

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT

GOV. 5

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

10 (MWF 10:00-11:05 x-period: Th 12:00-12:50)

2 (MWF 1:45-2:50 x-period: Th 1:00-1:50)

Fall 2012

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office hrs: x periods

Description: This course is an introduction to the study of politics among states and other actors on the world stage. Its purpose is to help you develop the analytical skills and knowledge you need to think critically about international affairs. You will be introduced to the methods and models of international relations theory, quantitative and qualitative data about modern international politics, and critical aspects of contemporary statecraft. The course begins with a review of the main theories for understanding and explaining international relations. It then seeks to help you use these theories to analyze the major substantive areas of international relations: international security (war & peace); international organization and law; foreign policy analysis; and the global economy. The course features an intensive simulation exercise designed to explore seemingly abstract theoretical propositions about international relations in an intense interactive setting. The last section of the course addresses salient current issues such as the global environment, human rights, humanitarian intervention, and the future of U.S. grand strategy.

Learning Goals: The larger purpose of the course is to help you become a more sophisticated, knowledgeable and critical thinker about international relations. Beyond the basic but important goal of conveying basic information about international relations (e.g., how the UN Security Council or the World Trade Organization works), the course aims to:

1. Enhance your understanding of the big questions in the study of international politics. Why do actors go to war instead of resolving their differences peacefully? Why don't states and other international actors cooperate to solve common problems when it appears clearly in their interest to do so?
2. Enhance your ability to think in the abstract i.e. theoretically.
3. Sharpen your reading skills. The goal of your reading should not be to finish the article or the chapter. Instead it should be to prepare yourself to think critically and originally about the questions, theoretical claims, evidence, and implications of the material you have read.
4. Practice generating implications (theoretical, empirical, policy) from theoretical priors/concepts.
5. Enhance your understanding of how to use data to test conjectures about how international politics works.

Requirements: Major course exercises will count toward your grade as follows:

•Two in-class exams	60% (2@30% ea.)
•In-class quizzes	5%
•Final take-home essay	35%
•Simulation	(see text below)

Exams will draw in roughly equal parts from readings and lectures. In-class exams will be given on **Friday Oct. 5** and **Monday Nov. 5**

Quizzes: Attendance in class is mandatory. In order to encourage attendance and timely completion of the reading assignments, there will be a number of short unannounced quizzes based on the readings. These quizzes have been designed so that most students who have completed the reading should receive full credit (in other words, the quizzes will be very easy if you did the reading but close to impossible if you have not).

Short paper: A hard copy of the final take home exercise is due to the Government Dept. Office (211 Silsby) by **4 PM on the day the Registrar designates for this course's final exam**

Simulation: All students are required to participate in an intensive international crisis simulation focusing on the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (**with a special meeting on Saturday, October 27**). As part of the simulation, each student will be required to produce a brief (750-word) memorandum on a topic to be assigned. Failure to participate fully in the simulation will result in a deduction of up to 15 percentage points from your final course grade. Extraordinary participation may be rewarded by an increase in your final grade of up to 5 percentage points. Students who cannot participate in the simulation must notify me at least 2 weeks in advance and will receive an alternate assignment.

Readings: All readings are available on-line in PDF format through the course web page (blackboard) under the "course materials" button.

Course Policies: Make-up exams or extensions will not be granted except in case of emergency and in all cases require a note from your class Dean and/or from Dick's House. Late work will be penalized.

If you have a religious observance that conflicts with your participation in this course, please contact me before the end of the second week to discuss appropriate accommodations. If you have a registered disability and require accommodations, please contact me immediately so that we may discuss them.

All students are responsible for understanding Dartmouth's academic integrity rules. These rules and principles can be reviewed at:
<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~reg/regulations/undergrad/acad-honor.html>
and <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~sources/>

Schedule

Mon (10 Sept.) The State of the World & the Problem of Cooperation; Syllabus Review; Form groups.

- Kofi Annan, "Problems Without Passports," *Foreign Policy*, September-October 2002, pp. 28-31.

