

Government 606: Field Seminar in International Relations
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This seminar provides an overview of the field of international relations. Part I (weeks 2-5) looks at realist and liberal perspectives, their reformulation into contemporary social science theories, and their applications. Part II (weeks 6-9) analyzes sociological approaches and their applications. Part III looks at a variety of domestic (weeks 10-11) and transnational (weeks 12-13) approaches to the analysis of world politics.

Seminar Participation. Students are expected to attend every class, to have done the readings before class, and to participate actively in discussions. All readings on this syllabus are required and will be discussed in class. If you have been unable to do the all or part of the readings for the seminar, please send me an email before class or tell me quietly before the seminar. I will circulate also the reading lists from prior years and a longer, supplementary bibliography that roughly follows the seminar outline and that should be helpful as you prepare later for your A-examinations.

To facilitate discussion and give every member of the seminar a set of notes of key readings, seminar members will take turns in writing memos on specific readings, not to exceed two single-spaced pages, that are circulated to each member of the class no later than Sunday 7pm, preceding the Monday evening seminar. A good memo would place a particular reading in relation to one or several analytical approaches, summarize its main points and offer a succinct defense and/or critique that should help in starting the discussion. These memos are the basis for another member of the seminar, not the author, to introduce the reading either supporting or challenging the position(s) that the memo writer has articulated.

Papers. Students are required to write two papers (each about 10-12 pages in length). Since neither is a research paper, there is no reason why you cannot finish the papers on time.

The first paper should take the form of a review article, as published regularly, for example, in *World Politics*. This paper should draw on the readings in weeks 2-6 of the course. It is due at class time on October 20. I would like to talk to each of you about your proposed paper topic no later than September 26th to help you pick one or two additional readings that may prove useful for the purpose of the review essay. The paper should summarize key works and offer in clear language your own views on the issue(s) at hand. In choosing your topic you will face a basic choice. (1) You can pick a subject and then compare works drawn from several analytical perspectives; or (2) you can pick a specific perspective and write an essay on it.

The second paper should develop a clear argument, and formulate a number of propositions that are drawn from at least two different analytical perspectives. Although your "literature review" should remain restricted largely to the readings in this seminar, in its set-up this paper should

resemble closer a research paper. In its treatment of evidence the paper should rely on illustrations ("stylized facts") and not on a systematic presentation of facts. This paper thus is not a research paper. It is instead designed to give you an opportunity to write on any topic using one or several theoretical perspectives that you have encountered in this seminar. The paper thus could serve the purpose of helping you clear your head on future research or dissertation work. I would like to meet with each of you no later than October 31st to discuss the topic and your preliminary bibliography. Please come to the meeting with a one-page précis. The second paper is due on December 1 at noon time.

Since neither of these is a research paper and in the interest of encouraging you to complete your work on time, papers will be graded down very substantially (a grade for every day that the paper is late; a paper that on its merits is an A, if handed in a week late, thus will receive a grade of C-). Considering the flatness of the curve for graduate grades this, I realize, is Draconian. Not getting your work done on time, however, is one of the gravest risks to a successful career in graduate school. Research papers cannot be written by the clock. These smaller papers can. This is not to deny that there may be occasions, such as illness, family or personal emergencies that of course constitute grounds for deviating from this grading policy. But these occasions, we all know, are rare.

Final Exam. Each member of the seminar will take a take-home final examination (open book, honors code) scheduled at your convenience during the examination period and adhering to the format of the department A-exam for the field of international relations. You will be asked to write on two out of three general questions which will cover the material you have read in the course of the semester. The exam should not run in excess of 20 double-spaced pages of text plus references.

Readings. All seminar readings are on Uris electronic reserve and many of the journal articles (from IO, IS, ISQ, WP, APSR) are available in hard copy in the graduate reading room (Olin Room 405) or on the 4th floor of Olin. These are core readings in the field and you will want to have hard copies for future references.

Week 1 (9/1): Introduction

A. History of the Field

Miles Kahler, "Inventing International Relations," in Michael W. Doyle and G. John Ikenberry, eds., *New Thinking in International Relations*, pp. 20-53.

Cynthia Weber, "The Resurrection of New Frontiers of Incorporation," *European Journal of International Relations (EJIR)*, 1999, 5(4): 435-450.

Vendulka Kubalkova, "The Twenty Years' Catharsis: E.H. Carr and IR," in Vendulka Kubalkova, Nicholas Onuf, Paul Kowert, eds., *International Relations in a Constructed World*, chp. 2.

