

**Political Science 372/572: Field Seminar in International Relations  
Friday 9:30-12:00, 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. There will be a 24-hour take-home final exam, due Monday, May 2 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 JSTOR. 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).

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

Schelling, Thomas. *The Strategy of Conflict*.

Stone, Randall W. *Satellites and Commissars: Strategy and Conflict in the Politics of Soviet-Bloc Trad*

Gourevitch, Peter. *The Second Image Reversed: The International Sources of Domestic Politics*.

## **Week Six**

### ***Friday, Mar. 4: 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 Review* 81, No. 3 (September 1987): 717-37.

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

### ***Friday, Mar. 11: SPRING BREAK No class***

## **Week Seven**

### ***Friday, March 18: 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 Strategies 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, Mar 25: 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).

Slantchev, Branislav L. Military Coercion in Interstate Crises. *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 99, No. 4, pp. 533-547, November, 2005.

Sartori, Anne. The Might of the Pen; A Reputational Theory of Communication in International Disputes. *International Organization* 56:1 (Winter 2002) 123-151.

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

Voeten, Eric. The Political Origins of the Legitimacy of the United Nations Security Council. *International Organization* 59 (3) (Fall 2005):527-57.

Steinberg, Richard. In the Shadow of Law or Power? Consensus-Based Bargaining and Outcomes in the GATT/WTO. *International Organization* 56 (2) (2002): 339-74.

## **Week Twelve**

### ***Friday, Apr. 22: Global Domestic Politics***

Kelley, Judith. Who Keeps International Commitments and Why? The International Criminal Court and Bilateral Non-surrender Agreements. *American Political Science Review* 101.3 (August, 2007): 573-589.

Kydd, Andrew, and Barbara Walter. Sabotaging the Peace: The Politics of Extremist Violence, with Andrew Kydd. *International Organization*. Vol. 55, No. 2 (Spring 2002).

Kalyvas, Stathis N., and Laia Balcells. International System and Technologies of Rebellion: How the End of the Cold War Shaped Internal Conflict. *American Political Science Review* 104 (3) (August 2010): 415-29.

Hafner-Burton, Emilie. Sticks and Stones: Naming and Shaming the Human Rights Enforcement Problem. *International Organization* 62 (Fall 2008): 689-716.

Voeten, Eric. The Impartiality of International Judges: Evidence from the European Court of Human Rights. *American Political Science Review* 102(4) (November 2008): 417-433.

Pevehouse, John C. With a Little Help from My Friends? Regional Organizations and the Consolidation of Democracy. *American Journal of Political Science*. 46 (3) (July 2002): 611-26.

### ***Monday, May 2, 5:00 pm: Final Exam Due***