SECTION 1 THEORETICAL FOUNDATIONS

Wed. (12) Sept IR as a social science; levels of analysis

- Chris Wright, "What Chimps Can Tell Us about War with Iraq," *The Providence Phoenix*, July 16, 2003 (2 pages).
- Kenneth N. Waltz, *Man, The State, and War* (New York, 1954), ch. 1.
- Stephen M. Walt, "International Relations: One World, Many Theories," *Foreign Policy*; Spring 1998, pp. 30-44.
- Jack Snyder, "One World Rival Theories," *Foreign Policy*; November/December 2004, pp. 53-62.

Fri (14 Sept.) **No class**

Mon 17 Sept. The concept of power, illustrated with a Short History of 20th c. International Relations

- Joseph S. Nye, Jr. "Limits of American Power," *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 117, No. 4. (Winter, 2002-2003), pp. 545-559.
- (RESERVE) Pastor, *A Century's Journey*. Read intro, your country's chapter, and conclusion.

Wed. (19 Sept.) Realism

- Thomas Hobbes, "The State of Nature and the State of War," in Richard K. Betts, ed., *Conflict after the Cold War: Arguments on the Causes of War and Peace* (New York: Longman Press, 2002), pp. 47-50.

- Kenneth Waltz, “Political Structures” and “Anarchic Orders and Balances of Power,” in Karen Mingst and Jack Snyder, eds., *Essential Readings in World Politics* (New York: Norton, 2001), pp. 70-90.
- John J. Mearsheimer, “Anarchy and the Struggle for Power,” in *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* (New York: W.W. Norton, 2001), pp. 29-54.
- Thucydides, “The Melian Dialogue,” in Richard K. Betts, ed., *Conflict after the Cold War: Arguments on the Causes of War and Peace* (New York: Longman Press, 2002), pp. 37-41.

Thurs (20 Sept)

Liberalism **X-Hr.** (making up for Fri. 14 Sept.)

- Immanuel Kant, “Perpetual Peace,” in Richard K. Betts, ed., *Conflict after the Cold War: Arguments on the Causes of War and Peace* (New York: Longman Press, 2002), pp. 103-109.
- D. L. Rousseau and T. C. Walker “Liberalism,” in Cavelty and Mauer, eds., *Routledge Handbook of Security Studies* pp. 21-25.
- John Mearsheimer “The False Promise of International Institutions,” *International Security*, vol. 19, no. 3 (Winter 1994/95), Read p. 5 to top of p. 9, middle of p.13 to bottom of p. 21, and pp. 47-49.
- Robert Keohane and Lisa Martin, “The Promise of Institutional Theory,” *International Security*, vol. 20, no. 1 (Summer 1995), pp. 39-51.

Fri. (21 Sept.)

Constructivism

- Alexander Wendt, “Anarchy is What States Make of It,” in Robert J. Art and Robert Jervis eds., *International Politics* (New York: Addison Wesley, 2003), pp. 73-80.
- Margaret Mead, “Warfare is Only an Invention, Not a Biological Necessity,” in Richard K. Betts, ed., *Conflict after the Cold War: Arguments on the Causes of War and Peace* (New York: Longman Press, 2002), pp. 165-169.
- Michael Luo, “Excuse Me. May I Have Your Seat?” *New York Times*, September 14, 2004.
- Nina Tannenwald, “Stigmatizing the Bomb,” *International Security* (Spring 2005), read p. 5 to bottom of p. 27, p. 33 to mid 36, and p. 42 to top of p. 45.

SECTION II

IR TODAY: THE MAJOR SUBJECT AREAS

Mon. (24 Sept.)

International Security 1: Mega-Trends and Theories

1. Trends in Warfare

• J. Goldstein, “Think Again: War” *Foreign Policy*

2. System Structure & War

• John J. Mearsheimer, “The Causes of Great Power War,” in *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* (New York: W.W. Norton, 2001), pp. 334-359. (NOTE: SKIM PAGES 347-356)

• Robert Gilpin, *War and Change in World Politics*, (Cambridge, 1981) pp. 3-25

Wed. (26 Sept.)

International Security 2: More Finely-Grained Theories

1. The Security Dilemma and the Offense-Defense Balance

• R. Jervis, “Offense-Defense and the Security Dilemma,” in Art and Jervis, eds., *International Politics*.

