

POL 445

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

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This class addresses fundamental questions of *International Security*. What are the causes of war? What are possible paths to peace? How do state, sub-state and non-state-actors use violence or the threat of it? How has U.S. Grand Strategy evolved over the past century? What are momentarily the most pressing national security challenges? What tools exist to counter these challenges?

This course will meet weekly as a seminar, with discussions initiated by students. Before each class (excluding the first class on March 27), two short (500 word) student-authored discussion papers will be circulated in addition to a longer (1000 word) book review. All discussion papers and book reviews are not to be descriptions of the readings. Instead they are to raise questions and criticisms and draw connections and comparisons with readings in other weeks. The authors will circulate their papers at least 24h before the class starts and present the papers at the beginning of the class.

In addition to the discussion papers and book reviews, each student will write a “foreign affairs-style” paper (max. 10pp) to be submitted on Dean’s Day (June 10, 2017). The paper should address a question of current security concern. It should be theoretically interesting but also written in a way that is appealing to an informed mass audience. Students are highly encouraged to submit their papers to *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy* or an equivalent journal for publication.

Evaluations of student performance in the seminar will depend on evaluations of the book reviews, discussion papers, general participation in class discussion, as well as on the “foreign-affairs” papers. Discussion papers and oral participation will count for 40%, book reviews for 20% and final papers for 40% of the final grade.

The grade key for the class is as follows:

- A = Excellent performance, indicative of high potential to succeed in Ph.D. program
- A- = Very good performance
- B+ = Solid Performance
- B = Satisfactory. Identifiable problems.
- B- = Performance raises serious questions about student’s potential to succeed in Ph.D. program
- C+ = Poor performance

All book chapters are on Blackboard. Articles need to be downloaded from JSTOR etc.

CLASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY 3/27

INTRODUCTION: THE CAUSES OF WAR

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

Jonathan Kirshner, "Rational Explanation for War?" *Security Studies*, Vol. 10, No. 1 (Autumn 2000), pp. 143-150.

Eric Gartzke, "War is in the Error Term," *International Organization*, 53, 3 (Summer 1999), pp. 567-587.

Mark Moyar, "The World Fears Trump's America. That's a Good Thing." NYT
https://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/09/opinion/the-world-fears-trumps-america-thats-a-good-thing.html?_r=0

MONDAY 4/3

WWI & WW2

Jack Snyder, *Myths of Empire: Domestic Politics and International Ambition*, (Ithaca: Cornell Univ. Press, 1992), ch 3.

Stephen Van Evera, "The Cult of the Offensive and the Origins of the First World War," *International Security*, Vol. 9, No. 1 (Summer 1984).

Jeffrey Legro, "Military Culture and Inadvertent Escalation in World War II," *International Security*, Vol. 18, No. 4, pp. 108-142.

William Wohlforth, "The Perception of Power: Russia in the Pre-1914 Balance," *World Politics*, 39:3 (April 1987).

Wilhelm Deist, "The Road to Ideological War: Germany, 1918-1945," in *The Making of Strategy*, pp. 380-392

Scott D. Sagan, "The Origins of the Pacific War," *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 18:4 (Spring 1988), pp. 893-914

MONDAY 4/10

THE COLD WAR

Friedberg, Aaron L. "Why Didn't the United States Become a Garrison State?" *International Security* (1992): 109-142.

Stephen G. Brooks and William C. Wohlforth, "Power, Globalization and the End of the Cold War: Reevaluating a Landmark Case for Ideas," *International Security*, (Winter 2000/2001), pp.5-53.

Robert English, "The Sociology of New Thinking: Elites, Identity Change, and the End of the Cold War," *Journal of Cold War Studies* 7 (2) 2005, pp. 43-80.

Shiffrinson, Joshua R. Itzkowitz. "Deal or no deal? The end of the cold war and the US offer to limit NATO expansion." *International Security* 40.4 (2016): 7-44.

MONDAY 4/17

TERRORISM

Kydd, Andrew H., and Barbara F. Walter. "The Strategies of Terrorism." *International Security* Vol. 31, No.1, (2006), pp. 49-80.

