

International Politics: PSCI 109

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The following syllabus is tentative and subject to change at the discretion of the instructor. The most current version will always be available on the course's Moodle site.

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the study of international politics. It is designed to improve students' ability to analyze the relations between sovereign states and the role that non-state actors play in international affairs. The course addresses a number of salient questions in international politics: What is the international system? How does it function? How do states relate to one another in the system, and why? What role do power, ethics, international law and institutions play? In this course we probe fundamental political issues including the causes and possible prevention of war, and the morality of intervention. We also examine competing approaches to these, and other questions. Above all, the course is designed to enhance students' ability to think clearly and critically assess a number of international political issues.

This course is organized topically. It begins by presenting the various approaches to the study of international politics. It then considers the two major dimensions of the international system: security and international political economy.

Readings

Readings are an essential part of this course. Students are expected to complete all assigned readings before their corresponding lecture. All readings will be available through electronic reserve. There are no required books to purchase.

Grades

Students are evaluated based on participation, a midterm exam, two essays, and one group project.

20% Participation

20% Essay – Critical Analysis

30% Podcast

- 2/3 Group Podcast and Class Presentation
- 1/3 Individual Short Essay

30% Final Exam

Participation is extremely important. You should be prepared to answer and ask questions in every lecture and discussion session. Attending class is only the first step to good participation. Answering questions, engaging in discussion and asking your own questions are all necessary to receive a high participation grade.

Class Policies

Absence:

Attendance is required, both in lecture and discussion sections. Absences are excused in cases of illness and personal emergency with proper documentation. Absence due to a college-sponsored event or religious holiday is also excused, provided that the student informs me of the absence at least two weeks in advance. Vacation and social engagements are not excused.

Special Needs:

If you have special physical or academic needs, you are responsible for informing me at the beginning of the semester and pursuing the proper channels for making arrangements to handle your needs. The Americans With Disabilities Act Office provides instructors with a list of arrangements that need to be made for the student. This assessment is the responsibility of the student to obtain. All arrangements requested by the ADA Office will be provided.

<http://www.middlebury.edu/campuslife/services/ada/policy/>

Cell Phone and Laptops:

Laptops are not allowed in class unless the student has a documented special need. Cell phones and PDAs must be turned off during class.

Office Hours and Appointments:

Students are strongly encouraged to meet with me during my office hours or to make an appointment to discuss questions and address any difficulties with the course, as well as paper topics, readings, etc.

Communication and email:

The best option for discussing course material and assignments is to attend regular office hours. For questions that cannot wait for office hours, please,

feel free to email me (adean@middlebury.edu). However, please keep in mind that I will not respond to email after 5 PM or on the weekends. Additionally, I will not respond to emails received the day before an assignment is due. In general, I will do my best to respond to all student emails within 24 hours.

Extra-credit:

Students will be able to receive extra-credit in two different ways. First, students will receive extra-credit on their written assignments if they work with Middlebury's Writing Center. Essays submitted with a receipt from the Writing Center will be awarded an extra 1/3 of a grade level (from B to B+). Second, students will have the option to complete one or two extra-credit assignments based on material from lectures. The only way to complete these assignments will be to attend lectures.

Honor Code and Plagiarism

Middlebury's Honor Code should be strictly followed for any tests or other work submitted for this course. The Honor Code can be found at:

<http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/acadinfo/honorcode/statement.htm>

Plagiarism is a violation of the Honor Code. Using another person's ideas and information either in exact form or by paraphrasing without proper citation is plagiarism. In your papers, you are required to cite all sources, use quotations where necessary and provide a bibliography. Plagiarism will be taken extremely seriously. If you have questions, ask me before submitting work. Violation of Middlebury's Honor Code will automatically prompt me to post a failing grade for this course, and advocate for suspension from the College.

Session 1: Introduction and syllabus
(Monday, September 8)

Unit 1: IR Theory

Session 2: Classical Realism
(Wednesday, September 10)

- Thucydides. "The Melian Dialogue," In *History of the Peloponnesian War*. [431 B.C.E.] Book V, Chapters 84-116.
- Thomas Hobbes, "On the Natural Condition of Mankind," Part I, Chapter XIII of *Leviathan* [1651].
- Hedley Bull, "Hobbes and the International Anarchy," *Social Research* 48, no. 4 (Winter 1981): 720-22, 725-29, 736-37 only.
- Carr, Edward Hallett. *The Twenty Years' Crisis, 1919-1939: An Introduction to the Study of International Relations*. 2nd ed. London: Macmillan & Co., 1946. Chapter 5.

Session 3: Neo-Realism
(Monday, September 15)

- Kenneth N. Waltz, "The Anarchic Structure of World Politics," in Art and Jervis, *International Politics*.
- John J. Mearsheimer, "Anarchy and the Struggle for Power," in Art and Jervis.
- Krasner, Stephen D. "State Power and the Structure of International Trade," in Frieden & Lake, *International Political Economy*.

