

Pol S 504 Syllabus
Proseminar in International Politics
FALL 2018

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Overview and Objectives

This course provides students with the background and conceptual tools they need to understand contemporary international relations. The central focus is on theoretical perspectives and topics central to the study of international politics. The course provides an overview of major works within the field, drawing on theories and methods developed in political science, sociology, economics and history. This seminar should enable you to read the academic literature, provide the foundation to conduct independent research in the subfield, and understand contemporary problems in international politics.

Learning Outcomes

- Students will describe analytical approaches to studying political problems.
- Students will summarize theories of international politics, particularly pertaining to international conflict, international political economy, and transnational issues.
- Students will engage, respond, and build on contemporary research.
- Students will build a foundation for conducting their own independent research.

Requirements

Grades are based on leading assigned discussion sections and weekly reaction papers (50%), and class participation (50%).

- Leading discussion section

Each week, one student will provide a brief (max: 10 minutes) overview of the week's assigned readings. Write 8-12 discussion questions about the readings to organize and provoke classroom discussion (e.g., specific questions about one reading, contrasting two or more readings, tying multiple readings together). Discussion questions should be emailed to Professor Nieman by 8am on the day of class.

- Response papers

Response papers provide a critical—i.e. carefully evaluated, not necessarily negative—reaction to the week’s readings. Response papers are limited to 3-pages, double spaced. Rather than a summary of the readings, students should focus on common themes or dissimilarities, or specific topics that interest or trouble you. Response papers should help students focus their thinking about the material and should reflect a reasoned, creative assessment of the literature. At the end of the response paper, students should pose two questions they would like the class to address (this part does not count against the page limit). Students do not need to write a reaction paper for weeks that they lead discussion. Reaction papers should be uploaded to Canvas by the start of class.

- Class participation

The class is treated as a seminar. As such, all students are expected to have completed all readings and engage in thoughtful discussion.

Grading Scale:

A	93-100	C	73-76
A-	90-92	C-	70-72
B+	87-89	D+	67-69
B	83-86	D	63-66
B-	80-82	D-	60-62
C+	77-79	F	≤ 59

Required Texts

All assigned scholarly articles are available on www.scholar.google.com if you are on-campus or through the ISU library if you are off-campus. All readings from Waltz’s *Theory of International Politics* are posted on Canvas.

Administrative Issues

Academic Dishonesty: Plagiarism, any form of cheating, or other conduct proscribed by the Student Handbook, will result in an “F” grade for the course and be referred to the Dean of Students.

Accommodations: Please discuss any special needs with the teaching staff at the start of the semester, for example to request reasonable accommodations if an academic or work requirement conflicts with your religious practices and/or observances. Those seeking accommodations based on disabilities should provide a completed Student Academic Accommodation Request form from the Disability Resources office (Student Services Building 1076, phone

515-294-7220). The Dean of Students Office or the Office of Equal Opportunity and Compliance may be able to provide additional assistance.

Harassment and Discrimination: Any concerns about prohibited discrimination or harassment based on race, ethnicity, sex (including sexual assault), pregnancy, color, religion, national origin, physical or mental disability, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, or status as a veteran should be brought to the instructor, Student Assistance (515-294-1020 or dso-sas@iastate.edu), or the Office of Equal Opportunity and Compliance (515-294-7612).

I reserve the right to modify the syllabus to reflect the pace of the course.

Course Outline

Aug 20: Introduction and Overview

Walt, Stephen M. 1998. International Relations: One World, Many Theories. *Foreign Policy* 110: 29-46.

Lake, David A. 2011. Why “isms” Are Evil: Theory, Epistemology, and Academic Sects as Impediments to Understanding and Progress. *International Studies Quarterly* 55 (2): 465-480.

Saideman, Stephen M. 2018. The Apparent Decline of the IR Paradigms: Examining Patterns of Publications, Perceptions, and Citations. *International Studies Review*, Forthcoming. Advance Access March 29, 2018. Doi.org/10.1093/isr/viy011

Aug 27: Theory and Epistemology

Waltz, Kenneth. 1979. *Theory of International Politics*. Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley. Chapters 1 and 4.

Bull, Hedley. 1966. International Theory: The Case for the Classical Approach. *World Politics* 18: 361-377.

Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce. 1985. Toward a Scientific Understanding of International Conflict: A Personal View. *International Studies Quarterly* 29(2): 121-136.

Singer, J. David. 1961. The Level-of-Analysis Problem in International Relations. *World Politics* 14(1): 77-92.

Barkin, J. Samuel and Laura Sjoberg. 2015. Calculating Critique: Thinking Outside the Methods Matching Game. *Millennium* 43(3) 852-871.

Sept 3: No Class—Labor Day**Sept 10: Realism and Neorealism**

Waltz, Kenneth. 1979. *Theory of International Politics*. Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley. Chapters 5 and 6.

Walt, Stephen M. 1985. Alliance Formation and the Balance of World Power. *International Security* 9(4): 3-43.

Van Evera, Stephen. 1998. Offense, Defense, and the Causes of War. *International Security* 22(4): 5-43.

Levy, Jack S. and William R. Thompson. 2010. Balancing on Land and at Sea Do States Ally against the Leading Global Power? *International Security* 35(1): 7-43.

Vasquez, John A. 1997. The Realist Paradigm and Degenerative vs. Progressive Research Programs. *American Political Science Review* 91(4): 899-935.

Sept 17: Liberalism and Neoliberalism

Axelrod, Robert and Robert O. Keohane. 1985. Achieving Cooperating Under Anarchy: Strategies and Institutions. *World Politics* 38(1): 226-254.

Doyle, Michael. 1986. Liberalism and World Politics. *American Political Science Review* 80(4): 1151-1169.

Maoz, Zeev and Bruce Russett. 1993. Normative and Structural Causes of the Democratic Peace, 1946-1986. *American Political Science Review* 87: 624-638.

Oneal, John R. and Bruce M. Russett. 1999. The Kantian Peace: The Pacific Benefits of Democracy, Interdependence, and International Organizations, 1885-1992. *World Politics* 52(1): 1-37.

Mousseau, Michael. 2003. The Nexus of Market Society, Liberal Preferences, and Democratic Peace: Interdisciplinary Theory and Evidence. *International Studies Quarterly* 47(4): 483-510.

Rosato, Sebastian. 2003. The Flawed Logic of Democratic Peace Theory. *American Political Science Review* 97(4): 585-602.

Sept 24: Rationalism

Fearon, James D. 1995. Rationalist Explanations for War. *International Organization* 49(3): 379-414.

Bueno De Mesquita, Bruce, James Morrow, Alastair Smith and Randolph Siverson. 1999. An Institutional Explanation of the Democratic Peace. *American Political Science Review* 93: 791-807.

Sullivan, Patricia L. 2007. War Aims and War Outcomes: Why Powerful States Lose Limited Wars. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 51(3): 496-524.

- Signorino, Curtis and Ahmer Tarar. 2006. A Unified Theory and Test of Extended Immediate Deterrence. *American Journal of Political Science* 50(3): 585-605.
- Walt, Stephen M. 1999. Rigor or Rigor Mortis? Rational Choice and Security Studies. *International Security* 23(4): 5-48.
- Niou, Emerson M.S. and Peter C. Ordeshook. 1999. Return of the Luddites. *International Security* 23(4): 84-96.

Oct 1: Constructivism and Social Theories

- Ruggie, John Gerard. 1983. Continuity and Transformation in the World Polity: Toward a Neorealist Synthesis. *World Politics* 35(2): 261-285.
- Cox, Robert W. 1981. Social Forces, States and World Orders: Beyond International Relations Theory. *Millennium* 10(2): 126-155.
- Wendt, Alexander E. 1992. Anarchy is what States Make of It: The Social Construction of Power Politics. *International Organization* 46(2): 391-425.
- Wendt, Alexander E. 1994. Collective Identity Formation and the International State. *American Political Science Review* 88(2): 384-396.
- Finnemore, Martha and Kathryn Sikkink. 1998. International Norm Dynamics and Political Change. *International Organization* 52(4): 887-917.
- Ferguson, Yale H. and Richard W. Mansbach. 2007. Post-internationalism and IR Theory. *Millennium* 35(3): 529-549.