2. The Bargaining Model of War

• D. Reiter, “Exploring the Bargaining Model of War,” *Perspectives on Politics*, Mar., 2003), READ ONLY pp. 28-32.

• Barbara F. Walter, “Bargaining Failures and Civil War,” *Ann. Rev. Pol. Sci.* 2009, pp. 245-52.

Fri. (28 Sept.)

International Security 3: Domestic Institutions & War

• Bruce Russett, “The Fact of the Democratic Peace,” in Michael Brown, ed., *Debating the Democratic Peace* (Cambridge: MIT Press, 1996), pp. 58-81.

• Ivo Daalder and James Lindsay, “Democracies of the World, Unite,” *The American Interest* (Jan/Feb 2007)

- Mon. (1 Oct.) International Security 4: Great Powers
- John Mearsheimer, “Great Power Politics in the 21st Century,” *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* (New York: W.W. Norton, 2001), pp. 360-402.
 - John Mueller, *Retreat from Doomsday*. Read chapter 1 (“History’s Greatest Non-Event”) as well as the two brief sections before it (“Forward to the 1996 Printing;” and “Preface to the Paperback Edition”).
- Wed. (3 Oct.) International Security 5: ‘Ethnic’ and Civil Wars
- Steven R. David, “The Primacy of Internal War,” in Stephanie Neuman, ed., *International Relations Theory and the Third World* (New York: St. Martin’s Press, 1998), pp. 79-101.
 - Barbara F. Walter, “Bargaining Failures and Civil War,” *Ann. Rev. Pol. Sci.* 2009, pp. 252-59.
- Fri. (5 Oct.) **EXAM 1: Covers all material up to and including 3 Oct.**
- Mon. (8 Oct.) Foreign Policy & Decision-Making
- Graham T. Allison and Philip Zelikow, *Essence of Decision*, 2nd ed. (Addison-Wesley) chap. 1
 - Scott Plous, *The Psychology of Judgment and Decision Making* (McGraw-Hill), chaps. 10-16
- Wed. (10 Oct.) International Law
- Anthony Clark Arend, *Legal Rules and International Society* (Oxford: 1999): pp. 26-35; 41-62; 137-40.
 - Martha Finnemore, “Constructing Norms of Humanitarian Intervention,” in Richard K. Betts, ed., *Conflict after the Cold War: Arguments on the Causes of War and Peace* (New York: Longman Press, 2002), pp. 191-205.
 - Henry Kissinger, “The Pitfalls of Universal Jurisdiction,” and
 - Kenneth Roth, “The Case for Universal Jurisdiction,” both in Karen Mingst and Jack Snyder, eds., *Essential Readings in World Politics* 2nd ed. (New York: Norton, 2004).

Fri (12 Oct.)	No Class
Mon. (15 Oct)	<p>International Political Economy (“IPE”) 1: Trade GUEST PROF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Douglas Irwin, <i>Free Trade Under Fire</i> (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2002), pp. 21-48 (skim pp. 48-69). • Robert Gilpin, <i>The Challenge of Global Capitalism</i> Read Chapter 2, but skip from mid p. 68 to bottom of p. 72 and skip from p. 83 to end. • Keohane and Nye, “Globalization: What’s New? What’s Not? (And So What?)” <i>Foreign Policy</i>, Spring 2002, pp. 104-119. • Mattoo, Aaditya, Arvind Subramanian. 2009. “From Doha to the Next Bretton Woods: A New Multilateral Trade Agenda.” <i>Foreign Affairs</i> 88(1):15-26.
Wed. (17 Oct)	<p>IPE 2: Finance and Foreign Direct investment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Wall Street Journal</i>, “The Isle That Rattled the World,” December 27, 2008. • Stephen G. Brooks, <i>Producing Security</i> chap. 2.
Fri. (19 Oct)	<p>IPE 3: Money</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goldstein/Pevehouse, <i>International Relations</i>, excerpts • Liaquat Ahamed, “Currency Wars, Then and Now,” <i>Foreign Affairs</i>, (Mar/Apr 2011), p. 92-103.
Mon. (22 Oct)	<p>IPE 4: Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeffrey Sachs, <i>The End of Poverty</i>, chap. 1 • Jared Diamond, “What Makes Countries Rich or Poor?” <i>New York Review of Books</i>

- Dani Rodrik, “Trading in Illusions,” *Foreign Policy*, March/April 2001, pp. 55-62.
- Richard Gardner, “The One Percent Solution,” *Foreign Affairs* (9 pp)
- Nicholas Kristof, “Aid: Can it Work?” *The New York Review of Books*, vol. 53, no. 15 (October 5, 2006).

