

NS 3024

INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Fall 2002

Instructors

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Course Description

This course introduces students to representative and important theoretical approaches in the field of international relations. The course aims to give students a greater ability to (1) look at world affairs from alternative perspectives and (2) assess the validity of contending hypotheses about the behavior of international actors. All the readings listed on this syllabus are required. You must come to class prepared to discuss them (i.e. keep up with the readings or you will be hopelessly lost).

Evaluation

Participation in Class Discussion	20%
Mid-term Exam	30%
Final Exam	50%

Books to Purchase

There are two required books, available to purchase at the Navy Exchange:

1. Robert Axelrod, *The Evolution of Cooperation* (Basic Books, 1984).
2. T.V. Paul and John A. Hall (eds.), *International Order and the Future of World Politics* (Cambridge University Press, 1999).

Most readings are not from these books, but are instead individual articles or book chapters from other publications. All these readings are available in xerox form in binders on reserve at Dudley Knox Library. All the xeroxed items are required readings. There are also copies of the 2 books available for purchase on reserve at the library.

PART I: INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM AND I.R. THEORY

Meeting 1 - Mon., Sept. 30: Organizational Session, No Assigned Readings

Meeting 2 - Wed., Oct. 2: Nationalism and the Current State System

- K.J. Holsti, *International Politics*, Prentice Hall, 1992, pp. 46-66.
- K. Nossal, *The Patterns of World Politics*, Prentice Hall, 1998, pp. 284-315.

Meeting 3 - Mon., Oct. 7: The Actors: States, Non-State Actors, and Possible Challenges to the State System

- J. Spanier and D. Wendzel, *Games Nations Play*, CQ Press, 1996, pp. 43-75.
- M. Mann, “Has Globalization Ended the Rise and Rise of the Nation-State?” in Paul and Hall (eds.), *International Order*, pp. 237-61.
- K.J. Holsti, “The Coming Chaos?” in Paul and Hall, *International Order*, pp. 283-310.

Meeting 4 - Wed., Oct. 9: Reasons for Theory, the Level of Analysis Issue, and an Overview of I.R. Theory

- P. Feaver, “The Theory-Policy Debate in Political Science and Nuclear Proliferation,” *National Security Studies Quarterly*, Summer 1999.
- J.D. Singer, “The Level of Analysis Problem in International Relations,” *World Politics*, October 1961.
- M. Kahler, “Inventing International Relations: IR Theory After 1945,” in M. Doyle and J. Ikenberry (eds.), *New Thinking in International Relations Theory*, Westview Press, 1997, pp. 20-53.
- Hall and Paul, “Introduction,” in Paul and Hall (eds.), *International Order*, pp. 1-15.

Mon., Oct. 14 – Columbus Day, No Class Meeting

PART II: REALISM

Meeting 5 - Wed., Oct. 16: Power and Influence

- K.J. Holsti, *International Politics*, Prentice Hall, 1992, pp. 116-31.
- J. Hart, “Three Approaches to the Measurement of Power in International Relations,” *International Organization*, Spring 1976, pp. 289-305.

Meeting 6 - Mon., Oct. 21: Classical Realism and the National Interest

- H. Morgenthau, “A Realist Theory of International Politics,” *Politics Among Nations*, brief edition (revised by Kenneth Thompson, McGraw-Hill, 1985; chapter originally drafted for 2nd ed., 1954), ch. 1.
- A.L. George and R. Keohane, “The Concept of National Interest: Uses and Limitations,” in A.L. George, *Presidential Decisionmaking in Foreign Policy*, Westview, 1980, ch. 13.

Meeting 7 - Wed., Oct. 23: Anarchy, the Security Dilemma, and Origins of Neo-Realism

- R. Jervis, “Cooperation Under the Security Dilemma,” *World Politics*, January 1978.
- K. Waltz, “Anarchic Orders and Balances of Power,” in R. Keohane (ed.), *Neorealism and Its Critics*, Columbia University Press, 1986, ch. 5 [reprinted from Waltz, *Theory of International Politics*, 1979, ch. 6].

Meeting 8 - Mon., Oct. 28: Further Thoughts on the Balance of Power

- S. Walt, “Alliance Formation and the Balance of World Power,” *International Security*, Spring 1985, pp. 3-43.
- T.V. Paul, “The Enduring Axioms of Balance of Power Theory and their Contemporary Relevance,” paper presented to the American Political Science Association annual meeting, August 2002.

Meeting 9 - Wed., Oct. 30: Varieties of Realism: Offensive, Defensive and Neoclassical Realism

- R. Gilpin, *War and Change in World Politics*, Cambridge University Press, 1981, pp. 1-49.
- G. Rose, “Neoclassical Realism and Theories of Foreign Policy,” *World Politics*, Oct. 1998, pp. 44-72.