B. Sovereign State System

Stephen Krasner, *Sovereignty: Organized Hypocrisy*, chp.1.

Daniel Philpott, "Westphalia, Authority, and International Society," in Robert Jackson, ed., *Sovereignty at the Millennium*, pp. 144-168.

Andreas Osiander, "Sovereignty, International Relations and the

Westphalian Myth," *International Organization (IO)* (Spring 2001): 251-289.

C. Basic Issues: Levels of Analysis; Rationalist vs. Non-Rationalist Approaches

R. Jervis, *Perception and Misperception in International Politics*, pp.13-31.

J. Caporaso, "International Relations Theory and Multilateralism: The Search for Foundations," *IO* 46,3 (Summer 1992): 599-632. (also reprinted in Ruggie, ed., *Multilateralism*, pp.51-90).

PART I

Week 2 (9/8): Classical Approaches

A. Endogenizing Interests

P.J. Katzenstein, ed., *The Culture of National Security*, chp.1.

S. Krasner, *Defending the National Interest: Raw Materials, Investments and U.S. Foreign Policy*, chp. 2

J. Weldes, "Constructing National Interests," *EJIR* 2, 3 (1996): 275-318.

B. Traditions and Re-assessments

E.H. Carr, *The Twenty Years Crisis, 1919-1939*, chps. 1-2, 6-7.

Kenneth Waltz, *Man, the State, and War*, Conclusion.

John Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics*, chps. 1 and 2. (If you wish, skim also the review articles by Glenn Snyder in *IS* (Summer 2002): 149-73 and/or by Richard Rosecrance in *WP* (October 2002): 137-66).

Gideon Rose, "Neoclassical Realism and Theories of Foreign Policy," *World Politics (WP)*, 51, 1 (1998): 144-72.

Michael W. Doyle, "Liberalism and World Politics," *APSR*, (December 1986): 1151-1169.

A. Moravcsik, "A Liberal Theory of International Politics," *IO*, 51,4 (Autumn 1997): 513-553.

Week Three (9/15): The Rationalist Turn

A. Neo-Realism

K. Waltz, *Theory of International Politics*, chps. 1,4-6.

B. Neo-Liberalism

R. Keohane, *After Hegemony*, chps. 1-3, and 11.

C. Debates

J. S. Nye, Jr., "Neorealism and Neoliberalism," *WP* 40,3 (January 1988): 235-51.

Lloyd Gruber, *Ruling the World*, chps. 2, 8.

Week 4 (9/22): War and Conflict

A. Security Dilemma

R. Jervis, "Cooperation under the Security Dilemma," *WP* 30,2 (January 1978): 167-214.

C.L. Glaser, "The Security Dilemma Revisited," WP 50,1 (October 1997): 171-201.

B. War

Stephen Van Evera, *Causes of War: Power and the Roots of Conflict*, chps.1-3, 9, Appendix.

Richard K. Betts, "Must War Find a Way? A Review Essay," *International Security (IS)* 24, 2 (Fall 1999): 166-98.

C. Rationalist Explanations and Critiques

J.D. Fearon, "Rationalist Explanations for War," *IO* 49, . 3 (Summer 1995): 379-414.

Jonathan Kirshner, "Rationalist Explanations for War," *Security Studies*, 10, 1 (Autumn 2000): 143-50.

Week 5 (9/29): Institutions and Cooperation

A. Survey

Lisa Martin and Beth Simmons, "Theories and Empirical Studies of International Institutions," *IO*, 52, 4 (Autumn 1998): 729-58.

Michael Barnett and Martha Finnemore. "The Politics, Power, and Pathologies of International Organizations." *IO*, 53, 4 (1999): 699-732.

B. Institutions

G. John Ikenberry, "Institutions, Strategic Restraint, and the Persistence of American Postwar Order," *IS* 23, 3 (Winter 1998/99): 43-78.

Randall Schweller, "The Problem of International Order Revisited," *IS* 26, 1 (Summer 2001): 161-86.

Stephen Krasner, "Global Communications and National Power: Life on the Pareto Frontier," *WP*, 43, 3 (April 1991): 336-366.

C. Regimes

Stephen Krasner, ed., *International Regimes*, introduction and conclusion. (special issue of *IO* 1982).

Andreas Hasenclever, Peter Mayer, and Volker Rittberger, "Interests, Power, Knowledge: The Study of International Regimes," *Mershon International Studies Review* 40 (1996): 177-228.

