

**THEORIES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
POLITICAL SCIENCE 550
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Course Description

This course examines competing theories about the structure, functioning, and transformative potential of the international system. Part I deals with the traditional problem of international life, maintaining order among relatively equal states in a condition of anarchy. Part II calls the assumption of anarchy into question by looking at hierarchy, i.e., the unequal power relationships in a variety of issue areas. Part III turns to the problem of governing an increasingly global community, with attention to both its practical and normative aspects. Throughout the course, the relevance of theoretical disagreements for the real world will be illustrated; but students will be evaluated primarily on their understanding of the assumptions and logics of competing points of view rather than on questions of current events or history.

Requirements

Readings. Students are responsible for all readings listed on the syllabus. Given the importance of assimilating ideas and not just facts, it is important to keep up with the reading on a week by week basis. Readings and lectures often will complement rather than duplicate one another, and exams will be built around themes developed in lecture.

Participation. Attendance is expected. Students also are expected to have read the assigned material prior to class. Student participation is encouraged but not required.

Two Midterms. These exams will take place in class on **Wednesday, October 18** and **Wednesday, November 8**. Students will be asked to explain and state the significance of core concepts; they also will be given a choice of essay questions and asked to answer

one of them. These essays will ask students to contrast and evaluate different ideas and authors, and/or to synthesize and coherently present their own argument.

Final Examination. This exam will take place on **Wednesday December 6, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:18 p.m., in this classroom.** It will have the same format as the mid-terms, although it will concentrate primarily on material from the final segment of the course.

Exam Policies

1) No books, notes, or other aids will be permitted. 2) A review sheet will be handed out one week in advance. 3) Exams must be taken when scheduled, except in the case of documented medical or family emergency. In the latter cases, the exam must be made up within one week.

Grade Schedule

Midterm I:	25%
Midterm II:	35%
Final Exam:	40%

Academic Misconduct

I expect all of the work you do in this course to be your own and will report any cases of cheating or plagiarism to the university's Committee on Academic Misconduct, which investigates or establishes procedures for the investigation of all reported cases of student academic misconduct. The term "academic misconduct" includes all forms of wrongdoing wherever committed, illustrated by, but not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations. For additional information, see the Code of Student Conduct (http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/info_for_students/csc.asp).

Disability Services

If you need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability, contact me to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. I rely on the Office for Disability Services for assistance in verifying the need for accommodations and developing accommodation strategies. If you have not previously contacted the Office for Disability Services, I encourage you to do so. It is located in 150 Pomerene Hall, 1760 Neil Avenue; telephone 292-3307, TDD 292-0901; (<http://www.ods.ohio-state.edu>).

Readings

All readings are required. Most are available **ON LINE** through OSU Library; there also is a **READING PACKET**, through Zip Publishing. To facilitate your purchase of the packet, a Zip representative will be in class **Wed., Sept 20th and Mon., Sept. 25th**. Or contact Zip directly: 380 Wyandotte Ave.; 614-263-0833; www.zippublishing.com.

CALENDAR

Wed., Sept. 20: Course Introduction

Snyder, Jack, "One World, Rival Theories," *Foreign Policy* (Nov/Dec 2004), pp. 52-62. ON LINE

ANARCHY AND THE PROBLEM OF ORDER

Mon., Sept. 25: Realism

Donnelly, Jack, "Realism," in Scott Burchill et. al., *Theories of International Relations*, 3rd ed. (NY: Palgrave MacMillan, 2005), pp. 29-54. PACKET

Mearsheimer, John, "Anarchy and the Struggle for Power," in *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* (NY: W. W. Norton, 2001), pp. 29-54. PACKET

Wed., Sept. 27: Realism, continued

Jervis, Robert, "Cooperation under the Security Dilemma," *World Politics*, 30, 2 (January 1978). Read pp. 167-186 only. ON LINE

Waltz, Kenneth, "The Origins of War in Neorealist Theory," in Robert Rotberg and Theodore Rabb, eds. *The Origins and Prevention of Major Wars*, (NY: Cambridge University Press, 1989), pp. 39-52. PACKET

