

## Pol 630 , International Relations: Fall 2006

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### Scope and Purpose

The course introduces a wide range of international relations concepts, approaches, arguments, methods and debates. Students will acquire the ability to critique international relations articles and books, translate arguments into hypotheses, obtain evidence to assess theories, and build on theoretical arguments. In particular, students will develop the ability to synthesize and integrate various theoretical arguments through a systematic understanding of international politics that they can build on.

This course is broken down into two segments. The first segment is an investigation of the broader theories and approaches that are prominent in international relations. The second half of the class examines more specific areas of research within international relations.

Mind that this is not in any way an exhaustive course on research in International Relations. For one of the most comprehensive lists of research agenda's and studies of IR see:

Students are required to lead 4 seminars – two each half (may be multiple leaders depending on class size). In addition each student will be required to write short commentaries each week. There will be two types of commentaries. The first type of commentary should dissect the theory (or ism) being explored that week. These should be a critical analysis of the theory, its assumptions, and logical consistency both internally as well as externally and the evidence used to support the theory. This type of commentary will be assigned during the first 7 weeks of class as we explore the “Grand” theories of IR. The second type of commentary are structured more along the lines of talking points about the articles that week as we examine some of the more prevalent research agendas in IR today. For these each student will be asked to critique 1 or 2 specific readings from that week.

Length of each commentary: roughly 2 pages.

Commentaries should be sent to me by email no later than Monday by 7:00am

Students will each write 2 papers:

The first paper is an in depth critique of an important manuscript in international relations roughly 5-7 pages in length and is along the lines of the first type of commentary but in more detail.

The second paper is one in which the student explores a specific question of interest in the field of international relations by examining the relevant literature and critiquing it. Essentially the student should articulate a specific research question and summarize the existing literature relevant to this question (i.e., answers others have proposed to this question) and discuss what holes and gaps there are and how might these gaps be filled or puzzles solved.

Class Participation (including papers) 55%  
2 Papers 45 % (Paper 1 20% Paper 25%)

Most of the readings can be found on line either via JSTOR or INGENTA. If you cannot find a reading please let me know so that I can photocopy that reading or make it available to you for the class.

## **WEEK 1 BACKGROUND READING**

Charles A. McClelland **The Function of Theory in International Relations**

*The Journal of Conflict Resolution* > Vol. 4, No. 3, The Place of Theory in the Conduct and Study of International Relations (Sep., 1960), pp. 303-336

J. David Singer, "The Level-of-Analysis Problem in International Relations," *World Politics* 14:1 (October 1961), pp. 77-92.

### *Qualitative Research*

Lijphart, Arend. 1971. "Comparative Politics and the Comparative Method." *American Political Science Review* 65 (3): 682-693.

Collier, David and James Mahoney "Insights and Pitfalls: Selection Bias in Qualitative Research" *World Politics*, Vol. 49, No. 1. (Oct., 1996), pp. 56-91

### Quantitative Research

Box-Steffensmeier, Janet M., and Bradford S. Jones. 1997. "Time is of the Essence: Event History Models in Political Science." *American Journal of Political Science* 41 (4): 1414-1461.

King, Gary. 1986. "How Not to Lie with Statistics: Avoiding Common Mistakes in Quantitative Political Science." *American Journal of Political Science* 30 (3): 666-687.

## **WEEK 2 – CLASSICAL REALISM**

Hans Morgenthau, *Politics Among Nations*, brief edition (McGraw-Hill, 1992), pp. 1-268 and 359-90.

Thucydides, "The Melian Dialogue," excerpt from *The History of the Peloponnesian War*, in Richard K. Betts, ed., *Conflict After the Cold War*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (New York: Longman, 2002), pp. 37-41.

Or <http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/melian.htm>

Niccolo Machiavelli, "Doing Evil in Order to Do Good," excerpt from *The Prince*, in Betts, pp. 42-46. or

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/basis/machiavelli-prince.html> Chapters 5, 17, 18 and 21

Thomas Hobbes, "The State of Nature and the State of War," excerpt from *Leviathan*, in Betts, pp. 47-50. or <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/hobbes-lev13.html> Chapter 13

## **WEEK 3 –NEO-REALISM**

Kenneth N. Waltz, *Theory of International Politics* (Addison-Wesley, 1979), pp. 1-128.

Kenneth N. Waltz, "Structural Realism After the Cold War," *International Security* 25:1 (Summer 2000), pp. 5-41.

Jervis, Robert. 1978. "Cooperation Under the Security Dilemma," *World Politics* , 167-214.

Hopf, Ted. 1991. "Polarity, the Offense-Defense Balance, and War." *American Political Science Review* 85,2(June), 475-493.