"Legalization," *IO* special issue, 54 (3) Summer 2000: articles by Abott et al (pp. 401-19), Alter (pp. 489-518), Kahler (pp.549-71)

PART II

Week 6 (10/6): Constructivism

A. Overview

John Ruggie, *What Makes the World Hang Together*, *IO* 52, 4 (Fall 1998): 855-85.

B. Foundations

Hedley Bull, *The Anarchical Society: A Study of Order in World Politics*, chps. 2-3.

Alexander Wendt, *Social Theory of International Politics*, chps. 1 and 6.

N. Onuf, *World of our Making*, pp. 33-65.

C. Variations,

J. Goldstein and R.O.Keohane, *Ideas and Foreign Policy Beliefs, Institutions, and Political Change*, pp.3-30.

Thomas Risse, *Let's Argue! Persuasion and Deliberation in International Relations*," *IO*, 54, 1 (Winter 2000): 1-39.

J. Goldstein, *War and Gender*, chps. 1 and 7.

J. Ann Tickner, "Feminist Perspectives on 9/11," *International Studies Perspectives* 3, 4 (November 2002): 333-50.

Week 7 (10/13): Fall Break

Week 8 (10/20): Nationalism and Security Communities

A.Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict

K.W. Deutsch, *Nationalism and Its Alternatives*, chps. 1-3.

B. Anderson, *Imagined Communities*, chp. 3.

B. R. Posen, "The Security Dilemma and Ethnic Conflict." *Survival* 35, 1 (1993): 27-47.

J.D. Fearon and D. Laitin, "Explaining Interethnic Cooperation," *APSR*, 90 (December 1996): 715-735.

Cynthia Enloe, "All the Men Are in the Militias, All the Women Are Victims: The Politics of Masculinity and Femininity in Nationalist Wars," in Lois Ann Lorentzen and Jennifer Turpin, eds. *The Women and War Reader*, chp. 6.

B. Security Communities

Karl W. Deutsch et al., "Political Community and the North Atlantic Area," in *International Political Communities*, pp.1-92.

Emanuel Adler and Michael Barnett, eds., *Security Communities*, chps. 2, 4, 6, 13.

Week 9 (19/27): Democratic Peace and Alliances

A. Democratic Peace

Review Doyle (Week 2).

John M. Owen, *Liberal Peace, Liberal War*, chapters 1,2,6,7.

Ido Oren, "The Subjectivity of the 'Democratic' Peace: Changing U.S. Perceptions of Imperial Germany," *IS*, 20, 2 (Fall 1995): 147-84.

Neta Crawford, "A Security Regime among Democracies: Cooperation among Iroquois Nations" *IO*, 48, 3 (Summer 1994): 345-85.

Edward Mansfield and Jack Snyder "Democratization and the Danger of War" *IS* 20, 1 (Summer 1995): 5-38.

B. Alliances

S. Walt, *The Origins of Alliances*, chp. 1.

M. Barnett and J.S. Levy, "Domestic Sources of Alliances and Alignments: The Case of Egypt, 1962-73," *IO* 45, 3 (Summer 1991): 369-95.

Celeste Wallander, "Institutional Assets and Adaptability: NATO After the Cold War," *IO* 54, 4 (Autumn 2000): 705-35.

JJ Suh, "Persistence and Termination of Military Alliances: NATO, the Soviet Union-Egypt, and the United States-Iran."

PART III

Week 10 (11/3): Domestic Politics and International Relations

A. Domestic Structure: Historical and Rationalist

Peter Hall and David Soskice, *Varieties of Capitalism: The Institutional Foundations of Comparative Advantage*, chp. 1.

H. Milner, *Interests, Institutions, and Information*, pp.3-66, 96-128.

B. Second Image Reverse

P. Gourevitch, "The Second Image Reversed," *IO* 32,4 (Autumn 1978): 881-912.

J.A. Frieden and R. Rogowski, "The Impact of the International Economy on National Policies: An Analytical Overview," in R.O. Keohane and H.V. Milner, eds., *Internationalization and Domestic Politics*, chp.2.

C. Two-Level Games

R. Putnam, "Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two-Level Games," *IO* 42, 3 (Summer 1988): 427-60.

Thomas J. Christensen, *Grand Strategy, Domestic Mobilization, and Sino-American Conflict, 1947-58*, chps.1-2.

D. Dependency Analysis

F.H. Cardoso and E. Faletto, *Dependency and Development in Latin America*, pp.vii-xxv, 176-216.