Mon., Oct. 2: Liberalism

Burchill, Scott, "Liberalism," in Scott Burchill et. al., *Theories of International Relations*, 3rd ed. (NY: Palgrave MacMillan, 2005), pp. 55-83. PACKET

Doyle, Michael, "Liberalism and World Politics," *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 80 (December 1986), pp. 1151-1159. ON LINE

Wed., Oct. 4: Neo-Liberal Institutionalism

Oye, Kenneth, "The Conditions for Cooperation in World Politics," in Robert Art and Robert Jervis, eds. *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues*, 4th edition, (NY: HarperCollins, 1996), pp. 81-94. PACKET

Stein, Arthur, "Coordination and Collaboration: Regimes in an Anarchic World," *International Organization*, 36, 2 (Spring 1982), pp. 299-324. ON LINE

Mon., Oct. 9: Constructivism

Wendt, Alexander, "Constructing International Politics," *International Security*, 20, 1 (Summer 1995), pp. 71-81. ON LINE

Hurd, Ian, "Legitimacy and Authority in International Politics," *International Organization*, 53, 2 (1999), pp. 379-408. ON LINE

Wed., Oct. 11: Case Study I: The China Threat?

Gilpin, Robert, "The Theory of Hegemonic War," in Robert Rotberg and Theodore Rabb, eds. *The Origins and Prevention of Major War* (NY: Cambridge University Press, 1988), pp. 15-38. PACKET

Foot, Rosemary, "Chinese Strategies in a US-Hegemonic Global Order: accommodating and Hedging," *International Affairs*, 82, 1 (January 2006), pp. 77-94. ON LINE

Mon., Oct. 16: Case Study II: Collective Security? US-EU Relations

Kagan, Robert, "Power and Weakness," *Policy Review*, 113 (2002), pp. (20 pages). ON LINE.

Lindberg, Tod, "'We,'" *Policy Review* (2004/5), pp. 3+ (17 pages). ON LINE

Daalder, Ivo and James Goldgeier, "Global NATO," *Foreign Affairs* (Sept/Oct 2006), 5 pages. ON LINE

Wed., Oct 18: MIDTERM I

HIERARCHY IN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

Mon., Oct., 23: The Four Faces of Power

Gaventa, John, "Power and Participation," Chapter 1 in Gaventa, *Power and Powerlessness* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1980), pp. 3-32. PACKET

Nye, Joseph, "Soft Power and American Foreign Policy," *Political Science Quarterly*, 119, 2 (2004), pp. 255-270. ON LINE

Wed., Oct. 25: American Empire

Krauthammer, Charles, "The Unipolar Moment Revisited," *The National Interest* (Winter 2002/03), pp. 5-17. ON LINE

Snyder, Jack, "Imperial Temptations," *The National Interest*, 71 (2003), pp. 29-40. ON LINE

Cox, Michael, "Empire by Denial: The strange case of the United States," *International Affairs*, 81, 1 (2005), pp. 15-30. ON LINE

Mon., Oct. 30: Military Hierarchy and Nuclear Proliferation

Krause, Keith and Andrew Latham, "Constructing Non-Proliferation and Arms Control: The Norms of Western Practice," in Keith Krause, ed., *Culture and Security* (Portland, OR: Frank Cass, 1999), pp. 23-46. PACKET

Sariolghalam, Mahmood, "Understanding Iran: Getting Past Stereotypes and Mythology," *Washington Quarterly*, 26, 4 (2003), pp. 69-82. ON LINE

Sagan, Scott, "How to Keep the Bomb from Iran," *Foreign Affairs* (Sept/Oct 2006), 8 pages. ON LINE

Wed., Nov. 1: Economic Hierarchy and Third World Development

Thomas, Carolyn. "Poverty, Development and Hunger," in John Baylis and Steve Smith, eds. *The Globalization of World Politics*, 3rd ed. (NY: Oxford University Press, 2005), pp. 645-668. PACKET

Finnegan, William, "The Economics of Empire," *Harpers Magazine* (May 2003), pp. 41-54. ON LINE

Friedman, Thomas, "The Backlash," in Karen Mingst and Jack Snyder, eds. *Essential Readings in World Politics*, 2nd ed. (NY: W. W. Norton, 2004), pp. 471 – 476. PACKET

