

# **PSC 566: International Relations Field Seminar I**

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**Wednesdays, 2–4:40**

**Harkness 329**

## **Goals of the Field Seminars**

This is the first of two international relations field seminars for graduate students. This pair of courses has three goals:

1. To give students a brief introduction to the large academic literature on international politics,

3. Students are expected to write short (no more than 2-page) papers critiquing the assigned readings for each week following week 1. Each week's papers will be due by email to me by 9:00am on the Tuesday before class meets. The papers should address some aspect of the week's readings, such as by:

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## Academic honesty

Students and faculty at the University must agree to adhere to high standards of academic honesty in all of the work that we do. The College Board on Academic Honesty provides further information on our policies and procedures: [www.rochester.edu/college/honesty](http://www.rochester.edu/college/honesty).

In this course the following additional requirements are in effect: You are encouraged to discuss course readings and assignments with your fellow students. However, all written work must be done independently and not in collaboration with another. All written work must properly format quotations, use citations, and include a bibliography where necessary. Cases of plagiarism will be referred to the Academic Honesty Board.

## Class schedule

### 1. Aug 25 – Introduction to the course

David A. Lake. 2013. "Theory is dead, long live theory: The end of the Great Debates and the rise of eclecticism in International Relations." *European Journal of International Relations*, 19(3): 567—587. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1354066113494330>

### 2. Sept 1 – What is an international system and what traits does it have?

Kenneth N. Waltz. 1979. *Theory of International Politics*. Addison-Wesley. Chapters 3, 4.

Markus Fischer. 1992. "Feudal Europe, 800-1300: Communal discourse and conflictual practices." *International Organization*. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/2706859>

David A. Lake. 2017. "Hierarchy and International Relations: Theory and Evidence." *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. [https://www.dropbox.com/s/mbdoom8ei8auko1/Lake.Hierarchy\\_OREP.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/mbdoom8ei8auko1/Lake.Hierarchy_OREP.pdf?dl=0)

Brandon J. Kinne. 2018. "Defense Cooperation Agreements and the Emergence of a Global Security Network." *International Organization*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818318000218>

Bentley B. Allan, Srdjan Vucetic, and Ted Hopf. 2018. "The Distribution of Identity and the Future of International Order: China's Hegemonic Prospects." *International Organization*. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818318000267>

Mette Eilstrup-Sangiovanni. 2020. "Death of international organizations: The organizational ecology of intergovernmental organizations, 1815–2015." *Review of International Organizations*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11558-018-9340-5>

### 3. Sept 8 – Imperialism and the origins of IR

Robert Vitalis. 2005. "Birth of a discipline." In *Imperialism and Internationalism in the Discipline of International Relations*. David Long and Brian C. Schmidt, eds. SUNY Press. [https://www.dropbox.com/s/uk3yc3ifm3ysx93/Long\\_Schmidt\\_Imperialism\\_Internationalism.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/uk3yc3ifm3ysx93/Long_Schmidt_Imperialism_Internationalism.pdf?dl=0)

Peter Wilson. 2012. "The myth of the first 'great debate'." In *International Relations and the First Great Debate*. Brian Schmidt, ed. Routledge. †

Amitav Acharya and Barry Buzan. 2019. *The Making of Global International Relations*. Cambridge University Press. Chapters 1–4.

#### 4. Sept 15 – Liberal internationalism and the post-WW2 global system

Daniel Deudney and G. John Ikenberry. 1999. "The nature and sources of liberal international order." *Review of International Studies*. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0260210599001795>

John R. Oneal, Bruce Russett, and Michael L. Berbaum. 2003 "Causes of Peace: Democracy, Interdependence, and International Organizations, 1885–1992." *International Studies Quarterly*. <http://doi.org/10.1111/1468-2478.4703004>

Michael N. Barnett and Martha Finnemore. 1999. "The Politics, Power, and Pathologies of International Organizations." *International Organization*. [www.jstor.org/stable/2601307](http://www.jstor.org/stable/2601307)

Alexander Cooley and Daniel Nexon. 2020. *Exit from Hegemony: The Unravelling of American Global Order*. Oxford University Press. Chapter 2. †

Amitav Acharya and Barry Buzan. 2019. *The Making of Global International Relations*. Cambridge University Press. Chapters 5–6.

#### 5. Sept 22 – Realist dissent

Hans Morgenthau. 1948. *Politics among Nations*. 1st ed. Knopf. Selections. (Provided by instructor).

John J. Herz. 1950. "Idealist Internationalism and the Security Dilemma." *World Politics*. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/i308594>

John J. Mearsheimer. 2001. *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics*. W. W. Norton and Company. Selections. [https://www.dropbox.com/s/c0ih6v66n5b7nb9/Mearsheimer\\_Tragedy\\_Great\\_Power\\_Politics.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/c0ih6v66n5b7nb9/Mearsheimer_Tragedy_Great_Power_Politics.pdf?dl=0)

Jennifer Welsh. 2003. "'I' is for Ideology: Conservatism in International Affairs", *Global Society* 17(2): 165–185. <http://doi.org/10.1080/1360082032000069073>

Michael C. Williams. 2013. "In the beginning: The International Relations enlightenment and the end8e136014end8e0014.44hl Td y5r lity Dilemma."

