

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. At the heart of these theoretical literatures is the debate between “realism” and “liberalism” – two classic schools of thought that offer competing frameworks and alternative visions of world politics. In the second half of the course, specific policy challenges will be explored, including topics such as the challenge of rising non-Western developing states, the looming crisis of climate change, the spread of transnational activist networks, 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 short paper that offers a critical reflection on one of the readings or topics from the first half of the course, due at the end of the 6th week of the course. Each week, two or three students will be asked to present reactions to the readings, doing so to facilitate class discussion. In the second half of the course, each student will be part of a project team that prepares a brief report (not more than 2000 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 group 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, 12th 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>

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>

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

G. John Ikenberry, Chapter One, "The Problem of Order," After Victory.

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-s-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:

Morton Halperin, Joe Siegle, and Martin Weinstein, The Democracy Advantage: How Democracies Promote Prosperity and Peace (New York: Routledge, 2009), 2nd edition, pp. 1-26.

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>

Joanne Gowa, "The Democratic Peace after the Cold War," Economics & Politics, Vol. 23, No. 2 (2011), pp. 153-71. Also see: https://www.princeton.edu/~pcglobal/conferences/basics/papers/gowa_paper.pdf

Week Four: Constructivism and Feminism

Michael Barnett, "Social Constructivism," in Baylis, Smith, and Owens, Globalization of World Politics, pp. 16-73.

Alexander Wendy, "Anarchy is what States Make of It," in Art and Jervis.

Martha Finnemore, and Kathrine Sikkink, "International Norm Dynamics and Political Change," International Organization, Vol. 52, No. 4 (Autumn 1998), pp. 887-917.

Valerie Hudson, et al, "The Heart of the Matter: The Security of Women and the Security of States," International Security, Vol. 33 (Winter 2009), pp. 7-45.

Ann Tickner, "You Just Don't Understand: Troubled Encounters between Feminists and IR Scholars," International Studies Quarterly, Vol. 1 41 (1997), pp. 611-32.

Debate: The Pros and Cons of Democracy Promotion

George Bush, "Address at 2nd Inaugural," January 20, 2005.

Anatol Lieven and John Hulsman, "The Folly of Exporting Democracy," from Ethical Realism: A Vision for America's Role in the World (2006).

Amitai Etzioni, "The Democratisation Mirage," Survival, Vol. 57, No. 4 (August-September 2015), pp. 139-56.

Week Five: Power, Institutions, and Varieties of International Order

Ikenberry, After Victory, chapters 2-3, 5-7.

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>

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).

Daniel Deudney, "Pessimistic Observations on the Future of Hegemony, Liberal Hegemony, and American Leadership," unpublished paper, September 2015.

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

The White House, National Security Strategy (Washington, D.C.: October 2010). http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/rss_viewer/national_security_strategy.pdf

Week Six: 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

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

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 Seven: 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.

Supplemental:

Dani Roderick, "How Far Will International Economic Integration Go?" Journal of Economic Perspectives, Vol. 14, No. 1 (Winter 2000), pp. 177-86.

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 Eight: Rising Non-Western States and Challenges to Global Order

Andrew Hurrell, "Emerging Powers, Global Order and Global Justice," NYU Law School talk, January 2010. <http://iilj.org/courses/documents/2010Colloquium.Hurrell.pdf>

Naazneen Barma, Ely Ratner, and Steven Weber, "Welcome to the World Without the West," The National Interest (November 12, 2014). <http://nationalinterest.org/feature/welcome-the-world-without-the-west-11651>

Erik Voeten, "A World Without the West? Not So Fast," Monkey Cage, Washington Post, November 14, 2014. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2014/11/14/a-world-without-the-west-not-so-fast/>

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

Mihaela Papa, "BRICS' Pursuit of Multipolarity: Response to the United States," *Fudan Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences*, Vol. 7, Issue 3 (Sept. 2014), pp. 363-80. <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs40647-014-0022-2>

[plus readings from project group]

Week Nine: Transnational Networks and Actors

Margaret Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, "Transnational Activist Networks," *Art and Jervis*.

Phil Williams, "Transnational Organized Crime and the State," *Art and Jervis*.

Moises Naim, "The Five Wars of Globalization," *Foreign Policy*, No. 134 (January-February 2003). <http://users.clas.ufl.edu/zselden/Course%20Readings/Naim.pdf>

Rachel Schurman, "Fighting 'Frankenfoods': Industry Opportunity Structures and the Efficacy of the Anti-Biotech Movement in Western Europe," *Social Problems*, Vol. 51 (May 2004), pp. 243-68.

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 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

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

David Victor, "Toward Effective International Cooperation on Climate Change: Numbers, Interests, and Institutions," *Global Environmental Policy*, Vol. 6 (August 2006), pp. 90-113.

Michael Betsill and Roger A. Pielke, "Blurring the Boundaries: Domestic and International Ozone Politics and the Lessons for Climate Change," International Environmental Affairs, Vol. 10, No. 3 (1998), pp. 147-

72. http://sciencepolicy.colorado.edu/admin/publication_files/resource-158-1998.10.pdf

Robert Keohane, "The Global Politics of Climate Change: Challenge for Political Science," Madison Lecture, PS: Political Science & Politics (January 2015).

[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 J. Christensen, "The Advantages of an Assertive China," Foreign Affairs, Vol. 90, No. 2 (March/April 2011), pp. 54-67.

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

Supplemental:

James Steinberg, "The Administration's Vision of the U.S.-China Relationship," Address to Center for a New American Security, September 24, 2009, at: <http://www.state.gov/s/d/former/steinberg/remarks/2009/169332.htm>

Robert D. Blackwell and Ashley J. Tellis, Revising U.S. Grand Strategy Toward China, (New York: Council on Foreign Relations, March 2015), Council Special Report, No. 72.

[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.

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