

**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

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).

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

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).

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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."

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