

Political Science 740

International Relations Seminar

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Course Content:

This course is designed to provide graduate students with an overview of theories of international relations. We will also address major substantive and methodological concerns. The course begins with an overview of some of the fundamental questions in the subfield. After this introduction, we will consider several state-centric and systemic level theories. Contemporary theories that challenged tradition approaches to international relations are then examined.

Course Objectives:

- 1) To offer an examination of the subfield of international relations with attention to both mainstream and critical theories
- 2) To familiarize students with major theories of international relations in order to prepare students for major research projects and comprehensive exams
- 3) To facilitate the use of empirical evidence to assess theoretical questions

Course Requirements:

Class Participation will account for 50 points. Attendance will be taken and will be factored into your participation grade. Missing more than 1 class lowers your final grade by one-third (e.g., an A- turns into a B+). Missing more than 3 classes determines that your grade is an F. *Arriving late, leaving early, interrupting class with a cell phone or other device will be counted as an absence and have a deleterious effect on your participation grade.*

Weekly reaction papers: A weekly, one page single spaced paper is due by 10:00 am the day of class (via email or hard copy). In this assignment you will analytically discuss the assigned readings for the week. Reaction papers are worth 5 points each. Late reaction papers will not be graded.

Course Presentation: Once during the semester each student will present a portion of the readings to the class. This presentation is worth 100 points toward your final grade. Assignments will be made randomly the first night of class.

Research Paper: A 25-35 page research paper is required. Details on this iterated project will be handed-out in class. Your research paper is worth a total of 200 points, including a final in-class presentation.

Disruptions – such as using a cell phone, text messenger, pager, computer or other device – will have a deleterious effect on your participation grade. *The instructor requires all cell phones and similar devices to be switched off during class.* Electronic devices, including language translation equipment, may not be used during exams. Recording devices may not be used at anytime; if any unauthorized recording is made and distributed you will be subject to civil suit. If you use a computer to take notes the instructor reserves the right to obtain a copy of your notes within 24 hours of the request; failure to comply with this will result in a failing grade for the course. Late assignments will be penalized 20 percent per day beyond the due date. Incompletes will only be offered when requested in writing on behalf of a student by the Chair of the Department of Political Science or the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. All grade disputes must be in writing. Students who expect to miss class because of the observance of a religious holiday will have an opportunity to make up missed work given that the instructor has been notified in writing regarding the anticipated absence by the last day of late registration. Students who expect to miss class due to an officially sanctioned, UNLV activity (e.g., intercollegiate athletics) must notify the instructor in writing at least 7 days prior to the anticipated absence and provide verification of participation.

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Texts:

In addition to the required texts below, other required and recommended readings are listed on the course schedule and can be downloaded from Webcampus.

- Scholte, Jan Aart (2005) *Globalization: A Critical Introduction*. (Second edition) New York: St. Martin's
- Gilpin, Robert (1983) *War and Change in International Relations*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Keohane, Robert O. (1984[2005]) *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press..
- Keohane, Robert O (editor) (1986) *Neorealism and Its Critics*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Tabb, William, K. (2004) *Economic Governance in the age of Globalization*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Tickner, J. Ann (2001) *Gendering World Politics*. New York: New York: Columbia University Press.
- Waltz, Kenneth (2001 [1959]) *Man, the State, and War*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Wendt, Alexander (1999) *Social Theory of International Politics*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Modelski, George, Tessaleno Devezas, and William R. Thompson, eds, (2008) *Globalization as Evolutionary Process: Modeling Global Change*. New York: Routledge.
- van Der Pijl, Kees (2007) *Nomads, Empires, States: Modes of Foreign Relations and Political Economy*. Pluto Press.

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Course Outline: The instructor reserves the right to adjust this schedule as needed. In addition to the course texts, additional *required* readings have been uploaded to Webcampus. On occasion an additional reading assignment will be added to this schedule. Items should be read in the order listed.

