

POSC 6601: 701 Core Seminar in International Politics

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Wehr Physics 418

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OBJECTIVES: This core seminar provides a graduate-level introductory overview of the field of International Politics. Students will explore and be able to demonstrate a working understanding of the following: substantive issues in the field; major theoretical questions, perspectives and debates; and issues of methodology and interpretation of empirical findings.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS: The workload for this course is extensive. Regular attendance and participation are essential and expected. Students will complete the assigned readings before class and come prepared to discuss the readings. Preparation includes not only being able to identify and explain the main points of a given article but to have thought about the author's arguments, the relationships between the week's readings, and the relationships with earlier readings in the course. The course grade is based on a combination of critical reviews (30 percent), mid semester and final papers (50 percent), and class participation (20 percent).

Critical reviews: Students will prepare four critical review papers during the semester. Each paper will focus on a specific week's required readings. The class will be divided into two groups with each group writing review papers on alternating weeks. Week 14 is an optional review week and can be used to replace the lowest grade on a prior review paper.

Review papers will be six to seven double-spaced pages in length and will focus on any five authors of the week's assigned readings. Papers must be submitted to the class D2L dropbox by noon the day of class. Late papers will not be accepted so plan ahead. Reviews must be written in paragraph form and for each of the five selected authors briefly discuss: 1) the reading's puzzle/paradox and main argument; and 2) what you see as the reading's major strength and major weakness (one of each) and why. Examples of possible strengths and weaknesses can include: the nature and importance of the puzzle/paradox and argument; the logical consistency of assumptions, hypotheses, and argument; the appropriateness of illustration/test of argument; the author's interpretations of findings and the broader ramifications of the article for the field. Do not simply list the strength or weakness but justify your selection.

Midterm and Final Papers: Each student will write two 10-12 page papers, one due at mid-semester and one at the end of the semester. Topics will be handed out two weeks in advance. The papers will require no outside research and will require students to draw linkages across different weeks of the course. Papers must be submitted to the class D2L dropbox by 5:00 pm on the due date (Midterm paper due Thursday, March 5; Final paper due Friday, May 1). Late papers will be penalized one letter grade per hour so plan ahead.

Class Participation: Class participation will be based on contributions to class discussion. In addition to general participation, each week that the group is not writing a critical review its members will be responsible for presenting the basic issues and arguments in the readings to the class to start the discussion. All students will be expected to contribute to the subsequent class discussion. Given the length of each class period there will be plenty of opportunities for participation.

Academic Integrity: Academic integrity is an essential feature of university work. All students should familiarize themselves with Marquette's Academic Integrity policies as listed in the Graduate Bulletin. Plagiarism, including self-plagiarism of prior work for other courses, is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Words and ideas taken from course materials in your written work must include citation using (Author's last name year, p. #) at the end of the sentence. The material also must be bracketed by quotation marks if used word for word.

READINGS: There are no books required for purchase for the course. The required readings consist of journal articles and book chapters, many are classic works in the field while others are examples of more recent scholarship. All journal articles except where noted are available electronically through the MU Raynor Library website. Search for the journal title and then the volume and issue number to find and download the file. All books will be placed hard copy on library reserve (Ares password 6601S20). Where the book or journal article is not available through the MU library, the materials will be available on the D2L course website. If there are any problems with access to course materials please notify the instructor as soon as possible.

Those students without any undergraduate background in the substantive issues and theories of international relations (IR) are strongly encouraged to meet with the instructor and purchase an undergraduate International Politics textbook (such as that used for POSC 2601) and read the relevant sections during the course this.

The readings noted on the syllabus are only a small sample of the extensive literature available on the themes explored in the course. Students interested in pursuing further graduate work in International Politics are encouraged to explore works noted in the citations in the assigned readings, look at recent issues of the journals in this syllabus, as well as consult with the instructor and other faculty in the department.

COURSE OUTLINE AND READINGS:

Week 1: January 15: Introduction

Course basics. This session will not go the full period

Week 2: January 22: Field Overview

[No review; All students come prepared to discuss readings]

E.H. Carr, *The Twenty Years' Crisis* (London: Macmillan, 1939, 1946, 1954), Chapters 1-2 (pp. 1-21). On reserve and D2L

Quincy Wright, *The Study of International Relations* (New York: Appleton –Century-Crofts, 1955), Chapters 1-5 (pp. 3-43). On reserve and D2L

Miles Kahler, "Inventing International Relations: International Relations Theory after 1945," in *New Thinking in International Relations*, eds., Michael W. Doyle and G. John Ikenberry (Boulder: Westview Press, 1997), 20-53. On reserve and D2L

David Lake, "Theory is Dead, Long Live Theory: The End of the Great Debates and the Rise of Eclecticism in International Relations," *European Journal of International Relations* 19, 3 (September 2013): 567-587.