Christensen, Thomas J. and Jack Snyder. 1990. "Chain Gangs and Passed Bucks: Predicting Alliance Patterns in Multipolarity." *International Organization*, 44, 261-295.

### **Suggested**

Kenneth N. Waltz, *Man, the State and War: A Theoretical Analysis* (Columbia University Press, 1954), chaps. 2, 4, and 6-8.

### **Other Realisms**

Robert Gilpin, *War and Change in World Politics* (Cambridge, 1981), pp. 1-210.

Ronald L. Tammen et al., *Power Transitions: Strategies for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (Chatham House, 2000), pp. 3-60, 107-193.

Gideon Rose, "Neoclassical Realism and Theories of Foreign Policy," *World Politics* 51:1 (October 1998), pp. 144-172.

Stephen G. Brooks, "Dueling Realisms," *International Organization* 51:3 (Summer 1997), pp. 445-477.

William C. Wohlforth, "Realism and the End of the Cold War," *International Security* 19:3 (Winter 1994-95), pp. 91-129.

Randall L. Schweller and David Priess, "A Tale of Two Realisms: Expanding the Institutions Debate," *Mershon International Studies Review* 41:1 (May 1997), pp. 1-32.

Jeffrey W. Legro and Andrew Moravcsik, "Is Anybody Still A Realist?" *International Security* 24:2 (Fall 1999), pp. 5-55.

### **WEEK 4 – LIBERALISM & NEO LIBERALISM**

Robert O. Keohane and Joseph S. Nye, Jr., *Power and Interdependence*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (Addison-Wesley, 2000), pp. 1-52, 145-190 and 215-263.

Robert Axelrod. 1984. *The Evolution of Cooperation*. NY: Basic Books. (chapters 1-4, 6 & 9)

Krasner, Stephen D. 1982. "Structural Causes and Regime Consequences: Regimes as Intervening Variables." *International Organization* 36/2 (Spring). Reprinted in Stephen D. Krasner, ed., *International Regimes*, Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1983.

Lisa Martin and Beth Simmons, "Theories and Empirical Studies of International Institutions," *International Organization* 52:4 (Autumn 1998), pp. 729-757.

Lisa L. Martin, "Interests, Power, and Multilateralism," *International Organization* 46, no. 4 (Autumn 1992), pp. 765-92.

Helen V. Milner, "The Assumption of Anarchy in International Relations Theory: A Critique," *Review of International Studies* 17, no. 1 (January 1991), pp. 67-86.

Andreas Hansclever, Peter Mayer, and Volker Rittberger, "Integrating Theories of International Regimes," *Review of International Studies* 26:1 (January 2000), pp. 3-33.

Keohane, Robert O. and Lisa L. Martin. 1995. The Promise of Institutional Theory. *International Security* 20: 39-51.

### **Suggested**

Thomas Locke 1690 Two Treatises of Government,– On the state of Nature Chapter 2  
<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1690locke-sel.html>

Immanuel Kant 1795 Perpetual Peace: A Philosophical Sketch  
<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/kant/kant1.htm>

Axelrod, Robert. 1986. "An Evolutionary Approach to Norms." *American Political Science Review*. 80(4).

## **WEEK 5 – NEO-REAL NEO-LIBERAL DEBATE**

Robert Jervis, "Realism, Neoliberalism, and Cooperation: Understanding the Debate," *International Security* 24:1 (Summer 1999), pp. 42-63; reprinted in Elman and Elman, eds., *Progress in International Relations Theory* (MIT Press, 2003), pp. 277-309.

Robert O. Keohane, *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy* (Princeton University Press, 1984), chaps. 1-3, 6, 11.

Joseph M. Grieco, "Anarchy and the Limits of Cooperation: A Realist Critique of the Newest Liberal Internationalism," *International Organization* (Summer 1988), pp. 485-507.

Robert Powell, "Anarchy in International Relations Theory: The Neo-Realist-Neo-Liberal Debate," *International Organization* 48:2 (Spring 1994), pp. 313-344.

Oneal, John R. and Bruce Russett. 1999. "Assessing the Liberal Peace with Alternative Specifications: Trade Still Reduces Conflict." *Journal of Peace Research*. 36(4): 423-442.

Barbieri, Katherine and Jack S. Levy. 1999. "Sleeping with the Enemy: The Impact of War on Trade." *Journal of Peace Research*. 36(4): 463-479.