Meeting 10 - Mon., Nov. 4: Criticisms of Realism

- R. Keohane, “Theory of World Politics: Structural Realism and Beyond,” in Keohane (ed.), *Neorealism and Its Critics*, ch. 7 (reprinted from A. Finifter, ed., *Political Science: The State of the Discipline*, 1983).
- R.N. Lebow, “The Long Peace, the End of the Cold War, and the Failure of Realism,” in Lebow and Thomas Risse-Kappan (eds.), *International Relations Theory and the End of the Cold War*, Columbia, 1995.

PART III: MORAL JUDGMENT IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**Meeting 11 - Wed., Nov. 6:** Ethics and Morality in I.R.

- B. Russett, H. Starr and D. Kinsella, *World Politics: The Menu for Choice*, 6th edition, St. Martin’s Press, 2000, pp. 251-69.
- G. Kennan, “Morality and Foreign Policy,” *Foreign Affairs*, Winter 1985/86, pp. 205-18.
- M. Cohen, “Moral Skepticism and International Relations,” *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, Fall 1984, pp. 299-345.

Mon., Nov. 11: Veteran’s Day, No Class Meeting

PART IV: LIBERALISM

Meeting 12 - Wed., Nov. 13: Varieties of Liberalism, Interdependence, and Origins of Neoliberalism

- M. Zacher and R. Matthew, “Liberal International Theory,” in C. Kegley (ed.), *Controversies in International Relations Theory*, St. Martins, 1995, pp. 117-139.
- R. Keohane and J. Nye, *Power and Interdependence*, 2nd Edition, Harper-Collins, 1989, Ch. 1-2.

Meeting 13 - Mon., Nov. 18: Cooperation Theory

- R. Axelrod, *The Evolution of Cooperation*, chaps. 1-4, 7, 9

Meeting 14 - Wed., Nov. 20: Liberal Institutionalism and Its Critics

- S. Krasner, “Structural Causes and Regime Consequences: Regimes as Intervening Variables,” in Krasner, (ed.), *International Regimes*, Cornell, 1983.
- L. Martin, “An Institutional View: International Institutions and State Strategies,” in Paul and Hall (eds.), *International Order*, pp. 78-98.
- J. Grieco, “Anarchy and the Limits of Cooperation,” *International Organization*, Summer 1988.

Meeting 15 - Mon., Nov. 25: Alternative Approaches: Constructivism and Others

- M. Finnemore, “Defining State Interests,” *National Interests in International Society*, Cornell, 1996, ch. 1.
- A. Wendt, “Anarchy is What States Make of It: The Social Construction of Power Politics,” *International Organization*, Spring 1992.
- S. Smith, “The Truth is Out There: Eight Questions about International Order,” in Paul and Hall (eds.), *International Order*, pp. 99-120.

PART V: SUB-SYSTEMIC LEVEL APPROACHES

Meeting 16 - Wed., Nov. 27: Democratic Peace

- B. Russett, *Grasping the Democratic Peace*, Princeton, 1995, ch. 1-2.
- M. Doyle, “A Liberal View: Preserving and Expanding the Liberal Pacific Union,” in Paul and Hall (eds.), *International Order*, pp. 41-66.

Meeting 17 - Mon., Dec. 2: Domestic Structure and Two-Level Games

- S. Krasner, “Policy making in a Weak State,” *Defending the National Interest: Raw Materials Investments and U.S. Foreign Policy*, Princeton, 1978, pp. 55-70 only.
- P. Gourevitch, “The Second Image Reversed: The International Sources of Domestic Politics,” *International Organization*, Autumn 1978, read only Part Two, pp. 900-907.
- R. Putnam, “Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two-Level Games” *International Organization*, Summer 1988.

Meeting 18 - Wed., Dec. 4: Bureaucratic Politics

- G. Allison, “Conceptual Models and the Cuban Missile Crisis,” *American Political Science Review*, September, 1969, as reprinted in G.J. Ikenberry, *American Foreign Policy: Theoretical Essays*, 2nd ed., Harper-Collins, 1996.
- D. Welch, “The Organizational Process and Bureaucratic Politics Paradigms: Retrospect and Prospect,” *International Security*, Fall 1992.

Meeting 19 - Mon., Dec. 9: Decision-Maker Level I: Cognitive Approaches

- A.L. George, *Presidential Decisionmaking in Foreign Policy*, Westview, 1980, pp. 25-28, 39-80.
- J. Rosati, “The Power of Human Cognition in the Study of World Politics,” *International Studies Review*, Fall 2000.

Meeting 20 - Wed., Dec. 11: Decision-Maker Level II: Motivational Approaches and Prospect Theory

- R.N. Lebow, “Cognitive Closure and Crisis Politics,” *Between Peace and War*, Johns Hopkins, 1981, pp. 101-119
- J. Levy, “Loss Aversion, Framing, and Bargaining: The Implications of Prospect Theory for International Conflict,” *International Political Science Review*, April 1996, pp. 177-93.