### **7. Oct 6 – The rise and fall of the “ism” wars**

Alexander Wendt. 1992. “Anarchy Is What States Make of It: The Social Construction of Power Politics.” *International Organization*. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/2706858>

Michael Doyle. 1986. “Liberalism and World Politics.” *American Political Science Review*. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/1960861>

Robert Keohane. 1984. *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy*. Princeton University Press. Chapters 4–6. (Provided by instructor).

Amitav Acharya and Barry Buzan. 2019. *The Making of Global International Relations*. Cambridge University Press. Chapters 8 and 10.

### **8. Oct 13 – Is liberal internationalism over?**

Alexander Cooley and Daniel Nexon. Forthcoming. *Exit from Hegemony: The Unravelling of American Global Order*. Oxford University Press. Chapters 4–6. †

Mette Eilstrup-Sangiovanni and Stephanie C. Hofmann (2019). “Of the contemporary global order, crisis, and change,” *Journal of European Public Policy*.

## 10. Oct 27 – International cooperation and international organizations

Randall W. Stone. 2008. "The Scope of IMF Conditionality." *International Organization*. [www.jstor.org/stable/40071891](http://www.jstor.org/stable/40071891)

Michael M. Bechtel and Thomas Sattler. "What Is Litigation in the World Trade Organization Worth?" *International Organization*. [www.jstor.org/stable/24758119](http://www.jstor.org/stable/24758119)

Vegard H. Tørstad. 2020. "Participation, ambition and compliance: can the Paris Agreement solve the effectiveness trilemma?" *Environmental Politics*. <http://doi.org/10.1080/09644016.2019.1710322>

Tana Johnson. 2020. "Ordinary Patterns in an Extraordinary Crisis: How International Relations Makes Sense of the COVID-19 Pandemic." *International Organization*. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818320000430>

Stephen C. Nelson. 2014. "Playing Favorites: How Shared Beliefs Shape the IMF's Lending Decisions." *International Organization*. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818313000477>

Allison Carnegie and Austin Carson. 2019. "The Disclosure Dilemma: Nuclear Intelligence and International Organizations." *American Journal of Political Science*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ajps.12426>

## 11. Nov 3 – How does the international economy influence peace and conflict?

Kerim Can Kavalki, J. Tyson Chatagnier, and Emre Hatipoğlu. 2020. "The Power to Hurt and the Effectiveness of International Sanctions."

Joslyn N. Barnhart, Robert F. Trager, Elizabeth N. Saunders, and Allan Dafoe. 2020. "The Suffragist Peace." *International Organization*. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818320000508>

Andrew Bertoli, Allan Dafoe, and Robert F. Trager. 2019. "Is There a War Party? Party Change, the Left–Right Divide, and International Conflict." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. <http://doi.org/10.1177/0022002718772352>

Matthew A. Baum and Philip B. K. Potter. 2019. "Media, Public Opinion, and Foreign Policy in the Age of Social Media." *The Journal of Politics*. <https://doi.org/10.1086/702233>

### **13. Nov 17 – The role of international system in determining political regimes**

Patrick J. McDonald. 2015. "Great Powers, Hierarchy, and Endogenous Regimes: Rethinking the Domestic Causes of Peace." *International Organization*. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818315000120>

Michael K. McKoy and Michael K. Miller. 2012. "The Patron's Dilemma: The Dynamics of Foreign-Supported Democratization." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/23414715>

Kaitlyn Webster, Chong Chen, and Kyle Beardsley. 2019. "Conflict, Peace, and the Evolution of Women's Empowerment." *International Organization*. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818319000055>

Dawn Brancati and Adrián Lucardi. 2019. "Why Democracy Protests Do Not Diffuse." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. <http://doi.org/10.1177/0022002718815957>.

Kurt Weyland. 2019. "Why Some Democracy Protests Do Diffuse." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. <http://doi.org/10.1177/0022002719862426>

### **Nov 24 – No class**

### **14. Dec 1 – Anarchy and international security**

James D. Fearon. 2018. "Cooperation, Conflict, and the Costs of Anarchy." *International Organization*. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818318000115>

Sandeep Baliga and Tomas Sjöström. 2004. "Arms Races and Negotiations." *The Review of Economic Studies*. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/3700629>

David Lindsey. 2019. "Mutual Optimism and Costly Conflict: The Case of Naval Battles in the Age of Sail." *The Journal of Politics*. <https://doi.org/10.1086/704221>

Mark Fey and Kristopher Ramsay. 2007. "Mutual Optimism and War." *American Journal of Political Science*. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/4620097>

### **15. Dec 8 – International negotiation and signaling**

James D. Fearon. 1994. "Domestic Political Audiences and the Escalation of International Disputes." *American Political Science Review*. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/2944796>

Kenneth Schultz. 1998. "Domestic Opposition and Signaling in International Crises." *American Political Science Review*. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/2586306>

Eric Min. 2020. "Talking While Fighting: Understanding the Role of Wartime Negotiation." *International Organization*. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818320000168>

Jessica L. Weeks. 2008. "Autocratic Audience Costs: Regime Type and Signaling Resolve." *International Organization*. [www.jstor.org/stable/40071874](http://www.jstor.org/stable/40071874)

William G. Nomikos and Nicolas Sambanis. 2019. "What is the mechanism underlying audience costs? Incompetence, belligerence, and inconsistency." *Journal of Peace Research*. <http://doi.org/10.1177/0022343319839456>