## **WEEK 6 CONSTRUCTIVISM**

Alexander Wendt **Anarchy is what States Make of it: The Social Construction of Power Politics** *International Organization* > Vol. 46, No. 2 (Spring, 1992), pp. 391-425

Alexander Wendt **Constructing International Politics** *International Security* > Vol. 20, No. 1 (Summer, 1995), pp. 71-81

John Gerard Ruggie, "What Makes the World Hang Together? Neo-Utilitarianism and the Social Constructivist Challenge," *International Organization* 54:4 (Autumn 1998), pp. 855-858.

Craig N. Murphy **Seeing Women, Recognizing Gender, Recasting International Relations** *International Organization* > Vol. 50, No. 3 (Summer, 1996), pp. 513-538

Ted Hopf **The Promise of Constructivism in International Relations Theory** *International Security* > Vol. 23, No. 1 (Summer, 1998), pp. 171-200

Jeffrey T. Checkel, "Why Comply? Social Learning and European Identity Change," *International Organization* 55:3 (Summer 2001), pp. 553-88.

Martha Finnemore and Kathryn Sikkink, "International Norm Dynamics and Political Change," *International Organization* 54:4 (Autumn 1998), pp. 887-917.

### **Suggested**

Alexander Wendt, *Social Theory of International Politics* (Cambridge University Press, 1999).  
Chapters

Nina Tannenwald, "The Nuclear Taboo: The United States and the Normative Basis of Nuclear Non-Use," *International Organization* 53:3 (Summer 1999), pp. 433-468.

J. Ann Tickner **You Just Don't Understand: Troubled Engagements between Feminists and IR Theorists** *International Studies Quarterly* > Vol. 41, No. 4

Dale C. Copeland The Constructivist Challenge to Structural Realism: A Review Essay  
*International Security* Vol. 25, Issue 2 - Fall 2000

### **WEEK 7 – NON RATIONALIST PERSPECTIVES PAPER 1 DUE!**

Jervis, Robert. 1976. *Perception and Misperception in International Politics*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Chapters 1-4.

Robert Jervis, "Political Implications of Prospect Theory," in Barbara Farnham, ed. *Avoiding Losses/Taking Risks: Prospect Theory and International Conflict* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan, 1994), pp. 23-40.

Levy, Jack S. 1997. "Prospect theory, rational choice, and international relations. Jack S. Levy." *International Studies Quarterly* 41/1 (March): 87-113.

Allison, Graham T. "Conceptual Models and the Cuban Missile Crisis," *American Political Science Review*, 53 (1969), 689-718.

Krasner, Stephen D. "Are Bureaucracies Important? (Or Allison Wonderland)." *Foreign Policy*, 7 (1972), 159-179.

Levy, Jack S. 1986. "Organizational Routines and the Causes of War." *International Studies Quarterly* 30/, 193-222.

## **WEEK 8 – LINKING DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS**

Jack Snyder, *Myths of Empire: Domestic Politics and International Ambition* (Cornell University Press, 1991), pp. 1-65 and 305-322

Peter Gourevitch, "The Second Image Reversed: The International Sources of Domestic Politics," *International Organization* 32:4 (Autumn, 1978), pp. 881-912.

Robert D. Putnam, "Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two-Level Games," *International Organization* 42:3 (Summer 1988), pp. 426-460.

Andrew Moravcsik, "Taking Preferences Seriously: A Liberal Theory of International Politics," *International Organization* 51:4 (Autumn 1997), pp. 513-553.

Jack S. Levy **Domestic Politics and War** *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* > Vol. 18, No. 4, The Origin and Prevention of Major Wars (Spring, 1988), pp. 653-673

## **Week 9 The Democratic Peace,**

Immanuel Kant 1795 Perpetual Peace: A Philosophical Sketch  
<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/kant/kant1.htm>

Michael W. Doyle **Liberalism and World Politics** *The American Political Science Review* > Vol. 80, No. 4 (Dec., 1986), pp. 1151-1169

Russett, Bruce and Zeev Maoz. 1993. "Normative and Structural Causes of the Democratic Peace, 1946-1986." *American Political Science Review*, 87(3): 624-638.

Christopher Layne **Kant or Cant: The Myth of the Democratic Peace** *International Security* > Vol. 19, No. 2 (Autumn, 1994), pp. 5-49

William J. Dixon **Democracy and the Peaceful Settlement of International Conflict** *The American Political Science Review* > Vol. 88, No. 1 (Mar., 1994), pp. 14-32

Spiro, David. 1994. "The Insignificance of the Liberal Peace," *International Security*. 19(2): 50-86.

Maoz, Zeev. 1997. The controversy over the democratic peace: Rearguard action or cracks in the wall? *International Security*. 22(1):162-98.

