

PS 145C
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International Relations After the Cold War: Theory and Prospect

This course examines the current debates over American foreign policy through the lens of international relations theory. The focus is on identifying the theories underlying alternative policy positions and examining their logical consistency and empirical validity.

There will be three take-home exams for this course (33 percent each). The exams will be handed out in class and are due on the assigned days. Unless a valid medical excuse is presented, essays will not be accepted after the designated time.

There are two books available for purchase in the book store:

Michael E. Brown, et al., *Theories of War and Peace* (Cambridge: MIT Press, 1998). Referred to below as *TWP*.

Michael Brown, et al., eds., *America's Strategic Choice* (Cambridge: MIT Press, 1997). Referred to below as *ASC*.

All other required readings are available in a Xerox packet available through the University Reader Printing Service. URPS will be selling the packets outside class during the first two weeks of the quarter. They can also be reached at (619) 540-8789.

All readings are on reserve in the library.

Week 1: Theory, Prediction, and Policy

Kenneth Waltz, *Theory of International Politics* (Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley, 1979), pp.1-17 (Chapter 1: Laws and Theories).

John Lewis Gaddis, "History, Science, and the Study of International Relations," in *Explaining International Relations Since 1945*, edited by Ngaire Woods (New York: Oxford University Press, 1996), pp.32-48.

Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, "The Benefits of a Social-Scientific Approach to Studying International Affairs," in *Explaining International Relations Since 1945*, edited by Ngaire Woods (New York: Oxford University Press, 1996), pp.49-75.

Week 2: **What Was the Cold War?**

John Lewis Gaddis, "The Long Peace: Elements of Stability in the Postwar International System," in *The Cold War and After: Prospects for Peace*, edited by Sean M. Lynn-Jones (Cambridge: MIT Press, 1991), pp.1-44.

Stephen D. Krasner, "American Policy and Global Economic Stability," in *America in a Changing World Political Economy*, edited by William P. Avery and David P. Rapkin (New York: Longman, 1982), pp.29-48.

John Gerard Ruggie, "The Past as Prologue? Interests, Identity, and American Foreign Policy," in *ASC*, pp.163-99.

Robert H. Jackson and Carl G. Rosberg, "Why Africa's Weak States Persist: The Empirical and the Juridical in Statehood," *World Politics* 35, 1 (October 1982), pp.1-24.

Week 3: **The Current Debate: US Grand Strategy After the Cold War**

Barry R. Posen and Andrew L. Ross, "Competing Visions for U.S. Grand Strategy," in *ASC*, pp.1-49.

Robert J. Art, "A Defensible Defense: America's Grand Strategy After the Cold War," in *ASC*, pp.50-98.

Eugene Gholz, Daryl C. Press, and Harvey M. Sapolsky, "Come Home, America: The Strategy of Restraint in the Face of Temptation," in *ASC*, pp.200-43.

Christopher Layne, "From Preponderance to Offshore Balancing: America's Future Grand Strategy," in *ASC*, pp.244-82.

Take Home Exam #1.

Week 4: **The Causes of Conflict**

John Mearsheimer, "Back to the Future: Instability in Europe After the Cold War," in *TWP*, pp.3-54.

Stephen Van Evera, "Offense, Defense, and the Causes of War," in *TWP*, pp.55-93.

Charles L. Glaser, "Realists as Optimists: Cooperation as Self-Help," in *TWP*, pp.94-134.

Stephen Van Evera, "Hypotheses on Nationalism and War," in *TWP*, pp.257-291.

David A. Lake and Donald Rothchild, "Containing Fear: The Origins and Management of Ethnic Conflict," in *TWP*, pp.292-326.

Week 5: Do Balances of Power Tend to Form?

Kenneth N. Waltz, *Theory of International Politics* (Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley, 1979), pp.102-28 (Chapter 6: Anarchic Structures and Balances of Power).

Michael Mastanduno, "Preserving the Unipolar Moment: Realist Theories and U.S. Grand Strategy after the Cold War," in *ASC*, pp.123-62.

Paul Schroeder, "Historical Reality vs. Neorealist Theory," *International Security* 19, 1 (1994), pp.108-48.

Week 6: Is Deterrence Robust?

Kenneth N. Waltz, "Nuclear Myths and Political Realities," *American Political Science Review* 84, 3 (1990), pp.731-45.

John J. Mearsheimer, "The Case for a Ukrainian Nuclear Deterrent," *Foreign Affairs* 72, 3 (1993), pp.50-66.

Steven E. Miller, "The Case Against a Ukrainian Nuclear Deterrent," *Foreign Affairs* 72, 3 (1993), pp.67-80.

Scott D. Sagan, "Why Do States Build Nuclear Weapons?" *International Security* 21, 3 (1996), pp. 54-86.

Take Home Exam #2

Week 7: Do Gains Cumulate? Is Conflict Contagious?

Robert Jervis, "The Future of World Politics: Will It Resemble the Past?" *International Security* 16, 3 (1991/92), pp.39-73.

Timur Kuran, "Ethnic Dissimilation and Its International Diffusion," in *The International Spread of Ethnic Conflict: Fear, Diffusion, and Escalation*, edited by David A. Lake and Donald Rothchild (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1998), pp.35-60.

Will H. Moore and David R. Davis, "Transnational Ethnic Ties and Foreign Policy," in *The International Spread of Ethnic Conflict: Fear, Diffusion, and Escalation*, edited by David A. Lake and Donald Rothchild (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1998), pp.89-103.

James D. Fearon, "Commitment Problems and the Spread of Ethnic Conflict," in *The International Spread of Ethnic Conflict: Fear, Diffusion, and Escalation*, edited by David A. Lake and Donald Rothchild (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1998), pp.107-26.

Week 8: Do International Institutions Matter?

John J. Mearsheimer, "The False Promise of International Institutions," in *TWP*, pp. 329-83.

Robert O. Keohane and Lisa L. Martin, "The Promise of Institutional Theory," in *TWP*, pp.384-96.

Charles A. Kupchan and Clifford A. Kupchan, "The Promise of Collective Security," in *TWP*, pp.397-406.

John Gerard Ruggie, "The False Promise of Realism," in *TWP*, pp.407-15.

Alexander Wendt, "Constructing International Politics," in *TWP*, pp.416-26.

John J. Mearsheimer, "A Realist Reply," in *TWP*, pp.427-38.

Week 9: **Do Democracies Fight?**

John M. Owen, "How Liberalism Produces Democratic Peace," in *TWP*, pp.137-75.

Christopher Layne, "Kant or Cant: The Myth of the Democratic Peace," in *TWP*, pp.176-220.

Edward D. Mansfield and Jack Snyder, "Democratization and the Danger of War," in *TWP*, pp.221-54.

Week 10: **Does Trade Pacify? Does Scarcity Cause War?**

Karl Kaysen, "Is War Obsolete? A Review Essay," in *TWP* pp.441-63.

Dale C. Copeland, "Economic Interdependence and War: A Theory of Trade Expectations," in *TWP*, pp.464-500.

Thomas F. Homer-Dixon, "Environmental Scarcities and Violent Conflict: Evidence from Cases," in *TWP*, pp.501-36.

John Orme, "The Utility of Force in a World of Scarcity," in *TWP*, pp.537-66.

Take Home Exam #3