SECTION III PROLIFERATION CRISIS SIMULATION

Wed. (24 Oct.) WMD Proliferation: Threat & Responses (Readings may be adjusted)

- Joseph Cirincione, *Deadly Arsenals: Tracking Weapons of Mass Destruction* (Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press, 2002), pp. 1-33.
- Center for Non-Proliferation Studies “WMD 411: A Primer on WMD,” (read sections under “primer”) http://www.nuclearthreatinitiative.org/f_wmd411/f1a.html
- Gregg Easterbrook, “The Atomic Club: If the Bomb Is So Easy to Make, Why Don't More Nations Have It?” *New York Times*, January 4, 2004.
- Arms Control Association, *Major Proposals to Strengthen the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty* (2010), pp. 1-11.
- Kenneth Waltz, “Why Iran Should Get the Bomb,” *Foreign Affairs*, and debate between Waltz and Kahl.

Thurs. (25 Oct.) x-periods → *Simulation preliminary meetings*

Fri (26 Oct.) NO FULL CLASS MEETING → *Simulation preliminary meetings*

Sat. 27 (Oct.) **Simulation (10:00a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)**

Mon. (29 Oct.) WMD Proliferation: Responses

SECTION IV

THE EMERGING AGENDA

Wed. (31 Oct.)

Climate Change & the Environment

- Garrett Hardin, "The Tragedy of the Commons," in Robert J. Art and Robert Jervis eds., *International Politics* (New York: Addison Wesley, 2003), pp. 511-516.
- Barry Schwartz, "Tyranny for the Commons Man," *National Interest* July/August, 2009
- Julian L. Simon, "The Infinite Supply of Natural Resources," in Robert J. Art and Robert Jervis eds., *International Politics* (New York: Addison Wesley, 2003), pp. 517-524.
- Scott Barrett, "Montreal versus Kyoto: International Cooperation and the Global Environment," in *Global Public Goods: International Cooperation in the 21st Century*, ed. by Inge Kaul, Isabelle Grunberg, and Marc A. Stern (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999), pp. 192-219.

Fri. (2 Nov.)

Genocide, Mass Killing, "R2P" and Humanitarian Intervention

- S. Power, "Bystanders to Genocide," *Atlantic Monthly*, Sept. 2001
- Jon Western and Joshua Goldstein, "Humanitarian Intervention Comes of Age," and
- Ben Valentino, "The True Costs of Humanitarian Intervention," in *Foreign Affairs* Nov/Dec. 2011, pp. 48-73.

Mon. (5 Nov)

EXAM II (includes all material up to and including 2 Nov.)

Wed. (7 Nov.)

Terrorism

- Mark Juergensmeyer, "Terror in the Name of God," *Current History* (November 2001), pp. 357-361.
- Martha Crenshaw, "Why America? The Globalization of Civil War," *Current History* (December 2001), pp. 425-432.

- Alan B. Krueger and Jitka Maleckova, “Does Poverty Cause Terrorism?” *The New Republic*, June 24, 2002, pp. 27-33.
- Robert Pape, “It’s the Occupation, Stupid.” *Foreign Policy*, October 8, 2010
- John Mueller, “Terrorphobia: Our False Sense of Insecurity,” *American Interest*, May/June 2008, pp. 6---13

Fri. (9 Nov.)

Forecasting: Gov. 5 2030

- National Intelligence Council, *Global Trends 2030*

Mon. (12 Nov.)

US Grand Strategy: Time for Choice?

B. Posen, “The Case for Restraint,” *The American Interest*

B. Thayer, “In Defense of Primacy,” *The National Interest*

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