Oct 8: Gender in IR

- Tickner, J. Ann. 2006. On the Frontlines or Sidelines of Knowledge and Power? Feminist Practices of Responsible Scholarship. *International Studies Review* 8: 383-395.
- Sjoberg, Laura. 2012. Gender, Structure, and War: What Waltz Couldn't See. *International Theory*. 4(1): 1-38.
- Lobasz, Jennifer K. 2009. Beyond Border Security: Feminist Approaches to Human Trafficking. *Security Studies* 18: 319-344.
- Hudson, Valerie M., Mary Caprioli, Bonnie Ballif-Spanvill, Rose McDermott, and Chad F. Emmett. 2008/2009. The Heart of the Matter: The Security of Women and the Security of States. *International Security* 33(3): 7-45.
- McDermott, Rose, Dominic Johnson, Jonathan Cowden, and Stephen Rosen. 2007. Testosterone and Aggression in a Simulated Crisis Game. *The Annals of the American Academy* 614: 15-33.
- Thomas, Jakana L. and Kanisha D. Bond. (2015). Women's participation in violent political organizations. *American Political Science Review* 109(3), 488-506.

Oct 15: Hegemonic Theories

Gilpin, Robert. 1988. The Theory of Hegemonic War. *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 18(4): 591-613.

Kadera, Kelly M. 1999. The Power-Conflict Story: A Synopsis. *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 17(2): 149-174.

Mastanduno, Michael. 2009. System Maker and Privilege Taker: U.S. Power and the International Political Economy. *World Politics* 61(1): 121-154.

Lake, David A. 1996. Anarchy, Hierarchy, and the Variety of International Relations. *International Organization* 50(1): 1-33.

Frazier, Derrick, and Robert Stewart-Ingersoll. 2010. Regional Powers and Security: A Framework for Understanding Order within Regional Security Complexes. *European Journal of International Relations* 16(4): 731-753.

Hurrell, Andrew. 2006. Hegemony, Liberalism and Global Order: What Space for Would-Be Great Powers? *International Affairs* 82(1): 1-19.

Oct 22: Domestic Institutions

Putnam, Robert D. 1988. Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two-Level Games. *International Organization* 42(3): 426-460.

Goemans, H. E. 2008. Which Way Out?: The Manner and Consequences of Losing Office. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 52(6): 771-794.

Leeds, Brett Ashley, Michaela Mattes, and Jeremy S. Vogel. Interests, Institutions, and the Reliability of International Commitments. *American Journal of Political Science* 53(2): 461-476.

Lai, Brian, and Dan Slater. 2006. Institutions on the Offensive: Domestic Sources of Dispute Initiation in Authoritarian Regimes, 1950-1992. *American Journal of Political Science*. 50(1): 113-126.

Licht, Amanda. 2010. Coming into Money: The Impact of Foreign Aid on Leader Survival. *Journal of Conflict Research* 54(1): 58-87.

Thies, Cameron G. 2004. State Building, Interstate and Intrastate Rivalry: A Study of Post-Colonial Developing Country Extractive Efforts, 1975-2000. *International Studies Quarterly* 48(1): 53-72.

Oct 29: Foreign Policy

Allison, Graham. 1969. Conceptual Models and the Cuban Missile Crisis. *American Political Science Review* 63: 689-718.

Horowitz, Michael, Rose McDermott, and Allan Stam. 2005. Leader Age, Regime Type, and Violent International Relations. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 49(5): 661-685.

Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin and Brandon C. Prins. 2004. Rivalry and Diversionary Uses of Force. *Journal of Conflict Research* 48(6): 937-961.

Colaresi, Michael. 2004. When Doves Cry: International Rivalry, Unreciprocated Cooperation, and Leadership Turnover. *American Journal of Political Science* 48(3): 555-570.

Palmer, Glenn, Scott Wohlander, and T. Clifton Morgan. 2002. Give or Take: Foreign Aid and Foreign Policy Substitutability. *Journal of Peace Research* 39(1):5-26.

Lobell, Steven E. 1999. Second Image Reversed Politics: Britain's Choice of Freer Trade or Imperial Preferences, 1903-1906, 1917-1923, 1930-1932. *International Studies Quarterly* 43(4): 671-694.

Nov 5: Interests and Reputation

Gibler, Douglas M. 2007. Bordering on Peace: Democracy, Territorial Issues, and Conflict. *International Studies Quarterly* 51(3): 509-532.

