

Political Science 142I: US National Security

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Office Hours: Mondays 800 to 900, Price Center

Course Description: This course explores several dimensions of national and international security, including military technology, insurgency, terror, nuclear strategy, arms control, energy and the environment, the defense budget, and global trends, all of course including the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The course is organized around lectures and special guest presentations, with a Friday late afternoon and/or Saturday morning session on May 8/9 substituting for the school holiday on Memorial Day Monday, May 25.

Exams (and Papers): The midterm and final exams will be administered in class and will test student command of the course lectures and reading material. Please bring two bluebooks to each examination. A paper option might be offered, in which case the exams would count around 37.5 per cent of the grade each and the paper would count 25 per cent of the grade. These optional papers would be assigned on May 11, would be due in class on June 1, and would run six pages (typed, double spaced.) If the optional paper is not offered, or for students who don't pursue the option, the midterm and final will each count around 50 percent of the grade (assuming each exam covers about half the course content.) Late papers are not accepted and make up exams are offered only to students with documented emergencies. Students needing any special accommodations must submit documentation by the second week of the quarter and must make all arrangements for the exams at least one week in advance; be sure to inform me and remind me by email.

Readings: Students should purchase the Powaski book, Return to Armageddon, and are advised to print out the articles from the UCSD electronic reserve website and from the free and full text websites otherwise specified. The class will be more rewarding if you can finish the reading selections around the same time as the corresponding lectures. Students who cannot attend the make up session for Memorial Day will have two additional required readings as compensation, noted on the schedule below.

Attendance Advisory: Students are responsible for any adjustments announced in class regarding course requirements. I believe regular class attendance is essential to the academic experience (and that it is strongly related to your performance on the exams), but I do not penalize students for missing class per se. That being said, I no longer respond to the countless emails over the quarter about what business and pleasure was missed when students do miss a class; find out from a colleague.

Tentative Schedule:

Session One (March 30): Technology and Security

Barry Posen, "The Military Foundations of US Hegemony," *International Security* (Summer 2003.)

John Keegan, "Secret Weapons," Chapter 8, *Intelligence in War*.

Richard Garwin, "Holes in the Shield," *Scientific American* (November 2004.)

Powaski, BMD Pages, *Return to Armageddon*. Pages 29-32 (should correspond to "Better than MAD: SDI" section), and the other BMD relevant sections that follow 32-35, 61-63, 86-88, 111-115, 125-127, 163-164, 173-182, 183-196, and 260-264.

Session Two (April 6): Counterinsurgency (with special guest Bruce Newsome)

Colin Kahl, "COIN of the Realm," *Foreign Affairs* (November/December 2007.)

Bing West, *The Strongest Tribe*, Chapter 22, "Baghdad: The Surge Takes Hold Fall 2007"

Ahmed Rashid, *Descent into Chaos*, Chapter 17, "The Taliban Offensive 2006-2007"

The Brookings Iraq Index. (Find this ongoing report on the website by googling the title and spend an hour skimming it; it is a fascinating, and sometimes demoralizing, collection of charts, graphs, surveys, and other data.)

Session Three (April 13): Gaza (with special guest Aboubakr Jamai)

Daniel Byman, "Do Targeted Killings Work," *Foreign Affairs* (March/April 2006.)

Jerome Slater, "Muting the Alarms over the Israeli Arab Conflict," *International Security* (Fall 2007.)

Sherifa Zuhur, " Hamas and Israel," *Strategic Studies Institute, US Army War College, Strategic Studies Institute* (December 2008.) (Go directly to the USAWC SSI website and find this monograph in publications by author or title or area.)

Session Four (April 20): Counterterrorism (with special guest Jim Coyle)

Anonymous, Chapter 3, "Not Down, Not Out," *Imperial Hubris*.

Bing West, *The Strongest Tribe*, Chapter 18, "The Sunnis Change Sides Winter 2007."

Ahmed Rashid, Descent into Chaos, Chapter 13, "Al Qaida's Bolt Hole."

Audrey Cronin, "How Al Qaida Ends," International Security (Summer 2006.)

Session Five (April 27): Nuclear Strategy and History

Kenneth Waltz, "Towards Nuclear Peace," in Waltz and Art, eds., The Use of Force.

Dennis Gormley, "Securing Nuclear Obsolescence," Survival (Autumn 2006.)

Powaski, Nuclear Strategy and Arms Control Pages.

Session Six (May 4): Midterm (date subject to change one week earlier or later)

Session Seven (tentatively, Friday afternoon May 8, 400 to 600 at USD SOLES auditorium and/or Saturday morning May 9, 1000 to 1200, Ledden Auditorium, Memorial Day make up session):

Nuclear Power, Nuclear Weapons, and the Middle East (with special guest Henry Sokolski)

Alan Dupont, "The Strategic Implications of Climate Change," Survival (June July 2008.)

Henry Sokolski, "The Next Arms Race," (November 11, 2008), (find at npec-web.org website.)

Henry Sokolski, "Nuclear Cooperation with the UAE," December 15, 2008, (go again to npec-web.org website.)

Students who cannot attend the special session should read the following two pieces in addition to the ones above:

Zia Mian, Nayyar, Rajaraman, Ramana, "Fissile Materials in South Asia and the Implications of the US India Nuclear Deal," in Henry Sokolski, Pakistan's Nuclear Future: Worries Beyond War. (Go to US AWC SSI website for this article.)

Mark Fitzpatrick, "Can Iran's Nuclear Capability Be Kept Latent," Survival (Spring 2007.)

Session Eight (Monday, May 11): Nuclear Nonproliferation

Powaski, Nuclear Proliferation Pages.

Steve Cohen, "India as a Nuclear Power," Chapter 6, India: Emerging Power.

Funabashi, The Peninsula Question, Chapter 3, "The HEU Question."

Robert Litwak, "Living with Ambiguity: Nuclear Deals with Iran and North Korea," Survival (February March 2008.)

Session Nine (Monday, May 18): Security Futures (with special guest Jim Coyle)

National Intelligence Council, "Global Trends 2025," (Find this 100 page report on line.)

(Monday, May 25, Memorial Day—No Class)

Session Ten (Monday June 1): The Defense Budget and Political Economy (with special guest Brandon Bowe)

Steve Kosniak, "Analysis of the 2010 Defense Budget Request," (Find this analysis at csbaonline, or stay tuned for a substitute.)

Stephen Schwartz and Deepti Choubey, "Nuclear Security Spending," (2009), (find at [carnegieendowment.org/nuclear securitybudget](http://carnegieendowment.org/nuclearsecuritybudget))

Gates, "A Balanced Strategy," Foreign Affairs (January February 2009.)

Steve Simon, "The Price of the Surge," Foreign Affairs (May/June 2008.)

Make Up Midterm Session: (Sunday, 500 to 700 pm, June 7)

Final Exam: (Friday, 700 pm to 900 pm, June 12)