

**Political Science 372/572: Field Seminar in International Relations**

Friday 9:30-12:00 Penn Room (Harkness 329)

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This is a seminar for students who are preparing for comprehensive exams in international relations. The course conducts a broad survey of international relations theory, practice, and cooperation.

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**Course Description:** 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 following week 1, due Thursday at noon. Students have the option of skipping two papers; alternatively, the lowest two grades will be dropped. There will be a 24-hour take-home final exam, due Friday, May 1 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 and some book chapters will be in folders in the cubby hole on the third floor, if they aren't available through ISTOR. I recommend purchasing the books below through Amazon.com.

Downs, George W., and David M. Rocke. *Optimal Imperfection? Domestic Uncertainty and Institutions in International Relations*. (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 1995).

Keohane, Robert O. *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy*. (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 1984).

Kydd, Andrew H. *Trust and Mistrust in International Relations*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2005).

Kuznetsov, Dmitri. *1999: Sovereign, Organized Hypocrisy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Lake, David A. 2009. *Hierarchy in International Relations*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

Powell, Robert. *In the Shadow of Power: States and Strategies in International Relations*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1990).

Stone, Randall W. *Lending Credibility: The International Monetary Fund and the Post-Communist Transition*. (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 2002).

Stone, Randall W. *Controlling Institutions: International Organizations and the Global Economy*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011).

Waltz, Kenneth. *A Theory of International Politics*. (Reading, Mass.: Addison-Wesley, 1979).

## Course Outline:

### **Week One**

*Friday, Jan. 16: No class*

*Friday, Jan 23: Balance of Power*

Thucydides. *The Peloponnesian War*. (New York: Modern Library ed., 1909). Book I, vs. 24-146 (pp. 14-86).

Morgenthau, Hans J. *Politics Among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace*. (New York: Knopf, 1948, Fourth Edition, 1967). Chpts. 1-3, 11-14 (pp. 3-35, 161-215. Note: chapter and page numbers vary with editions.)

Waltz, Kenneth. *A Theory of International Politics*. (Reading, Mass.: Addison-Wesley, 1979).

### **Week Two**

*Friday, Jan. 30: Power*

Paldwin, David. Power Analysis and World Politics: New Trends versus Traditional Tendencies. *World Politics* Vol. 31 No. 2 (Jan. 1979) pp. 161-194

Kirshner, Jonathan. *Currency and Coercion: The Political Economy of International Monetary Power*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1995. Chpts. 3-5 (pp. 45-215.)

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).

### **Week Three**

*Friday, Feb. 6: Open Economy Politics*

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

Rogowski, Ronald. *Commerce and Coalitions: How Trade Affects Domestic Political Alignments*. Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 1989.

Grossman, Gene M., and Elhanan Helpman. Protection for Sale. *The American Economic Review*, 84 (7) (Sept., 1994), pp. 633-650.

Lake, David A. 2009. Open Economy Politics: A Critical Review. *The Review of International Organizations*. 4 (3): 219 - 244.

Friday, Feb. 13: No class

Week Four

Friday, Feb. 20: *Institutions & Transaction Costs*

Keohane, Robert O. *After Hierarchy: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy*. (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 1984). Chpts. 1-7, 11.

Keohane, Robert O., Charles I. Lissner, and Duncan Snidal. The Rational Design of International Institutions. *International Organization* 55 (4) (Autumn 2001).

Abbott, Kenneth, and Duncan Snidal. Hard and Soft Law in International Governance. *International Organization* 54 (3) (Summer 2000): 421-56.

Stone, Randall W. Institutions, Power and Interdependence. In Helen Milner and Andrew Moravcsik, eds. *Power, Interdependence and Non State Actors in World Politics: Research Frontiers*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2009.

Keohane, Robert O. and David Victor. The Regime Complex for Climate Change. *Perspectives on Politics* (March 2011).