Session 4: Liberalism
(Wednesday, September 17)

- Jervis, Robert. "Offense, Defense, and the Security Dilemma," in Art & Jervis.
- Keohane, Robert O. *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1984. Chs 4-5. Just read pp 57-69.
- Robert Axelrod and Robert O. Keohane, "Achieving Cooperation under Anarchy: Strategies and Institutions," *World Politics* 38:1 (Oct. 1985), pp. 226-254.

Session 5: Constructivism
(Monday, September 22)

- Wendt, Alexander. "Anarchy Is What States Make of It: The Social Construction of Power Politics," in Art and Jervis.
- Katzenstein, Peter J. "Introduction: Alternative Perspectives on National Security." In *The Culture of National Security: Norms and Identity in World Politics*, edited by Peter J. Katzenstein, 1-32. New York: Columbia University Press, 1996.

**Session 6: Democratic Peace Theory - Realms of War, Realms of Peace
(Wednesday, September 25)**

- Kant, Immanuel. *To Perpetual Peace*, pp. 107-126
- Lipson, Charles. *Reliable Partners: How Democracies Have Made a Separate Peace*, (Princeton University Press, 2003), Introduction: The Argument in a Nutshell
- Rosato, Sebastian. "The flawed logic of democratic peace theory." *American Political Science Review* 97.04 (2003): 585-602.

First Essay (Option A) Due Sunday, September 28th at 5 PM

Unit 2: Security Issues in the Modern World

**Session 7: Guest Lecture from Steve Zind, NPR, and Podcast Assignment
(Monday, September 29)**

**Session 8: What Caused World War I
(Wednesday, October 1)**

- Robert J. Art and Robert Jervis, "The Uses of Force," in Art and Jervis
- Snyder, Glenn H. 1984. The Security Dilemma in Alliance Politics. *World Politics* 36 (4): 461 – 495.
- Van Evera, Stephen. "The Cult of the Offensive and the Origins of the First World War." *International Security* 9:1 (Summer 1984), pp. 58-107.

First Essay (Option B) Due Sunday, October 5th at 5 PM

**Session 9: Peace Settlements: Why Some Work and Some Don't
(Monday, October 6)**

- G. John Ikenberry, *After Victory: Institutions, Strategic Restraint, and the Rebuilding of Order After Major Wars* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2001), Chapter 1 & Chapter 5.

**Session 10: Cold War
(Wednesday, October 8)**

- Kennan, George. "The Sources of Soviet Conduct," *Foreign Affairs*, July 1947.
- "NSC-68: United States Objectives and Programs for National Security." April 14, 1950. Excerpts.
- Stalin, Joseph. 1946. Election Speech. Available online at:
<http://marx2mao.com/Stalin/SS46.html>
- Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., "The Origins of the Cold War," *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 46, No. 1 (Fall 1967), pp. 22-52.

**Midterm Recess
Monday & Tuesday, October 13 & 14**

**Session 11: Nuclear Weapons: Deterrence and Proliferation
(Wednesday, October 15)**

- Scott D. Sagan and Kenneth N. Waltz, *The Spread of Nuclear Weapons: A Debate Renewed* (2nd ed.; NY: W.W. Norton, 2003), Chapters 1 & 2.

**Session 12: Imperialism
(Monday, October 20)**

- Lenin, V. I. Selections from *Imperialism: The Highest Stage of Capitalism*.
- Pagden, Anthony. "Imperialism, Liberalism, and the Quest for Perpetual Peace."
- Snyder, Jack L. *Myths of Empire: Domestic Politics and International Ambition*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1991. Chapter 1: "The Myth of Security through Expansion."

**Session 13: American Hegemony
(Wednesday, October 22)**

- Francis Fukuyama, "The End of History?" *National Interest*, No. 16 (Summer 1989), pp. 3-18.
- Wohlforth, William C. "The stability of a unipolar world." *International Security* 24.1 (1999): 5-41.
- Monteiro, Nuno. "Unrest Assured: Why Unipolarity Is Not Peaceful," *International Security*, Vol. 36, No. 3 (Winter 2011/2012), pp. 9-40.

**Session 14: Terrorism
(Monday, October 27)**

- Hoffman, Bruce. "Terrorism in History." *Journal of Conflict Studies* 27.2 (2007).
- Robert A. Pape, "The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism" in Art and Jervis, *International Politics*.
- John Mueller, "Is There Still a Terrorist Threat? The Myth of the Omnipotent Enemy," *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 85, No. 5 (September/October 2006).

