

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Department of Government

Government 5

International Politics

MWF 1230-1335

X-hour: Tue 1300-1350

Fall 2003

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Course Description: The goal of this course is to provide students with the conceptual background and some of the analytical tools they need to think about international relations, and the host of issues that affect, directly or indirectly, their own security and well-being, and that of the other inhabitants of our planet. The syllabus and lectures will address some current issues but will pay more attention to the foundations of order, the causes of conflict, the motives of actors, and conceptual alternatives for framing and studying these issues. Particular issues come and go, but the intellectual tools for analyzing them are more enduring and will help students make sense of current events long after graduation.

Format: There will be a mix of lecture and discussion. The general pattern is two lectures a week, each followed by a discussion section. Attendance is required at lectures, and students are urged to attend and participate in the discussion sessions. The lectures will provide background and context for the readings and the controversies they address. The discussion sections will be more oriented toward the readings. You should read the required reading *before* the associated lecture.

Readings: Required readings are listed underneath each topic. Students are expected to master these readings, and will be questioned about them, and the substance of the lectures, on the midterm and final examinations. All readings are available on eReserves and most are on the Blackboard.. Students are required to read the Monday-Friday *New York Times*. It is especially relevant to our discussion of unfolding events in Iraq and the Middle East, but useful for other topics as well. I am also posting my lecture notes on the Blackboard and suggestions for what questions to keep in mind when doing the reading.

Requirements: There will be an in-class midterm on Friday, 17 October and a final examination on Saturday, 6 December. I had no control over the latter date. A make-up midterm will be administered in only the most extreme circumstances. In all cases, it will require a note from your Class Dean and/or Dick=s House.

Grades: The final grade will be a composite of Midterm (40%) and take-home final examination (60 %). Students will also be rewarded for meaningful contributions to the discussions.

Office Hours: My office hours are Monday, 1400-1600. I am likely to be in my office on Wednesday and Friday afternoons, and you are welcome to stop by at any time. Don=t be shy. I can also be reached by email if you wish to make an appointment to see me at another time.

Lecture and Discussion Schedule

Wed 24 Sept: Introduction: What Is International Relations?

Andreas Osiander, "Sovereignty, International Relations, and the Westphalian Myth", *International Organization* 55 (Spring 2001), pp. 251-87.

Fri 26 Sept: Levels of Analysis

Thucydides, *The Peloponnesian War*, Book One.

Mon 29 Sept: Motives (Fear, Interest, Honor)

No additional reading.

Wed 1 Oct: Discussion

Fri 3 Oct: System Level: Realism and (Anarchy and its Consequences)

Kenneth N. Waltz, *Theory of International Politics* (Reading, Mass: Addison-Wesley, 1979), pp. 111-28

Monday 6 Oct: No Class Make-up class on Tuesday X-Hour

Tue 7 Oct: System Level: Liberalism (Second Image Reversed)

Etel Solingen, "The Political Economy of Nuclear Restraint," *International Security* 19 (Fall 1994), PP. 126-69.

Ariel E. Levite, "Never Say Never Again: Nuclear Restraint Revisted," *International Security* 27 (Winter 2002/03), pp. 59-88.

Wed 8 Oct: System Level: Realism (Power Transition Theories)

Robert D. English, "Power, Ideas, and New Evidence on the Cold War's End: A Reply to Brooks and Wohlforth," *International Security*, 26 (Spring 2002), pp. 70-92.

Stephen G. Brooks and William C. Wohlforth, "From Old Thinking to New Thinking in Qualitative Research," *International Security*, 26 (Spring 2002), pp. 93-111.

Margarita H. Petrovna, "The End of the Cold War: A Battle or Bridging Ground Between

Rationalist and Ideational Approaches in International Relations?," *European Journal of International Relations* 9 (March 2003), pp. 115-63.

Fri 10 Oct: Discussion

Mon 13 Oct: System Level: International Society (Constructivism)

Mark W. Zacher, "The Territorial Integrity Norm: International Boundaries and the Use of Force," *International Organization* 55 (Spring 2001), pp. 215-50.

Jeffrey T. Checkel, "Why Comply? Social Learning and European Identity Change," *International Organization* 55 (Summer 2001), pp. 553-88.

Wed 15 Oct: State Level: Democratization

Gideon Rose, "Democracy Promotion and American Foreign Policy: A Review Essay," *International Security*, 25 (Winter 2000-01), pp. 186-203.

Daphne Eviatar, "Do Aid Studies Govern Policies Or Reflect Them?," *New York Times*, 26 July 2003, pp. A17, 19.