F. H. Cardoso, "North-South Relations in the Present Context: A New Dependency?" in M. Carnoy et al., *The New Global Economy in the Information Age*, chp.5.

Week 11 (11/10): Bureaucracy and Psychology

A. Bureaucracy and Organizations

Jonathan Bendor, Thomas Hammond, "Rethinking Allison's Models", *APSR*, 86, 2 (1992): 301-22.

J.S. Levy, "Organizational Routines and the Causes of War," *ISQ* (June 1986): 193-222.

B. Psychological Approaches

Robert Jervis, *Perceptions and Misperceptions* read chp. 6 (read through to get a flavor).

Yuen Foong Khong, *Analogies of War*, chp. 1.

C. Cognitive Approaches and Emotions

Amos Tversky and Daniel Kahneman, "Judgment Under Uncertainty: Heuristics and Biases," in D. Kahneman, P. Slovic and A. Tversky, eds., *Judgement under Uncertainty: Heuristics and Biases*, chp.1.

Roger Masters, "Evolutionary Biology and Political Theory, *APSR* 84,1 (March 1990): 195-210.

D. Cross-Cultural Psychology and Cultural Psychology

J. Mercer, "Anarchy and Identity," *IO* 49,2 (Spring 1995): 229-52.

R.E. Nisbett, *The Circle and the Line* (in press), Introduction, chp.2.

Week 12 (11/17): Transnationalism, Supranationalism and Social Movements

A. Transnational Relations

R. Keohane and J. Nye, *Power and Interdependence*, chps. 1-3.

T. Risse-Kappen. Ed., *Bringing Transnational Relations Back In.*, chp. 1.

Matt Evangelista, *Unarmed Forces: The Transnational Movement to End the Cold War*, chapters 1,2, 16,17.

B. Supranationalism

F. Scharpf, *Governing in Europe: Effective and Democratic?*, 43-83, 187-204.

W. Sandholtz and A. Stone, eds. *European Integration and Supranational Governance*, chp., 1.

C. Social Movements

Thomas Risse, Stephen Roppe, and Kathryn Sikkink, *The Power of Human Rights*, chp. 1.

Sidney Tarrow, "Transnational Politics: Contention and Institutions in International Politics," *Annual Review of Political Science*, 4 (2001):1-20.

Christian Reus-Smit, "The Constitutional Structure of International Society," *IO* 51,4 (Autumn 1997): 555-90.

Allen Carlson, "Is the Dragon Being Tamed or Just Protecting Its Lair?"

Week 13 (11/24): World Politics

A. World System

I. Wallerstein, *The Capitalist World Economy*, pp.1-36.

B. Stanford School

John Meyer et al, "World society and the nation state," from *American Journal of Sociology*, 1997, Vol 103:144-81.

J. Meyer, "Political Structure and the World Economy," *Contemporary Sociology*, (1982): 263-66.

J. Meyer, "Review Essay: Kings and People," *American Journal of Sociology* 86,4 (January 1981): 895-99.

C. Globalization vs Internationalization

D. Held et al., *Global Transformations: Politics, Economics and Culture*, chp. 1.

S. Berger, "Introduction," in S. Berger and R. Dore, eds., *National*

Diversity and Global Capitalism, chp. 1.

E. Cultural Clashes vs. Hybridization

S. Huntington, "The West: Unique not Universal," FA (November/December 1996): 28-46.

Michel Oksenberg, "The Issue of Sovereignty in the Asian Historical Context," in Stephen Krasner, ed. Problematic Sovereignty, pp. 83-105.

Week 14 (12/2): Science, Morality and U.S. Power

A. Science

Jack Levy, "Explaining Events and Developing Theories: History, Political Science, and the Analysis of International Relations," in Colin and Miriam Elman, eds, Bridges and Boundaries, pp. 39-83.

Gunther Hellmann et al., "Are Dialogue and Synthesis Possible in International Relations?" International Studies Review 5, 1 (March 2003): 123-53.

B. Morality

Jack Snyder, "Is and Ought: Evaluating Empirical Aspects of Normative Research, in Elman and Elman, Bridges and Boundaries, chapter 10.

C. US Power (tentative, if any of us is still standing)

J. Nye, The Paradox of American Power: Why the World's Only Superpower Can't Go it Alone (pages to be assigned)

John Mearsheimer, The Tragedy of Great Power Politics, (pages to be assigned).

Henry Nau, At Home Abroad: Identity and Power in American Foreign Policy (pages to be assigned)