Amitav Acharya, "Global International Relations (IR) and Regional Worlds," *International Studies Quarterly* 58 (2014): 647-659.

Stephen M. Walt, "The Relationship between Theory and Policy in International Relations," *Annual Review of Political Science* 8 (2005): 23-48. On D2L

PART I: INTERNATIONAL SECURITY:

Week 3: January 29: Classics: Realism, the Interstate System, and War

[No Review; come prepared to discuss readings]

Hans Morgenthau, *Politics among Nations* (New York: Alfred Knopf, 1948), Chapters 1-3, 9-12 (pp. 13-49, 125-166) On reserve and D2L

George Kennan (X), "The Sources of Soviet Conduct," *Foreign Affairs* 25, 4 (July 1947): 566-582.

Kenneth Waltz, "The Stability of a Bipolar World," *Daedalus* 93, 3 (1964): 881-909. On D2L

Karl Deutsch and J. David Singer, "Multipolar Power Systems and International Stability," *World Politics* 16, 3 (1964): 390-406

Kenneth Waltz, *Theory of International Politics* (New York: Random House, 1979), Chapters 5-6. (pp. 79-128). On reserve and D2L

Robert Gilpin, *War and Change in World Politics* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1981), Chapter 1, (pp. 9-49), Chapter 5 (pp. 186-210). On reserve and PDF Online through MARQCAT

Week 4: February 5: Cold War: Security Dilemmas, Deterrence, and Rationality

[Group 1 review; Group 2 present]

Bernard Brodie, "The Anatomy of Deterrence," *World Politics* 11, 2 (January 1959): 173-191.

Thomas Schelling, *Arms and Influence* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1966), Chapter 1 (pp. 1-34). On reserve and D2L

Robert Jervis, "Cooperation under the Security Dilemma," *World Politics* 30, 2 (1978): 167-214.

John Lewis Gaddis, "The Long Peace: Elements of Stability in the Postwar International System," *International Security* 10, 4 (Spring 1986): 99-142.

Paul Huth and Bruce Russett, "Testing Deterrence Theory: Rigor Makes a Difference," *World Politics* 42, 4 (July 1990): 466-501.

Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, "The Contribution of Expected Utility Theory to the Study of International Conflict," *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 18, 4 (1988): 629-52.

Week 5: February 12: After the Cold War: Realism and Interstate Conflict

[Group 2 review; Group 1 present]

William Wohlforth, "Realism and the End of the Cold War," *International Security* 19, 3 (Winter 1994/95): 91-129

John Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* (New York: WW Norton, 2001), Chapter 2 (pp. 29-54). On reserve and D2L

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

William Wohlforth, "The Stability of a Unipolar World," *International Security* 24, 1 (1999): 5-41.

Robert Pape, "Soft Balancing Against the United States," *International Security* 30, 1 (Summer 2005): 7-45.

Randall Schweller and Xiaoyu Pu, "After Unipolarity: China's Vision of International Order in an Era of US Decline," *International Security* 36, 1 (Summer 2011): 41-72

Week 6: February 19: After the Cold War: Ethnic Civil Wars and Terrorism**[Group 1 review; Group 2 present]**

- Chaim Kaufmann, "Possible and Impossible Solutions to Ethnic Civil Wars," *International Security* 20, 4 (Spring 1996): 136-175.
- David A. Lake and Donald Rothchild, "Containing Fear: The Origins and Management of Ethnic Conflict," *International Security* 21, 2 (Autumn 1996): 41-75.
- Robert Pape, "The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism," *American Political Science Review* 97 (2003): 343-361.
- Andrew H. Kydd and Barbara F. Walter, "The Strategies of Terrorism," *International Security* 31, 1 (Summer 2006): 49-80
- Robert Trager and Dessislava Zagorcheva, "Deterring Terrorism: It Can Be Done," *International Security*, 30, 3 (2005/2006): 87-123.
- Virginia Page Fortna, "Do Terrorists Win? Rebels Use of Terrorism and Civil War Outcomes," *International Organization* 69, 3 (Summer 2015): 519-556.