Morgan, T. Clifton, and Sally H. Campbell. "Domestic Structure, Decisional Constraints, and War: So Why Kant Democracies Fight?" *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, vol. 35, pp. 187-211.

David Rousseau, Christopher Gelpi, Dan Reiter and Paul Huth, "Assessing the Dyadic Nature of the Democratic Peace, 1918-88," *American Political Science Review*, vol. 90 #3 (1996), pp. 512-533

Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, James D. Morrow, Randolph Siverson, and Alastair Smith. 1999. "An Institutional Explanation of the Democratic Peace," *American Political Science Review*. 93( 4): 791-807.

Bear F. Braumoeller, "Deadly Doves: Liberal Nationalism and the Democratic Peace in the Soviet Successor States," *International Studies Quarterly*, vol. 41 #3 (1997), pp. 375-402.

### **Week 10 IPE**

Ronald Rogowski. 1987. "Political Cleavages and Changing Exposure to Trade." *American Political Science Review* 81:4 (December), 1121-1137

Hiscox, Michael J. 2002. Commerce, Coalitions, and Factor Mobility: Evidence from Congressional Votes on Trade Legislation. *American Political Science Review*.  
<http://www.people.fas.harvard.edu/~hiscox/APSR2002.pdf>

Milner, Helen V. 1999. The Political Economy of International Trade. *Annual Review of Political Science*, Vol. 2: 91-114  
<http://arjournals.annualreviews.org/doi/abs/10.1146/annurev.polisci.2.1.91>

Broz, Lawrence and Jeffrey A. Frieden. 2001. The Political Economy of International Monetary Relations. *Annual Review of Political Science*. 4:317-343.  
<http://arjournals.annualreviews.org/doi/pdf/10.1146/annurev.polisci.4.1.317>

Simmons, Beth A. and Zachary Elkins. 2004. The Globalization of Liberalization: Policy Diffusion in the International Political Economy. *American Political Science Review* 98(1): 171-89.  
[http://www.people.fas.harvard.edu/%7Ebsimmons/researchpapers/simmons\\_GlobalizationLiberalization.pdf](http://www.people.fas.harvard.edu/%7Ebsimmons/researchpapers/simmons_GlobalizationLiberalization.pdf)

Stone, Randall W. 2004. "The Political Economy of IMF Lending in Africa," *APSR* 98: 4, pp. 577-91.

Judith Goldstein, "International Law and Domestic Institutions: Reconciling North American 'Unfair' Trade Laws," *International Organization* 50:4 (Autumn 1996), pp. 541-564.

## **Week 11 War and Domestic Politics**

### Audiences and Institutions

James Fearon, "Domestic Political Audiences and the Escalation of International Disputes," *American Political Science Review*, 88,3, (1994):577-592.

Schultz, Kenneth A. (1999). "Do Democratic Institutions Constrain or Inform? Contrasting Two Institutional Perspectives on Democracy and War." *International Organization* 53(2): 233-266

Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce and Randolph. M. Siverson. 1995. "War and the Survival of Political Leaders: A Comparative Study of Regime Types and Political Accountability." *American Political Science Review* 89 (4): 841-855.

Politics at the Water's Edge: Crisis Bargaining and Electoral Competition Kristopher Ramsay. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol. 48, No. 4. (Aug, 2004), pp. 459-486.

Downs, George and David M. Rocke. 1994. "Conflict, Agency, and Gambling for Resurrection." *American Journal of Political Science*. 38(2).

Reiter, Dan and Allan C. Stam, III, "Democracy, War Initiation, and Victory," *American Political Science Review* 92 (June 1998): 377

Gaubatz, Kurt. 1991. "Election Cycles and War." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 35:212-244.

MARK PECENY CAROLINE C. BEER SHANNON SANCHEZ-TERRY  
Dictatorial Peace? *American Political Science Review*, Volume 96, Issue 01, March 2002, pp 15-26

### **Week 12- Non Institutional Approaches:**

JoanneGowa Politics at the Water's Edge: Parties, Voters, and the Use of Force Abroad *International Organization* > Vol. 52, No. 2 (Spring, 1998), pp. 307-324

Edwards, George C. III and Tami Swenson. 1997. "Who Rallies The Anatomy of a Rally Event." *The Journal of Politics*. 59 (1):200-212.

Baum, Matthew A. and Samuel Kernell. 2001. "Economic Class and Popular Support for Franklin Roosevelt in War and Peace." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 65 (1):198-229.

Bruce Jentleson, "The Pretty Prudent Public," in Eugene Wittopf, *Domestic Sources of American Foreign Policy* (Lanham, MD : Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 1999).