August 25: Introduction

September 1: Scope and Methods of International Relations

- Van Evera, Stephen (1997) *Guide to Methods for Students of Political Science*. Cornell University Press. Chapters 1, 2, & 3.
- Monroe, Alan (2000) *Essentials of Political Research*. Boulder: Westview Press. Chapters 1, 2, and 3.
- Ball, Terrence (1987) "Is There Progress in Political Science?" in Terrence Ball, ed., *Idioms of Inquiry*. Albany: SUNY Press.
- Jamieson, Dale (1996) "Scientific Uncertainty and the Political Process," *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences* 545, 1: 35-43.

- Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce (1985) "Toward a Scientific Understanding of International Conflict: A Personal View," *International Studies Quarterly* 29, 2: 121-136.
- Krasner, Stephen D. (1985) "Toward Understanding in International Relations," *International Studies Quarterly* 29, 2: 137-144.
- Jervis, Robert (1985) "Pluralistic Rigor: A Comment on Bueno de Mesquita," *International Studies Quarterly* 29, 2: 145-149.
- Wæver, Ole (1998) "The Sociology of a Not So International Discipline," *International Organization* 52, 4: 687-727.
- Elman, Colin and M.F. Elman (2002) "How not to be Lakatos intolerant: Appraising progress in IR research," *International Studies Quarterly* 46, 2: 231-262.
- Bennett, Andrew and Colin Elman (2007) "Case study methods in the international relations subfield," *Comparative Political Studies* 40, 2: 170-195.

September 8: Realism, Neorealism, and the Level of Analysis Problem in IR

- Thucydides (1954) "The Melian Dialogue," in *The Peloponnesian War*. New York: Penguin.
- Morgenthau, Hans J. (1974 [1946]) *Scientific Man vs. Power Politics*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Chapters 1, 2, 4 & 7.
- Morgenthau, Hans J. (1993 [1948]) *Politics Among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace*. New York: Knopf. Chapters 1, 2, 3, 8, 14, & 15
- Wolfers, Arnold (1962) *Discord and Collaboration: Essays on International Politics*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins. Chapter 1.
- Waltz, Kenneth (2001 [1959]) *Man, the State, and War* New York: Columbia University Press.
- Singer, J. David (1961) "The Levels of Analysis Problems in International Relations," *World Politics* 14: 77-92.

September 15: Neorealism and its Critics

- Waltz, Kenneth N (1986) chapters 2-5 in Keohane, Robert O, ed. *Neorealism and Its Critics*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Keohane, Robert O (1986) chapter 7 in Keohane, Robert O, ed. *Neorealism and Its Critics*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Waltz, Kenneth N (2000) "Structural Realism after the Cold War," *International Security* 25, 1: 5-41.
- Ashley, Richard K (1986) chapter 9 in Keohane, Robert O, ed. *Neorealism and Its Critics*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Gilpin, Robert G. (1986) chapter 10 in Keohane, Robert O, ed. *Neorealism and Its Critics*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Vasquez, John (1997) "The Realist Paradigm and Degenerative versus Progressive Research Programs," *American Political Science Review* 91, 4: 899-912.
- Legro, Jeffrey W. and Andrew Moravcsik (1999) "Is Anybody Still A Realist?" *International Security* 24, 2: 5-55.

September 22: Game Theory & Rational Choice

- Brams, Steven (1975) *Game Theory and Politics*. New York: Free Press. (Chapter 1)
- Snidal, Duncan (1985) "The Game Theory of International Politics," *World Politics* 38: 25-57.
- Hardin, Russell (1987) "Rational Choice Theories" in Terrence Ball, ed., *Idioms of Inquiry*. Albany: SUNY Press.
- Fearon, James D. (1995) "Rationalist Explanations for War," *International Organization* 49: 379-414.
- Lake, David (1996) "Anarchy, Hierarchy, and the Variety of International Relations," *International Organization* 50, 1: 1-35.
- Powell, Robert (1996) "Stability and the Distribution of Power," *World Politics* 48, 2: 239-267.
- Green, Donald and Ian Shapiro (1994) *Pathologies of Rational Choice Theory: A Critique of Applications in Political Science*. Yale University Press. (Chapters 1-3)
- Johnson, James (1996) "How Not To Criticize Rational Choice Theory: The Pathologies of Commonsense," *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* 26, 1: 77-91.
- Myerson, Roger (1992) "On the Value of Game Theory in Social Science," *Rationality and Society* 4, 1: 62-73.
- Quackenbush, Stephen L. (2004) "The Rationality of Rational Choice Theory," *International Interactions* 30, 2: 87-107.