Week 7: February 26: Liberalism and the Democratic Peace**[Group 2 review; Group 1 present]**

- Michael Doyle, "Liberalism and World Politics," *The American Political Science Review* 80, 4 (December 1986): 1151-69.
- John Owen, "How Liberalism Produces Democratic Peace," *International Security* 19, 2 (Fall 1994): 50-86.
- John Oneal, Bruce Russett, and Michael Berbaum, "Causes of Peace: Democracy, Interdependence, and International Organizations, 1885-1992," *International Studies Quarterly* 47, 3 (2003): 371-391.
- Christopher Layne, "Kant or Can't: The Myth of the Democratic Peace," *International Security* 19, 2 (1994): 5-49.
- Sebastian Rosato, "The Flawed Logic of Democratic Peace Theory," *American Political Science Review* 97, 4 (November 2003): 585-602.
- Edward Mansfield and Jack L. Snyder, "Democratic Transitions, Institutional Strength and War," *International Organization* 56, 2 (Spring 2002): 297-337.

Week 8: March 4: Rethinking Anarchy: International Society and Hierarchies**[No Review; come prepared to discuss readings]**

- Hedley Bull, *The Anarchical Society: A Study of Order in World Politics* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1977), Chapters 1-2 (pages 1-52). On reserve and D2L
- Alexander Wendt, "Anarchy is what States Make of It: The Social Construction of State Politics," *International Organization* 46, 2 (Spring 1992): 391-425.
- John M. Hobson and J.C. Sharman, "The Enduring Place of Hierarchy in World Politics: Tracing the Social Logics of Hierarchy and Political Change," *European Journal of International Relations* 11, 1(2005): 63-98
- David Lake, "Escape from the State of Nature: Authority and Hierarchy in World Politics," *International Security* 32 1 (Summer 2007): 47-79.
- Janice Bially Mattern and Ayse Zarakol, "Hierarchies in World Politics," *International Organization* 70, 3 (Summer 2016): 623-654.

March 5 (Thursday): Midterm paper due by 5:00 p.m. in class D2L Dropbox

March 11: Spring Break, no class

PART II: INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY

Week 9: March 18: Approaches to IPE: Overview

[No Review; come prepared to discuss readings]

- Susan Strange, "International Economics and International Relations: A Case of Mutual Neglect," *International Affairs* (Royal Institute of International Affairs) 46, 2 (April 1970): 304-315.
- Robert W. Cox, "Social Forces, States and World Orders: Beyond International Relations Theory," *Millennium-Journal of International Studies* 10, 2 (June 1981): 126-155. On D2L
- Robert Gilpin, "Three Ideologies of Political Economy," *The Political Economy of International Relations* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1987) Chapter 2 (pp. 25-64). On reserve and D2L
- Craig N. Murphy and Douglas R. Nelson, "International political economy: A tale of two heterodoxies," *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 3, 3 (October 2001): 393-412.
- Benjamin J. Cohen, "The Transatlantic Divide: Why are American and British IPE so Different?" *Review of International Political Economy* 14, 2 (2007): 197-219.
- David Lake, "Open Economy Politics: A Critical Review," *The Review of International Organizations* 4, 3 (September 2009): 219-244.

Week 10: March 25: (In)stability in International Trade and Financial Systems

[Group 1 review; Group 2 present]

- Robert Gilpin, "The Politics of Transnational Economic Relations," *International Organization* 25, 3 (Summer 1971): 398-419.
- Stephen Krasner, "State Power and the Structure of International Trade," *World Politics* 28, 3 (April 1978): 317-43.
- David A. Lake, "Beneath the Commerce of Nations: A Theory of International Economic Structures," *International Studies Quarterly* 28, 2 (1984): 143-170.
- John Ruggie, "International Regimes, Transactions and Change: Embedded Liberalism in the Postwar Economic Order," *International Organization* 36, 2 (Spring 1982): 379-415
- Robert Keohane, *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy*, (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1984), Chapters 3, 8, 9 (pp. 31-46, 135-216). On reserve
- Susan Strange, "The Persistent Myth of Lost Hegemony," *International Organization* 41 (Autumn 1987): 551-74.

Week 11: April 1: Domestic Sources of Foreign Economic Policies

[Group 2 review; Group 1 present]

- Peter Gourevitch, "International Trade, Domestic Coalitions, and Liberty: Comparative Responses to the Crisis of 1873-1896," *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 8, 2 (Autumn, 1977): 281-313.
- Stephen D. Krasner, "U.S. Commercial and Monetary Policy: Unraveling the Paradox of External Strength and Internal Weakness," *International Organization* 31, 4 (Autumn 1977): 635-671.
- Robert Putnam, "Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two-Level Games," *International Organization*, 42 (1988): 427-60.
- William Bernhard and David LeBlang, "Democratic Institutions and Exchange Rate Commitments," *International Organization* 53, 1 (Winter 1999): 71-97.
- Michael Hiscox, "Class versus Industry Cleavages: Inter-Industry Factor Mobility and the Politics of Trade," *International Organization* 55, 1 (Winter 2001): 1-46.
- David Bearce, "Societal Preferences, Partisan Agents, and Monetary Policy Outcomes," *International Organization* 57 2 (Spring 2003): 373-410.

