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Gov 388: Study of International Relations
(Spring 2011)

This course surveys important issues and debates in the field of international relations. We will cover works that span different theoretical traditions (e.g., Realism, Liberalism) and that are pitched at different levels of analysis – from the international system to domestic politics to individual leaders. The course is designed to provide an introduction to mainstream theories of international relations and to encourage critical and constructive thinking about world politics.

Requirements and grading

The course is run as a seminar, which makes participation absolutely essential. You are expected to complete all the readings before the due date and actively engage in discussion. You should come to class prepared to discuss each reading on its own terms (e.g. what's the author's basic argument, how does the author develop and support his/her claims, etc.) as well as how weekly readings relate to previous readings.

Class participation will account for 40 percent of your final grade. The remaining 60 percent will be based on two five-to-seven-page essays the weeks of March 3 and April 7 and in class exam on May 5. Each will count for 20 percent. Time has been set-aside on the schedule for writing the essays.

All of the books listed below are required and may be purchased at the University Coop. Additional readings are available on-line at www.courses.utexas.edu.

Martha Finnemore, *National Interests in International Society* (Cornell, 1996)
Peter Gourevitch, *Politics in Hard Times* (Cornell 1986)
G. John Ikenberry, *After Victory* (Princeton 2000)
John Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* (Norton 2001)
Jack Snyder, *Myths of Empire* (Cornell 1991)
Michael Tomz, *Reputation and International Cooperation* (Princeton 2007)
Peter Trubowitz, *Politics and Strategy* (Princeton 2011)
Kenneth Waltz, *Theory of International Politics* (Random House, 1979)

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Course Schedule

January 20 Course overview

January 27 Sociology of the field

Miles Kahler, "Inventing International Relations: International Relations Theory after 1945," in Michael W. Doyle and G. John Ikenberry, eds., *New Thinking in International Relations Theory* (Westview 1997): 20-53

Nicholas Guilhot, "The Realist Gambit: Postwar American Political Science and the Birth of IR Theory," *International Political Sociology* 2 (2008): 281-304

Thomas Biersteker, "The Parochialism of Hegemony: Challenges for 'American' International Relations," in Arlene Tickner and Ole Wæver, eds, *International Relations Scholarship Around the World* (Routledge 2009): 308-27

Anon. n.d., "A Medieval Sociology of International Relations," <http://www.gotterdammerung.org/humor/medieval-ir.html>

February 3 Actors, levels, and linkages

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

Peter Katzenstein and Nobuo Okawara, "Japan, Asian-Pacific Security, and the Case for Analytic Eclecticism," *International Security* 26 (2001): 153-85

Aaron Friedberg, "The Future of U.S.-China Relations: Is Conflict Inevitable?," *International Security* 30 (2005): 7-45

John Lewis Gaddis, "History, Theory, and Common Ground," *International Security*, 22 (1997): 75-85

February 10 No seminar meeting this week

February 17 Neorealism and its critics

Kenneth Waltz, *Theory of International Politics*, entire

Suggested:

David Lake, "Escape from the State of Nature: Authority and Hierarchy in World Politics," *International Security* 32 (2007): 47-79

Alexander Wendt, "Anarchy is What States Make of It," *International Organization* 46 (1992): 391-425

A.F.K. Organski, *World Politics* (Alfred Knopf 1961): 299-338

Paul Schroeder, "Historical Reality vs. Neo-Realist Theory," *International Security* 19 (1994): 108-48

February 24 Causes of war: international

Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics*, entire

Suggested:

Robert Jervis, "Cooperation Under the Security Dilemma," *World Politics*, 30 (1978): 167-214

Robert Gilpin, "The Theory of Hegemonic War," *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 18 (1988): 591-613

Richard Rosecrance, "Long Cycle Theory and International Relations," *International Organization* 41 (1987): 283-301

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

March 3 Take home essay 1 (Essays must be emailed to me by 12 noon Friday March 4)

March 10 International cooperation and peace

Michael Tomz, *Reputation and International Cooperation*, entire

Suggested:

Robert Keohane, "The Demand for International Regimes," *International Organization* 36 (1982): 325-55

John Owen, "How Liberalism Produces Democratic Peace," *International Security* 19 (1994): 87-125

Emanuel Adler and Michael Barnett, "Security Communities in Theoretical Perspective," in Emanuel Adler and Michael Barnett, eds., *Security Communities* (Cambridge 1998): 3-28

March 24 Hegemony and international order

G. John Ikenberry, *After Victory*, entire

Suggested:

Stephen Krasner, "State Power and the Structure of International Trade," *World Politics* 28 (1976): 317-43

Randall Schweller, "The Problem of International Order Revisited: A Review Essay," *International Security* 26 (2001): 161-86

William Wohlforth, "The Stability of a Unipolar World," *International Security* 24 (1999): 5-41

March 31 International society and norms

Martha Finnemore, *National Interests in International Society*, entire

Suggested:

Hedley Bull, *The Anarchical Society: A Study of Order in World Politics* (Columbia 1977): 22-73

Alastair Ian Johnston, "Treating International Institutions as Social Environments," *International Studies Quarterly* 45 (2001): 487-515

Nina Tannenwald, "The Nuclear Taboo: The United States and the Normative Basis of Nuclear Non-Use," *International Organization* 53 (1999): 433-48

April 7 Take home essay 2 (Essays must be emailed to me by 12 noon Friday April 8)

April 14 Causes of war: domestic

Jack Snyder, *Myths of Empire*, entire

Suggested:

Jack Levy, "Domestic Politics and War," *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 18 (1988): 653-73

Christopher Gelpi, "Democratic Diversions: Governmental Structure and the Externalization of Domestic Conflict," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 41 (1997): 255-82

Jeffrey Legro, "Military Culture and Inadvertent Escalation in World War II," *International Security* 18 (1994): 108-42

April 21 Second image reversed

Peter Gourevitch, *Politics in Hard Times*, entire

Suggested:

Gabriel Almond, "Review Article: The International-National Connection," *British Journal of Political Science* 19 (1989): 237-59

Jon Pevehouse, "Democracy from the Outside In? International Organizations and Democratization," *International Organization* 56 (2002): 519-49

Ronald Rogowski, "Political Cleavages and Changing Exposure to Trade," *American Political Science Review* 81 (1987): 1121-137.

April 28 Leaders and statecraft

Peter Trubowitz, *Politics and Strategy*, entire

Suggested:

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

Daniel Byman and Kenneth Pollack, "Let Us Now Praise Great Men: Bringing the Statesman Back In," *International Security* 25 (2001): 107-46

Robert Putnam, "Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two- Level Games," *International Organization* 42 (1988): 427-60

James Goldgeier and Philip Tetlock, "Psychology and International Relations Theory," *Annual Review of Political Science* 4 (2001): 67-92

May 5 Exam