Week Five

Friday, Feb. 27: *Delegation & Principal-Agent Problems*

Wahl, Roland. A Public Choice Approach to International Organization. *Public Choice* 51 (1986): 39-57.

Hawkins, Darren G., David A. Lake, Daniel J. Nielson, and Michael J. Tierney. Delegation under Anarchy.... In Hawkins et al., eds. *Delegation and Agency in International Institutions*. Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press, 2006.

Stone, Randall. *Satellites and Commissars: Strategy and Conflict in the Politics of*

Nielson, Daniel J., and Michael J. Tierney. 2003. Delegation to International Organizations: Agency Theory and World Bank Environmental Reform. *International Organization* 57 (2) (Spring): 241-76.

## Week Six

### **Friday, Mar. 6: Credibility**

Stone, Randall W. *Lending Credibility: The International Monetary Fund and the Post-Communist Transition* (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 2002).

Powell, Robert. Crisis Bargaining, Escalation, and MAD. *American Political Science*

Martin, Lisa L. Credibility, Costs, and Institutions: Cooperation on Economic Sanctions  
*World Politics*, Vol. 45, No. 3 (Apr., 1993), pp. 406-432.

### **Friday, Mar. 13: SPRING BREAK No class**

## Week Seven

### **Friday, Mar. 20: Bargaining**

Schelling, Thomas. *The Strategy of Conflict*. Cambridge: Harvard Univ. Press, 1960.  
Chpts. 1-3.

Fearon, James D. Rationalist Explanations for War. *International Organization* 49, No. 3 (Summer 1995): 379-414.

Powell, Robert. *In the Shadow of Power: States and Strategians in International Politics*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1999.

Slantchev, Branislav L. The Principle of Convergence in Wartime Negotiations.  
*American Political Science Review*, Vol. 97, No. 4, pp. 621-32, November 2003.

Fey, Mark, and Kristopher Ramsay. Mutual Optimism and War. *American Journal of Political Science* 51(4) (2007): 738-754.

## Week Eight

### **Friday, March 27: Reputation**

Kydd, Andrew H. *Trust and Mistrust in International Relations*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2005. Chapters 1-4, 7, 8.

Schelling, *The Strategy of Conflict*, Chpts. 8, 10.

Jervis, Robert. *Perception and Misperception in International Politics*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1976). Part I (pp. 3-113).

Walter, Barbara. Building Reputation: Why Governments Fight Some Separatist Wars Not Others. *American Journal of Political Science*. (Spring 2006).

## Week Nine

### *Friday, Apr. 3: Democratic Politics and International Bargaining*

Putnam, Robert D. *Diplomacy and Domestic Politics*. *International Organization* 42 (2) (Summer 1988): 427-61.

Downs and Rocke, Chpts. 4, 5 (pp. 76-129).

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

Schultz, Kenneth. *Domestic Opposition and Signaling in International Crises*. *American Political Science Review* 92 (Dec. 1998): 920-44.

Mansfield, Edward D., Helen V. Milner, and B. Peter Rosendorff. *Free to Trade: Democracies, Autocracies and International Trade*. *American Political Science Review* 94 (2) (June 2000): 305-22.

Leventoglu, Banar, and Aimer Tatar. 2005. *Renegotiation Public Commitment in Domestic and International Bargaining*. *American Political Science Review* 99 (2): 410-433.

## Week Ten

### *Friday, April 10: International Organizations*

Stone, Randall W. *Controlling Institutions: International Organizations and the Global Economy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011.

Barnett, Michael, and Martha Finnemore. *Rules for the World: International Organizations in Global Politics*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell Univ. Press, 2004. Chpts. 1-2.

## Week Eleven

### *Friday, April 17: Sovereignty and Hierarchy*

Krasner, Stephen. 1999. *Sovereignty: Organized Hypocrisy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Press.

## Week Twelve

### *Friday, Apr. 24: Global Domestic Politics*