp. 93-109. [http://www.relooney.fatcow.com/0\\_New\\_15199.pdf](http://www.relooney.fatcow.com/0_New_15199.pdf)

Ruchir Sharma, “Broken BRICS: Why the Rest Stopped Rising,” Foreign Affairs (Nov/Dec 2012) <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/138219/ruchir-sharma/broken-brics>

Mark Leonard, “Why Convergence Breeds Conflict,” Foreign Affairs (Sept/Oct 2013). <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/139650/mark-leonard/why-convergence-breeds-conflict>

David Shambaugh, “China and Global Governance,” Chapter 4, in China Goes Global (Oxford, 2013).

[plus readings from project group]

## Week Eight: Transnational Actors and Networks

Margaret Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, “Transnational Activist Networks,” Art and Jervis.

Phil Williams, “Transnational Organized Crime and the State,” Art and Jervis.

Josh Busby, Moral Movements and Foreign Policy (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012), Chapter One.

Anne-Marie Slaughter, “America’s Edge: Power in a Networked Century,” Foreign Affairs (Jan/Feb 2009). <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/63722/anne-marie-slaughter/americas-edge>

[plus readings from project group]

## Week Nine: Dealing with Rogue States

Robert Litwak, Outlier States: American Strategies to Change, Contain, and Engage Regimes (Washington, D.C.: Woodrow Wilson Center, 2012).

Introduction, pp. 1-8. An overview.

Chapter 3, pp. 87-127: developing strategies to change or engage outlier regimes; Iraq and Libya case studies.

Chapter 4, pp. 138-75: North Korea and Iran.

[plus readings from project group]

## Week Ten: Climate Change and the Challenge of Global Cooperation

Robert Keohane and David G. Victor, “The Regime Complex for Climate Change,” Perspectives on Politics, Vol. 9, No. 1 (2011), pp. 7-23. [http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/files/Keohane\\_Victor\\_Final\\_2.pdf](http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/files/Keohane_Victor_Final_2.pdf)

David Victor, Charles F. Kennel, and Veerabhadran Ramanathan, “The Climate Threat We Can Beat,” Art and Jervis.

Michael Levi, "Beyond Copenhagen."  
(2010). <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/65985/michael-levi/beyond-copenhagen>.

Joshua Busby, "After Copenhagen: Climate Governance and the Road Ahead." Council on Foreign Relations.  
2010. [http://www.cfr.org/publication/22726/after\\_copenhagen.html](http://www.cfr.org/publication/22726/after_copenhagen.html).

[plus readings from project group]

#### Week Eleven: Coping with the Rise of China

Robert Art, "The United States and the Rise of China," Art and Jervis.

Thomas Christensen, "Fostering Stability or Creating a Monster? The Rise of China and U.S. Policy toward East Asia," International Security, Vol. 31, No. 1 (Summer 2006), pp. 81-126.

G. John Ikenberry, "The Rise of China and the Future of the West," Foreign Affairs (Feb/March 2008). <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/63042/g-john-ikenberry/the-rise-of-china-and-the-future-of-the-west>

Kenneth Lieberthal and Wang Jisi, Addressing U.S.-Chinese Strategic Distrust (The Brookings Institution, March 2012). [http://www.brookings.edu/~media/research/files/papers/2012/3/30%20us%20china%20lieberthal/0330\\_china\\_lieberthal.pdf](http://www.brookings.edu/~media/research/files/papers/2012/3/30%20us%20china%20lieberthal/0330_china_lieberthal.pdf)

[plus readings from project group]

#### Week Twelve: The Shape of the Future

The National Intelligence Council, "Individual Empowerment and Demographic Patterns," Art and Jervis.

Barry Posen, "Emerging Multipolarity: Why Should We Care?" Art and Jervis.

Arvind Subramanian, “The Inevitable Superpower: Why China’s Dominance Is a Sure Thing,” Art and Jervis.

Alan Dupont, “The Strategic Implications of Climate Change,” Art and Jervis.

Thomas Schelling, “A World Without Nuclear Weapons,” Art and Jervis.

[plus readings from project group]