Hensel, Paul R., Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, Thomas E. Sowers II, and Clayton L. Thyne. 2008. Bones of Contention: Comparing Territorial, Maritime, and River Issues. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 52(1): 117-143.

Carter, David B. 2010. The Strategy of Territorial Conflict. *American Journal of Political Science* 54(4): 969-987.

Sartori, Anne E. 2002. The Might of the Pen: A Reputational Theory of Communication in International Disputes. *International Organization*. 56(1): 121-149.

Mark Crescenzi, 2007. Reputation and Interstate Conflict. *American Journal of Political Science* 51(2):382-396.

Danilovic, Vesna. 2001. The Sources of Threat Credibility in Extended Deterrence. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 45(3): 341-369.

Nov 12: International Political Economy

Goldstein, Judith L., Douglas Rivers, and Michael Tomz. 2007. Institutions in International Relations: Understanding the Effects of the GATT and the WTO on World Trade. *International Organization* 61(1): 37-67.

Bearce, David H. 2008. Not Complements, but Substitutes: Fixed Exchange Rate Commitments, Central Bank Independence, and External Currency Stability. *International Studies Quarterly* 52(4): 807-824.

Stone, Randall W. 2004. The Political Economy of IMF Lending in Africa. *American Political Science Review* 98(4): 577-591.

Jensen, Nathan. 2003. Democratic Governance and Multinational Corporations: Political Regimes and Inflows of Foreign Direct Investment. *International Organization* 57(3): 587-616.

Kim, Moonhawk, Amy H. Liu, Kim-Lee Tuxhorn, David S. Brown, and David Leblang. 2015. Lingua Mercatoria: Language and Foreign Direct Investment. *International Studies Quarterly* 59(2): 330-343.

Cutler, A. Claire. 1999. Locating 'Authority' in the Global Political Economy. *International Studies Quarterly* 43(1): 59-81.

Nov 19: No Class—Thanksgiving Break

Nov 26: Policy Diffusion

Ford, Jane. 2002. A Social Theory of Trade Regime Change: GATT to WTO. *International Studies Review* 4(3): 115-138.

Bearce, David H. and Stacy Bondanella. 2007. Intergovernmental Organizations, Socialization, and Member-State Interest Convergence. *International Organization* 61(4): 703-733.

Simmons, Beth A. and Zachary Elkins. 2004. The Globalization of Liberalization: Policy Diffusion in the International Political Economy. *American Political Science Review* 98(1): 171-189.

Fordham, Benjamin O. and Victor Asal. 2007. Billiard Balls or Snowflakes? Major Power Prestige and the International Diffusion of Institutions and Practices. *International Studies Quarterly* 51(1): 31-52.

Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin. 2002. A Kantian System? Democracy and Third Party Conflict Resolution. *American Journal of Political Science*. 46(4): 749-759.

Turcu, Anca, and R. Urbatsch. 2015. Diffusion of Diaspora Enfranchisement Norms: A Multinational Study. *Comparative Political Studies* 48(4): 407-437.

Dec 3: Non-State Actors

Asal, Victor and R. Karl Rethemeyer. 2008. The Nature of the Beast: Organizational Structures and the Lethality of Terrorist Attacks. *Journal of Politics* 70(2): 437-449.

Murdie, Aamanda M. and Davis, David R. 2012. Shaming and Blaming: Using Events Data to Assess the Impact of Human Rights INGOs. *International Studies Quarterly* 56(1): 1-16.

Chyzh, Olga V. and Elena Labzina. 2018. Bankrolling Repression? Modeling Third-Party Influence on Protests and Repression. *American Journal of Political Science* 62(2): 312-324.

Chatagnier, J. Tyson and Emanuele Castelli. 2018. The Arc of Modernization: Economic Structure, Materialism, and the Onset of Civil Conflict. *Political Science Research and Methods*, Forthcoming. Advanced access June 9, 2016. Doi:10.1017/psrm.2016.24.

Prakash, Aseem and Matthew Potoski. 2006. Racing to the Bottom? Trade, Environmental Governance, and ISO 14001. *American Journal of Political Science* 50(2): 350-364.

Leblang, David. 2003. To Devalue or to Defend? The Political Economy of Exchange Rate Policy. *International Studies Quarterly* 47(4): 533-560.