**Session 15: Rise of China
(Wednesday, October 29)**

- G. John Ikenberry, "The Rise of China and the Future of the West," *Foreign Affairs*, January/February 2008, pp. 23-37.
- Kissinger, Henry A. 2012. "The Future of US-Chinese Relations: Conflict is a Choice, Not a Necessity." *Foreign Affairs* 91(2): 44-5.
- John Mearsheimer, *Tragedy of Great Power Politics*, (Norton 2014), Chapter 10.

Podcast Assignment Due Sunday, November 2 at 5 PM

Session 16: Intervention and Peacekeeping

(Monday, November 3)

- Walzer, Michael. "Intervention," in *Just and Unjust Wars*, pp. 86-108.
- Philpott, Daniel. 1995. "Sovereignty: An Introduction and Brief History." *Journal of International Affairs*. 48(2): 353-68.
- Evans, Gareth and Mohamed Sahnoun. 2002. "The Responsibility to Protect." *Foreign Affairs* 81(6): 99-110.
- "Peacekeeping: The UN's Mission Impossible." Aug. 5, 2000. *The Economist* 356(8182): 24-26.

Session 17: Student Choice Session

(Wednesday, November 5)

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Podcast Presentations by Section – Friday, November 7

Unit 3: Politics of the World Economy

Session 18: Political Economy of Trade

(Monday, November 10)

- Grieco & Ikenberry. *State Power and World Markets*. Chapter 2: "The Economics of International Trade."
- Rogowski, Ronald. "Commerce and Coalitions: How Trade Affects Domestic Political Alignments," in Frieden & Lake.
- Viner, *Essays on the Intellectual History of Economics*, pp. 39-44.

Session 19: Political Economy of Money

(Wednesday, November 12)

- Eichengreen, Barry J. "Hegemonic Stability Theories of the International Monetary System," in Frieden & Lake.
- Gourevitch, Peter Alexis. 1984. "Breaking with orthodoxy: the politics of economic policy response to the Depression of the 1930s," *International Organization*, 38(1): 95-129.
- Frieden, Jeffrey A. "Exchange Rate Politics," in Frieden & Lake.

Session 20: Migration

(Monday, November 17)

- Kapur, Devesh and John McHale, "Migration's New Payoff," *Foreign Policy* (November/December 2003): 49-57.
- Borjas, George J. "The Economic Benefits from Immigration." *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 9, no. 2 (1995): 3-22.
- Strange, Susan. "States, Firms and Diplomacy," in Frieden & Lake.
- Caves, Richard. "The Multinational Enterprise as an Economic Organization," in Frieden & Lake.

Session 21: Labor and Globalization
(Wednesday, November 19)

- Silver, Beverly. 2003. *Forces of Labor*, Chapter 1, pp. 1-25.
- Williamson, Jeffrey. "Globalization and Inequality, Past and Present," in Frieden & Lake.
- Krugman, Paul. "In Praise of Cheap Labor: Bad Jobs at Bad Wages Are Better Than No Jobs at All." *Slate*, March 20 1997.

Section 22: The World Trade Organization
(Monday, November 24)

- Barton, et al. *The Evolution of the Trade Regime: Politics, Law, and Economics of the GATT and the WTO*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2006. Chapter 1. "Political Analysis of the Trade Regime."
- Gallagher, Kevin. "Understanding Developing Country Resistance to the Doha Round," *Review of International Political Economy*, Vol. 15, No. 1 (February, 2008), pp. 62-85.

Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday – Friday, November 26 – 28

Session 23: Environment and Energy as Transnational Political Issues
(Monday, December 1)

- Elinor Ostrom, "Commons." In *Encyclopedia of Global Change*. Ed. Andrew S. Goudie. Oxford University Press 2001.
- Garrett Hardin, "The Tragedy of the Commons," in Art and Jervis, *International Politics*.
- Liz Fisher, "Environmental Governance." In *Encyclopedia of Global Change*. Ed. Andrew S. Goudie. Oxford University Press 2001.
- David G. Victor. 2006. "Towards Effective International Cooperation on Climate Change: Numbers, Interests, and Institutions," *Global Environmental Politics*, Vol. 6, Issue 3, pp. 90-103.
- Victor, David G., and Linda Yueh. "The New Energy Order: Managing Insecurities in the Twenty-First Century." *Foreign Affairs* (2010): 61-73.

Session 24: Aid & Development – The Sachs-Easterly Debate
(Wednesday, December 3)

- Jeffrey Sachs. 2005. *The End of Poverty*, Chapters 12-13, pp. 226-265.
- William Easterly. 2006. "The big push deja vu – Review of Jeffrey Sachs The End of Poverty," *Journal of Economic Literature*, 44(1).

Final Exam Distributed Wednesday, December 3rd
Due Wednesday, December 10th at 5 PM.