Jeff Victoroff, "The Mind of the Terrorist: A Review and Critique of Psychological Approaches," *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol. 49, No. 1 (2005) pp. 3-42

Jason Lyall, Graeme Blair and Kosuke Imai, "Explaining Support for Combatants during Wartime: A Survey Experiment in Afghanistan," *American Political Science Review* 107, (2013), pp. 679-705.

Jason Lyall and I. Wilson, "Rage Against the Machines: Explaining Outcomes in Counterinsurgency Wars," *International Organization* (2009).

MONDAY 4/24

MILITARY INTERVENTIONS

Chaim Kaufmann, "Threat Inflation and the Failure of the Marketplace of Ideas: The Selling of the Iraq War," *International Security* 29.1 (2004): 5-48.

Saunders, Elizabeth N. "War and the inner circle: Democratic elites and the politics of using force." *Security Studies* 24.3 (2015): 466-501.

Marina E. Henke, "Why did France intervene in Mali? Examining the role of *Intervention Entrepreneurs*," manuscript.

Yuen Foong Khong, "The Lessons of Korea and the Vietnam Decisions of 1965", in George Breslauer and Philip Tetlock, *Learning in US and Soviet Foreign Policy* (1991), 302-334, 336-344.

Leslie Gelb, "Vietnam: The System Worked," *Foreign Policy* 3 (Summer 1971), 140-67.

MONDAY 5/1

MAINTAINING PEACE

Severine Autesserre, "Hobbes and the Congo: frames, local violence, and international intervention." *International Organization* (2009): 249-280.

Page Fortna, *Does Peacekeeping Work?* (2008), pp. 76-103.

David A. Lake, *The Statebuilder's Dilemma* (2016), pp. 1-22. (scan chapter on Iraq)

Monica Duffy Toft, "Ending Civil Wars: A Case For Rebel Victory?" *International Security*

34.4 (2010), pp. 7-36.

Marina E. Henke, "Who is keeping the peace? Process in Agency in Raising a Peacekeeping Force," manuscript.

Lise Morjé Howard and Anjali Kaushlesh Dayal. "The Use of Force in UN Peacekeeping." *International Organization* (2018).

MONDAY 5/8

NUCLEAR WEAPONS

War and Society talk by Professor Vipin Narang (MIT) at 12-1:30pm

Sagan, Scott D. "Why Do States Build Nuclear Weapons?: Three Models in Search of a Bomb." *International Security* 21.3 (1996), pp. 54-86.

Narang, Vipin. "Strategies of Nuclear Proliferation: How States Pursue the Bomb." *International Security*, vol. 41 no. 3, 2016, pp. 110-150.

Thomas Schelling, "The Manipulation of Risk," in *Arms and Influence* (1966), p.94 (bottom of page "There is just no foreseeable route ...") to p.105 (top of page).

Fuhrmann, Matthew. 2009. "Spreading Temptation: Proliferation and Peaceful Nuclear Cooperation Agreements," *International Security* 34 (1): 7-41.

Miller, Nicholas L. "The Secret Success of Nonproliferation Sanctions." *International Organization*, 68.04 (2014): 913-944.

MONDAY 5/15

CHINA

Aaron L. Friedberg, "The Future of U.S.-China Relations: Is Conflict Inevitable?" *International Security*, Vol. 30, No. 2 (Fall 2005), pp. 7-45.

Thomas J. Christensen, "Fostering Stability or Creating a Monster: China's Rise and U.S. Strategy Toward East Asia," *International Security* Vol. 31, No. 1 (Summer 2006)

Goldstein, Avery. "First things first: the pressing danger of crisis instability in US-China relations." *International Security* 37.4 (2013): 49-89.

David Shambaugh, "China Engages Asia: Reshaping the Regional Order," *International Security*, Vol. 29, No. 3 (Winter 2004/2005), pp. 78-85.

MONDAY 5/22

AMERICA IN TIMES OF RESTRAINT

Brooks, Stephen G., G. John Ikenberry, and William C. Wohlforth. "Don't come home, America: The case against retrenchment." *International Security* (2012).

Gholz, Eugene, Daryl G. Press, and Harvey M. Sapolsky. "Come home, America: The strategy of restraint in the face of temptation." *International Security* 21.4 (1997): 5-48.

Barry Posen, *Restraint* (2014), pp.87-127 ("Implementing restraint in key regions" to "A Change of U.S. Policy").