John Oneal, Brad Lian and James Joyner, "Are the American People 'Pretty Prudent'? Public Responses to the U.S. Use of Force," *International Studies Quarterly* 40 (1996), pp. 261-280.

Gartner, Scott Sigmund and Gary M. Segura. 1998. "War, Casualties and Public Opinion." *The Journal of Conflict Resolution* 42(3): 278-300.

Gelpi, Christopher. 1997. "Democratic Diversions." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 41: 255-282.

Alastair Smith, "Diversionary Foreign Policy in Democratic Systems," *ISQ* 40:1 (1996) pp. 133-153.

### **Week 13                      Bargaining and War**

How War Ends: A Rational Model Approach Donald Wittman. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol. 23, No. 4. (Dec, 1979),pp. 743-763.

Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce. 1988. "The Contribution of Expected Utility Theory to the Study of International Conflict" *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*. 18(4): 629-652 Bargaining and War

R. Harrison Wagner. *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 44, No. 3. (Jul, 2000), pp. 469-484.

Fearon, James. 1995. "Rationalist Explanations for War." *International Organization* 49(3): 379-414.

Gartzke, Erik. 1999. War is in the Error Term. *International Organization* 53: 567-587.

Filson, Darren and Suzanne Werner. 2002. A Bargaining Model of War and Peace: Anticipating the Onset, Duration, and Outcome of War. *American Journal of Political Science* 46: 819-838.

Walter, Barbara F. 1997. The Critical Barrier to Civil War Settlement. *International Organization* 51: 335-364.

Kydd, Andrew. 2003. Which Side Are You On? Bias, Credibility, and Mediation. *American Journal of Political Science* 47: 497-611.

Fighting Battles, Winning Wars Alastair Smith. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol. 42, No. 3. (Jun, 1998), pp. 301-320.

Reiter, Dan. 2003. "Exploring the Bargaining Model of War." *Perspectives on Politics*. 1(1): 27-43.

### **Week 14                      Some Other Issues In IR   Proliferation   Ethnic Conflict, Terrorism and Alliances**

Kydd, Andrew and Barbara F. Walter. 2002. "Sabotaging the Peace: The Politics of Extremist Violence," *International Organization*. 56(2): 263-296

Pape, Robert A. 2003. "The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism." *American Political Science Review*. 97(3): 343-

Henderson, Errol and Richard Tucker. 2001. "Clear and Present Strangers: The Clash of Civilizations and International Conflict." *International Studies Quarterly*, 45(2): 317-338.

Sambanis, Nicholas. 2001. "Do Ethnic and Nonethnic Civil Wars Have the Same Causes?" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 45(3): 259-282.

Licklider, Roy . 1995. "The Consequences of Negotiated Settlements in Civil Wars, 1945-1993." *The American Political Science Review*. 89(3): 681-690.

Regan, Pat. 1998. "Choosing to Intervene: Outside Interventions in Internal Conflicts," *Journal of Politics* 60: 754-79.

Waltz, Kenneth. 1990. "Nuclear Myths and Political Realities," *American Political Science Review*, 84(3): 731-745.

Sagan, Scott. 1994. "The Perils of Proliferation." *International Security*, 18(4): 66-107.

James D. Morrow. 1991. Alliances and Asymmetry: An Alternative to the Capability Aggregation Model of Alliances. *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 35, No. 4. pp. 904

Huth, Paul. 1988. "Extended Deterrence and the Outbreak of War," *American Political Science Review*, 82(2): 423-443.

Leeds, Brett Ashley, Andrew G. Long and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell. 2000. "Reevaluating Alliance Reliability." *The Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 44(5): 686-699

Arms races:

Cashman, What Causes War?, pp. 172-184.

Susan G. Sample, "Arms Races and Dispute Escalation: Resolving the Debate?"

*Journal of Peace Research*, Vol. 34, No. 1 (February 1997), pp. 7-22.

Samuel P. Huntington, "Arms Races: Prerequisites and Results," in Robert J.

Art and Kenneth N. Waltz, eds., *The Use of Force*, 3rd ed. (NY: University Press of America, 1988), pp. 637-670.

Paul Kennedy, *Strategy and Diplomacy 1870-1945* (Aylesbury: Fontana, 1984),

chapters 5 and 6 ("Strategic Aspects of the Anglo-German Naval Race" and "Arms Races and the Causes of War, 1850-1945"), pp. 127-160, 163-178.

Daniel L. Byman, "Rethinking Partition: Lessons from Iraq and Lebanon," *Security Studies*, Vol. 7, No. 1 (Autumn 1997), pp. 1-32.

Radha Kumar, "The Troubled History of Partition," *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 76,

No. 1 (January/February 1997), pp. 22-34.