Week 12: April 8: Development**[Group 1 review; Group 2 present]**

- W.W. Rostow, "The Stages of Economic Growth," *The Economic History Review* 12, 1 (1959): 1-16.
- Andre Gunder Frank, "The Development of Underdevelopment," *Monthly Review* 18, 4 (September 1966): 17-31
- Theotonio Dos Santos, "The Structure of Dependence," *American Economic Review* 60, 2 (May 1970): 231-236.
- Immanuel Wallerstein, "The Rise and Demise of the World Capitalist System," *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 16, 4 (September 1974): 387-415.
- Amartya Sen, "The Ends and Means of Development," *Development as Freedom* (London: Oxford University Press, 1999), 35-53. On Reserve.
- Richard F. Doner, Brian K. Ritchie, and Dan Slater, "Systemic Vulnerability and the Origins of Developmental States: Northeast and Southeast Asia in Comparative Perspective," *International Organization* 59, 2 (April 2005): 327-61.

Week 13: April 15: Globalization**[Group 2 review; Group 1 present]**

- Stephen R. Gill and David Law, "Global Hegemony and the Structural Power of Capital," *International Studies Quarterly* 33, 4 (December 1989): 475-499.
- Susan Strange, *The Retreat of the State: The Diffusion of Power in the World Economy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996), Chapters 4-5 (pp. 44-87). On reserve and D2L
- Samir Amin, "The Challenge of Globalization," *Review of International Political Economy* 3, 2 (Summer 1996): 216-259.
- Philip G. Cerny, "Globalization and the Changing Logic of Collective Action," *International Organization* 49, 4 (Autumn 1995): 595-625.
- Eric Helleiner, "Explaining the Globalization of Global Finance: Bringing the State Back In," *Review of International Political Economy* 2, 2 (Spring 1995): 315-341.
- Robert Keohane and Joseph Nye, "Globalization: What's New? What's Not? (And So What?)," *Foreign Policy* 118 (Spring 2000): 104-119

Week 14: April 22: Backlash to Integration**[No Review [review optional: Kuttner excluded from review]; come prepared to discuss readings]**

- Stanley Hoffmann. "Obstinate or Obsolete? The Fate of the Nation State and the Case of Western Europe." *Daedalus, Journal of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences*, 95 (3) (1966): 862-915. On D2L
- Robert W. Cox. "Gramsci, Hegemony and International Relations: An Essay in Method," *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, 12, 2 (1983): 162-175. On D2L
- Robert Kuttner, "Karl Polanyi Explains It All," *The American Prospect* 25, 3 (2014): 70-75. On D2L
- Brian Burgoon, "Globalization and Backlash: Polanyi's Revenge?" *Review of International Political Economy* 16, 2 (May 2009): 145-177. On D2L
- Yotam Margalit, "Lost in Globalization: International Economic Integration and the Sources of Popular Discontent" *International Studies Quarterly* 56, 3 (2012): 484-500.
- G. John Ikenberry, "The End of the Liberal Order?" *International Affairs* 94 (January 2018): 7-23. On D2L

Week 15: April 29: Individuals, Behavior, and Change
[No Review; come prepared to discuss readings]

- Graham Allison, "Conceptual Models and the Cuban Missile Crisis," *The American Political Science Review* 63, 3 (September 1969): 689-718.
- Stephen D. Krasner, "Are Bureaucracies Important? (Or Allison Wonderland)," *Foreign Policy* 7 (Summer 1972): 159-179
- Daniel Byman and Kenneth Pollack, "Let Us Now Praise Great Men. Bringing the Statesman Back in," *International Security* 25, 1 (Spring 2001): 107-146
- Jonathan Mercer, "Emotional Beliefs," *International Organization* 64, 1 (Winter 2010): 1-31.
- Elizabeth Saunders, "No Substitute for Experience: Presidents, Advisers, and Information in Group Decision Making," *International Organization* 71 (Supplement 2017): S219-S247.
- Emilie Hafner-Burton, et al., "The Behavioral Revolution and International Relations," *International Organization* 71 (Supplement 2017): S1-S31.

May 1 (Friday): Final Paper due by 5:00 p.m. in class D2L Dropbox.