September 29: Neoliberal Institutionalism

- Axelrod, Robert (1984) *The Evolution of Cooperation*. New York: Basic Books. (selection)

- Keohane, Robert O. (1984) *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Oye, Kenneth (1986) "Explaining Cooperation Under Anarchy: Hypotheses and Strategies," chapter 1 in Oye, Kenneth, ed., *Cooperation Under Anarchy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Mearsheimer, John J. (1994/95) "The False Promise of International Institutions," *International Security* 19, 3: 5-49.
- Keohane, Robert O. and Lisa Martin (1995) "The Promise of Institutional Theory," *International Security* 20, 1: 39-51.
- Grieco, Joseph M. (1998) "Anarchy and the Limits of Cooperation: A Realist Critique of the Newest Liberal Internationalism," *International Organization* 42, 3: 485-507.

October 6: Systemic Change, War, and Power Transition

- Gilpin, Robert (1983) *War and Change in International Relations*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Kugler, Jacek and A.F.K. Organski (1989) "The Power Transition: A Retrospective and Prospective Evaluation" in Manus Midlarsky, ed., *Handbook of War Studies*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press
- DiCicco, Jonathan M. and Jack S. Levy (1999) "Power Shifts and Problem Shifts: The Evolution of the Power Transition Research Program," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 43, 6: 675-704.
- Rapkin, David and William R. Thompson (2003) "Power Transition, Challenge and the (Re)Emergence of China," *International Interactions* 29: 315-342.

October 13: Feminism

- Tickner, J. Ann (2001) *Gendering World Politics*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Enloe, Cynthia (1993) *Bananas, Beaches and Bases: Making Feminist Sense of International Politics*. Berkeley: University of California Press. (Chapter 8)
- Tickner, J. Ann (1997) "You Just Don't Understand: Troubled Engagements Between Feminists and IR Theorists," *International Studies Quarterly* 41, 4: 611-632.
- Keohane, Robert O. (1998) "Beyond Dichotomy: Conversations Between International Relations and Feminist Theory," *International Studies Quarterly* 42, 1:193-198.
- Weber, Cynthia (1994) "Good girls, little girls and bad girls: male paranoia in Robert Keohane's critique of feminist international relations," *Millennium* 23, 2:337-49.
- Carpenter, R. Charli (2005) "Women, Children and Other Vulnerable Groups: Gender, Strategic Frames and the Protection of Civilians as a Transnational Issue," *International Studies Quarterly* 49: 295-334.
- Sjoberg, Laura (2006) "Gendered Realities of the Immunity Principle: Why Gender Analysis Needs Feminism," *International Studies Quarterly* 50: 889-910.

October 20: Historical-Structuralism

- Dos Santos, Theotonio (1970) "The Structure of Dependence," *American Economic Review* 60, 2: 231-236.
- Palma, Gabriel (1978) "Dependency: A formal theory of underdevelopment or a methodology for the analysis of concrete situations of underdevelopment?" *World Development* 6: 881-924.
- Smith, Tony (1979) "Underdevelopment of Development Literature: The Case of Dependency Theory," *World Politics* 31, 2: 247-288.
- Wallerstein, Immanuel (1974) "The Rise and Future Demise of the World Capitalist System," *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 16, 4: 387-415.
- Chase-Dunn, Christopher (1991) *Global Formation: Structures of the World-Economy*. Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield. Chapters 14 & 15
- Cox, Robert (1993) "Gramsci, Hegemony, and International Relations: An Essay in Method," in Stephen Gill, ed., *Gramsci, Historical Materialism, and International Relations*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Cox, Robert (1986) chapter 8 in Robert Keohane, ed. *Neorealism and Its Critics*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Gill, Stephen (1990) "The Emerging Hegemony of Transnational Capital: Trilateralism and Global Order," chapter 6 in D.P. Rapkin, ed., *World Leadership and Hegemony*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner.
- Rupert, Mark (2003) "Globalising Common Sense: A Marxism-Gramscian (re)vision of the politics of governance/resistance," *Review of International Studies* 29: 181-198.
- van Der Pijl, Kees (2007) *Nomads, Empires, States: Modes of Foreign Relations and Political Economy*. Pluto Press.