Fri 17 Oct: MIDTERM

Mon 20 Oct: Discussion (Review of midterm exam)

Wed 22 Oct: State Level: Democratic Peace?

John Owen, "How Liberalism Produces the Democratic Peace," *International Security* 19 (Fall 1994), pp. 87-125.

David E. Spero, "The Insignificance of the Liberal Peace," *International Security* 19 (Fall 1994), pp. 50-86.

William R. Thompson, "Democracy and Peace: Putting the Cart Before the Horse?," *International Organization* 50 (Winter 1996), pp. 141-74.

Fri 24 Oct: No class (Homecoming)

Mon 27 Oct: Individual Level: Leaders

George Breslauer and Richard Ned Lebow, *Leadership and the End of the Cold War: A*

Counterfactual Thought Experiment, in Richard K. Herrmann and Richard Ned Lebow, eds., *Ending the Cold War*, (New York: Palgrave, forthcoming).

Wed 29 Oct: Individual Level: Decisionmaking

Steven Weber, "International Organizations and the Pursuit of Justice in the World Economy," *Ethics & International Affairs* 14 (2000), pp. 99-117.

Richard Ned Lebow, *Between Peace and War: The Nature of International Crisis* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1984), ch. 5.

Fri 31 Oct: Discussion

Mon 3 Nov: Confluence, Complexity and Non-Linear Causation

Robert Jervis, *System Effects: Complexity in Political and Social Life* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1997), pp. 1-28.

Richard Ned Lebow, "Contingency, Catalysts and International System Change," *Political Science Quarterly* 115 (Winter 2000-01), pp. 591-616.

Wed 5 Nov: Conflict Management: Deterrence and Compellence

Richard Ned Lebow and Janice Gross Stein, *We All Lost the Cold War* (Princeton: Princeton University press, 1994), ch. 14.

Robert Jervis, "The Confrontation Between Iraq and the U.S.: Implications for the Theory and Practice of Deterrence," *European Journal of International Relations* 9 (June 2003), pp. 315-37.

Fri 7 Nov: Institutions

G. John Ikenberry, *After Victory: Institutions, Strategic Restraint, and the Rebuilding of Order After Major Wars* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2001), chs. 1-2.

Mon 10 Nov: Conflict Management: Diplomacy and Reassurance

Janice Gross Stein, "Deterrence and Reassurance," in Philip E. Tetlock, Jo L. Husbands, Robert Jervis, Paul C. Stern, and Charles Tilly, eds. *Behavior, Society, and Nuclear War* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1991), vol. II, pp. 8-72.

Wed 12 Nov: Discussion

Fri 14 Nov: No Class

Mon 17 Nov: Legacy of Colonialism: Partitioned Countries and International Conflict

Chaim D. Kaufmann, "When All Else Fails: Ethnic Population Transfers and Partitions in the Twentieth Century," *International Security* 22 (Fall 1998), pp. 120-56.

Wed 19 Nov: State Building, Failed States and Their Consequences

George Sørensen, *Changes in Statehood: The Transformation of International Relations* (London: Palgrave, 2001), chs. 8-9.

Fri 21 Nov: Globalization

Philip Cerny, "Globalization and the Changing Logic of Collective Action," *International Organization*, 49, (Autumn 1995), pp.595-625.

Dani Rodrik, "Sense and Nonsense in the Globalization Debate," *Foreign Policy*, no. 107 (1997), pp. 19-37.

Thomas Friedman and Ignacio Ramonet, "Dueling Globalizations Debate," *Foreign Policy* no.116, (Fall 1999), pp. 110-127. (http://www.ciaonet.org/olj/fp/fp_99ft01.html)

Mon 24 Nov: New Security Agenda

Gary King and Christopher J. L. Murray, "Rethinking Human Security," *Political Science Quarterly*, 116 (Winter 2001-02), pp. 585-610.

Clifford Geertz, "Which Way to Mecca?," *New York Review of Books*, June 12, 2003, pp. 27-29, and 3 July 2003, pp. 36-39.

Wed 26 Nov: No class (Thanksgiving)

Fri 28 Nov: No class (Thanksgiving)

Mon 1 Dec: New Security Agenda: Afghanistan and Iraq

Michael Mousseau, "Market Civilization and its Clash with Terror," *International*

Security 27 (Winter 2002/03), pp. 5-29.

Aubrey Kurth Cronin, "Behind the Curve: Globalization and International Terrorism," *International Security* 27 (Winter 2002/03), pp. 30-58.

Daniel Byman, "Constructing a Democratic Iraq: Challenges and Opportunities," to appear in *International Security*.

Wed 3 Dec: In Class Final