Mon., Nov 6: Cultural Imperialism and the Clash of Civilizations

Murden, Simon, "Culture in World Affairs," in John Baylis and Steve Smith, eds. *The Globalization of World Politics*, 3rd ed. (NY: Oxford University Press, 2005), pp. 539-553. PACKET

Rothkopf, David, "In Praise of Cultural Imperialism?" *Foreign Policy* (Summer 1997), pp. 38-52. ON LINE

Wed., Nov. 8: MIDTERM II

GOVERNANCE WITHOUT GOVERNMENT

Mon., Nov. 13: The Problem of Community in Anarchy

Murphy, Craig, "Global Governance: Poorly Done and Poorly Understood,"
International Affairs, 76, 4 (2000), pp. 789-803. ON LINE

Nussbaum, Martha, Patriotism and Cosmopolitanism, in Joshua Cohen, ed., *For
Love of Country: Debating the Limits of Patriotism* (MA: Beacon Press,
1996), pp. 2-17. PACKET

Wed., Nov. 15: International Law

Ku, Charlotte, "Global Governance and the Changing Face of International Law,"
ACUNS Reports and Papers, 2 (2000). PACKET

Kissinger, Henry, "The Pitfalls of Universal Jurisdiction," *Foreign Affairs*, 80, 4
(July/August 2001), pp. 86+ . PACKET

Roth, Kenneth, "Response: The Case for Universal Jurisdiction," *Foreign Affairs*,
80, 5 (Sept./Oct. 2001) pp. 150-154. ON LINE

Forsythe, David P. "The United States and International Criminal Justice,"
Human Rights Quarterly, 24 (2002), pp. 974-991. ON LINE

Mon., Nov 20: United Nations

Barnett, Michael, "Bringing in the New World Order: Liberalism, Legitimacy
and the United Nations," *World Politics*, 49, 4 (1997), pp. 526-551. ON
LINE

Glennon, Michael J., "Why the Security Council Failed," *Foreign Affairs*, 82, 3
(2003), pp. 16-35. ON LINE

Responses to Glennon by Edward Luck, Anne Marie Slaughter, and Ian Hurd,
Foreign Affairs, 82, 4 (2003), pp. 201-205. ON LINE

Wed., Nov. 22: NGO's and Global Civil Society

Mathews, Jessica T., "Power Shift," *Foreign Affairs*, 76, 1 (1997), pp. 50-66. ON
LINE

Kaldor, Mary, "The Idea of Global Civil Society," *International Affairs*, 79, 3
(2003), pp. 583-593. ON LINE

Robinson, Piers, "The CNN Effect," *Review of International Studies*, 25 (1999), pp. 301-310. ON LINE

Nye, Joseph, "Redefining the National Interest," *Foreign Affairs*, 78 (1999), pp. 22-35. ON LINE

Mon., Nov 27: Humanitarian Intervention

Finnemore, Martha, "Constructing Norms of Humanitarian Intervention," in Karen Mingst and Jack Snyder, eds. *Essential Readings in World Politics*, 2nd ed. (NY: W. W. Norton, 2004), pp. 102-118. PACKET

Evans, Gareth and Mohamed Sahnoun, "The Responsibility to Protect," *Foreign Affairs*, 81, 6 (Nov/Dec, 2002), pp. 99 (12 pages). ON LINE

Williams, Paul D and Alex J Bellamy, "The Responsibility to Protect and the Crisis in Darfur," *Security Dialogue*, 36, 1 (2005), pp. 27-47. ON LINE

Wed., Nov. 29: Terrorism

Cronin, Audrey Kurth, "Behind the Curve: Globalization and International Terrorism," *International Security*, 27, 3 (Winter 2002/3), pp. 30-58. ON LINE

Pape, Robert, "The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism," *American Political Science Review*, 97, 3 (August 2003), pp. 343-361. ON LINE

Krasner, Stephen, "The Day After," *Foreign Policy* (January/February, 2005), pp. 68-70. ON LINE

Wed., Dec. 6 FINAL EXAM: 11:30 a.m. – 1:18 p.m.