October 27: Social Constructivism

- Lapid, Yosef (1989) "The Third Debate: On the Prospects of International Theory in a Post-Positivist Era," *International Studies Quarterly* 33, 3: 235-254.
- Adler, Emanuel (1997) "Seizing the middle ground: Constructivism in world politics," *European Journal of International Relations* 3, 3: 319 -363.
- Ruggie, John Gerard (1998) "What Makes the World Hang Together? Neo-Utilitarianism and the Social Constructivist Challenge," *International Organization* 54: 4:855-858.
- Dessler, David (1989) "What's at Stake in the Agent-Structure Debate?" *International Organization* 43, 3: 441-473
- Barnett, Michael N. and Martha Finnemore (1999) "The Politics, Power, and Pathologies of International Organizations," *International Organization* 53, 4: 699-732.
- Wendt, Alexander (1999) *Social Theory of International Politics*. Cambridge University Press.

November 3: Cyclical Theories, Evolutionary Processes and Perspectives

- Goldstein, Joshua (1988) *Long Cycles*. New Haven: Yale University Press. Chapters 2, 3, & 4.
- Thompson, William R. (2000) *The Emergence of the Global Political Economy*. New York: Routledge. Chapters 1 & 2.
- Bernstein S, Lebow R, Stein J, and S. Weber (2000) "God Gave Physics the Easy Problems: Adapting Social Science to an Unpredictable World," *European Journal of International Relations* 6, 1: 43-76
- Thompson, William R., ed.,(2001) *Evolutionary Interpretations of World Politics*. New York: Routledge. Chapters 1 2 & 3.
- Modelski, George, Tesselano Devezas, and William R. Thompson, eds, (2008) *Globalization as Evolutionary Process: Modeling Global Change*. New York: Routledge.
- Bell, Duncan (2006) "Beware of false prophets: biology, human nature and the future of International Relations theory," *International Affairs* 82, 3: 493-510.

November 10: Globalization: Theoretical and Empirical Considerations

- Scholte, Jan Aart (2005) *Globalization: A Critical Introduction*. (Second edition) New York: St. Martin's.
- Strand, Jonathan R., Tina F. Mueller, and Jessica A. McArthur (2005) "The Essentially Contested Concept of Globalization," *Politics and Ethics Review* 1. 1.
- Gill, Stephen (1992) "Economic Globalization and the Internationalization of Authority: Limits and Contradictions," *Geoforum* 23, 3: 269-83.
- Rennstich, J.K. (2006) "Three Steps in Globalization," chapter 11 in Barry Gills and William R. Thompson, eds, *Globalization and Global History*. New York: Routledge.

November 17: Governing Globalization

- Tabb, William, K. (2004) *Economic Governance in the age of Globalization*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Griffin, Keith (2003) "Economic Globalization and Institutions of Global Governance," *Development and Change* 34, 5: 789-808.
- Onis, Ziya and Fikret Senses (2005) "Rethinking the Emerging Post-Washington Consensus," *Development and Change* 36, 2: 263-90.
- Woods, Ngaire (2000) "The Challenge of Good Governance for the IMF and World Bank Themselves," *World Development* 28, 5: 823-41.
- Wade, Robert (2002), "US Hegemony and the World Bank: The Fight over People and Ideas," *Review of International Political Economy* 9, 2: 215-43.
- Jha, R. and M. K. Saggarr (2000) "Suggestions for the Creation of a New International Financial Architecture," *Development and Change* 31: 579-604.
- Rapkin, David P. and Jonathan R. Strand (2006) "Reforming the IMF's Weighted Voting System," *The World Economy*

November 24: Research Presentations

December 1: Research Presentations

December 8: Research Presentations