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Why have drugs become such an important aspect of international politics that the President would authorize an invasion of a small neighboring country (Panama 1989) and Congress would impose sanctions on a fellow democratic nation (Colombia 1996-97)? How have the anti-drug policies adopted by different consuming and producing countries varied and why? How might international cooperation in dealing with the drug trade be increased and made more effective? This course examines the domestic and international aspects of the drug trade in a search for answers to these and other questions. We investigate the drug issue from the perspective of consumers, producers, traffickers, money launderers, law enforcement, and crime victims. The course draws on the experiences of various consuming, producing and trafficking countries throughout the world.

Course Requirements: Grading will be based on a midterm (40%) and final exam (60%).

Readings: Readings are in a xerox packet available through University Reader Printing Service; they will come to the class to sell the packet. One reading is available free of charge through the internet: William W. Mendel and Murl D. Munger, "The Drug Threat: Getting Priorities Straight" Parameters: US Army War College Quarterly Summer 1997 pp. 110-24
[http://carlisle-www.army.mil/usawc/Parameters/97 summer/munger.htm](http://carlisle-www.army.mil/usawc/Parameters/97%20summer/munger.htm) A course packet will be on reserve at the library.

Reading List

Introduction

Week 1: Conceptualizing the Issue

James B. Bakalar and Lester Grinspoon, "Solution or dissolution of the drug problem?" in their Drug control in a free society Cambridge University Press, 1984 pp. 130-154

William W. Mendel and Murl D. Munger, "The Drug Threat: Getting Priorities Straight"

Parameters: US Army War College Quarterly Summer 1997 pp. 110-24

[http://carlisle-www.army.mil/usawc/Parameters/97 summer/munger.htm](http://carlisle-www.army.mil/usawc/Parameters/97%20summer/munger.htm)

H. Richard Friman, NarcoDiplomacy: Exporting the U.S. War on Drugs pp. 1-13

Part One: National Markets

Week 2: The Consumer

Jerald W. Cloyd, "People and Problematic Meanings: The Existential Effects, Social Contexts, and Class Conflict Surrounding Drug Use" pp. 17-58 in his Drugs and information control

Peter G. Bourne, "Issues in Addiction" in his Addiction Academic Press, 1974 pp. 1-19

Jeremy Davey "Drugs in the Sunshine State: An Overview of Illicit Drug Use in Queensland and Australia" in National Institute on Drug Abuse, Epidemiologic Trends in Drug Abuse National Institutes of Health, 1996 pp. 296-307

Peter A. Loverde, "Horse Power: Heroin Trafficking Groups Enter Thailand's Growing Amphetamine Market" in National Institute on Drug Abuse, Epidemiologic Trends in Drug Abuse National Institutes of Health, 1996 pp. 376-379

Maria Elena Medina-Mora and Maria del Carmen Marino, "Drug Abuse in Latin America" in Peter H. Smith, ed., Drug Policy in the Americas Westview, 1992 pp. 45-56

Week 3: Domestic Trafficking

Mark Harrison Moore, "Avoiding Arrests and Rip-offs: The General Structure of an Illicit Market in Heroin" in his Buy or Bust Lexington Books, 1977 pp. 5-65

Dan Waldorf and Sheigla Murphy, "Perceived Risks and Criminal Justice Pressures on Middle Class Cocaine Sellers" The Journal of Drug Issues (25)1 1995 pp. 11-32

William Rhodes, et. al., "The Price of Cocaine, Heroin and Marijuana" The Journal of Drug Issues (24)3 1994 pp. 383-402

MID-TERM EXAMINATION

Part Two: The International Connection

Week 4: Production Dynamics

Elena Alvarez, "Coca Production in Peru" in Peter H. Smith, ed., Drug Policy in the Americas Westview, 1992 pp. 72-87

Flavio Machicado, "Coca Production in Bolivia" in Peter H. Smith, ed., Drug Policy in the Americas Westview, 1992 pp. 88-98

Jose Guillermo Justiniano, "The Power of Coca Producers" in Peter H. Smith, ed., Drug Policy in the Americas Westview, 1992 pp. 99-104

Peter Reuter, "After the Borders Are Sealed: Can Domestic Sources Substitute for Imported Drugs?" in Peter H. Smith, ed., Drug Policy in the Americas pp. 163-177

Week 5: Trafficker Dynamics

Alvaro Camacho Guizado, "Drug Trafficking and Society in Colombia" in Bruce M. Bagley and William O. Walker, eds., Drug Trafficking in the Americas North-South Press, 1994 pp. 97-120

Mark B. Rosenberg, "Nacros and 'Politicos': The Politics of Drug Trafficking in Honduras" Journal of Inter-American Studies and World Affairs, 30:2-3, Summer-Fall 1988, pp. 143-165

Ethan A. Nadelmann, "The DEA in Latin America: Dealing With Institutionalized Corruption" Journal of Inter-American Studies and World Affairs 29:4 Winter 1987-1988 pp. 1-39

Week 6: Money Laundering

Anthony P. Maingot, "Laundering Drug Profits: Miami and Caribbean Tax Havens" Journal of Inter-American Studies and World Affairs 30:2&3 Summer/Fall 1988 pp. 167-188

"International Money Laundering: Law Enforcement and Foreign Policy" Hearings before the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Narcotics and International Operations of the Committee on Foreign Relations, US Senate September 27 and October 4, 1989 pp. 1-51

Goeffrey W. Smith, "Competition in the European Financial Services Industry: The Free Movement of Capital Versus the Regulation of Money Laundering" Journal of International Business Law, 132:1 Winter 1992" pp. 101-140

Part Three: Policies for Dealing with the Drug Trade

Week 7: Domestic Control

National Institute on Drug Abuse, Drug Abuse Prevention for the General Population National Institutes of Health, 1997 pp. 7-20

National Institute on Drug Abuse, Drug Abuse Prevention for At-Risk Individuals National Institutes of Health, 1997 pp. 7-26

Christina Jacqueline Johns, "The Domestic Costs of the War on Drugs" in *Power, Ideology and the War on Drugs* Praeger, 1992 pp. 1-31

Barbara Ann Stolz, "Creating a Drug Czar: A Study of Political Rationality and Symbolic Politics" *The Journal of Drug Issues* 25(1) 1995 pp. 195-207

Week 8: International Cooperation

Ethan A. Nadelmann, "Global prohibition regimes: The evolution of norms in international society" *International Organization* 44:4 Autumn 1990 pp. 479-526

David R. Mares, "The Logic of Inter-American Cooperation on Drugs" in Peter H. Smith, ed., *Drug Policy in the Americas* Westview, 1992 pp. 329-342

Week 9: Unilateral Policies

Raphael F. Perl, "International Drug Policy and the U.S. Congress" in Perl, ed., *Drugs and Foreign Policy* pp 61-78

Maria Celia Toro, "Unilateralism and Bilateralism" in Peter H. Smith, ed., *Drug Policy in the Americas* Westview, 1992 pp. 314-328

Week 10: Domestic Liberalization

Mark A. Kleiman and Aaron Saiger, "Taxes, Regulations and Prohibitions: Reformulating the Legalization Debate" in Peter H. Smith, ed., *Drug Policy in the Americas* Westview, 1992 pp. 223-241

Robert J. MacCoun, et. al., "A Content Analysis of the Drug Legalization Debate" *The Journal of Drug Issues* 23(4) 1993 pp. 615-629

Marcel de Kort, "The Dutch Cannabis Debate, 1968-1976" *The Journal of Drug Issues* 24(3) 1994 pp. 417-427