

**Government 5: International Politics**  
**Fall 2012**  
**Professor Stephen Brooks**

Class Meetings: MWF 11:15-12:20 (Rocky 1)  
Course website: <http://blackboard.dartmouth.edu>

**Course Description**

This course provides an introduction to the field of international relations. The goal of this course is to develop the skills and knowledge necessary for thinking critically about international politics.

**Required Text** (For sale at Wheelock Books)

Council on Foreign Relations. America and the World: Debating the New Shape of International Politics. 2002. Council on Foreign Relations.

**Order of Readings:**

It is recommended that you read the items for each day in the order that they appear on the syllabus. The readings were deliberately placed in this order -- in many cases, reading the first piece makes reading the next piece easier, and so on.

**Class Preparation:**

Being prepared for class means doing the readings in advance. Many readings are assigned, but they are often short (the amount of reading for this course was minimized by assigning very specific page numbers to ensure that you are able to make it through all of the material).

**Course Evaluation:**

Your performance in the class will be based on two in-class midterm exams (40% each) and a final paper (20%).

**X-hour:**

You are required to leave the "X-hour" free in your schedules. I will not be using the X-hour on a regular basis, but will do so when necessary to make up for cancelled classes.

## **General Course Policies:**

No computers or other electronic devices can be used in class. Cell phones should also be turned off or made silent.

The final paper must be submitted when it is due. Late papers will be lowered by one letter grade per day.

Students with registered disabilities need to inform me sometime during the first two weeks of class.

All students are responsible for understanding Dartmouth's academic integrity rules and principles. Ignorance of these rules and principles is not an excuse if a violation occurs. They can be reviewed at:

<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~reg/regulations/undergrad/acad-honor.html>

## **SCHEDULE OF CLASSES AND ASSIGNED READINGS**

### **Mon. Sept. 10: Introduction**

### **Wed. Sept. 12: Foundations, part 1**

[ONLINE] "Overview of International History, 1900-1990." Read Chapter 3, but skip the following pages: bottom of p. 65 to bottom of p. 67, and p. 76 to middle of p. 81. Read all of Chapter 4.

[ONLINE] Thomas Hobbes, "Of the Natural Condition of Mankind, as Concerning Their Felicity, and Misery," pp. 219-221.

[ONLINE] Inis Claude, "World Government," pp. 407-409.

### **Fri. Sept. 14: Foundations, part 2**

[ONLINE] Graham Allison and Morton Halperin, "Bureaucratic Politics: A Paradigm and Some Policy Implications," in Vasquez, Classics of International Relations. Read p. 172 to bottom of p. 176.

[ONLINE] Deborah Brooks and Benjamin Valentino, "A War of One's Own: Understanding the Gender Gap in Support for War," Public Opinion

Quarterly, Summer 2011. Read p. 270 to bottom of p. 275, text portion of p. 29, and conclusions section on p. 283.

- [ONLINE] Zeev Maoz and Bruce Russett, "Normative and Structural Causes of the Democratic Peace, 1946-1986," American Political Science Review. Read pp. 624-627 and mid p. 636 to end (section entitled "Conclusion").

### **Week of Sept. 17-21: Foundations, Part 3 & the Systemic Level and Realism, Part I**

- [ONLINE] Robert Jervis, "How Decision-Makers Learn from History," pp. 166-171.
- [ONLINE] Daniel Kahneman and Jonathan Renshon, "Why Hawks Win," Foreign Policy, Jan/Feb 2007, pp. 34-38.
- [ONLINE] Erik Melander, "Gender Equality and Intrastate Armed Conflict," International Studies Quarterly, December 2005. Read pp. 695-699.
- [ONLINE] Arnold Wolfers, "'National Security'" as an Ambiguous Symbol," in Vasquez, Classics of International Relations. Read p. 150 to bottom of 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph on 153.
- [ONLINE] David Baldwin, "The Concept of Security," Review of International Studies, January 1997. Read first two paragraphs on p. 5 and sections 4 and 5 (from bottom of p. 12 to top of p. 21)
- [ONLINE] George Kennan, "Diplomacy in the Modern World," in Vasquez, Classics of International Relations. Read p. 28 to middle of p. 30 (stop reading at "These, then, are...").
- [ONLINE] Hans Morgenthau, "Political Power, A Realist Theory of International Politics," in Vasquez, Classics of International Relations. Skip page 24 – start reading at top of p. 25 and continue to end.
- [ONLINE] Kenneth Waltz, "The Origins of War in Neorealist Theory," Journal of Interdisciplinary History, Spring 1988. Read p. 615 to middle of p. 620.
- [ONLINE] Stephen Brooks, "Dueling Realisms," International Organization. Read middle of p. 447 to bottom of p. 453.
- [ONLINE] A.F.K. Organski, "The Power Transition," pp. 303-306 in Vasquez, Classics of International Relations.

### **Week of Sept. 24-28: The Systemic Level and Realism, Part II**

- [BOOK] Stephen Brooks and William Wohlforth, "American Primacy in Perspective," in America and the World. Read p. 245 to middle of p. 257.

- [BOOK] Charles Kupchan, "Life After Pax Americana," in America and the World. Read p. 205 to top of p. 208.
- [ONLINE] Fareed Zakaria, "The Future of American Power," *Foreign Affairs*.
- [ONLINE] Stephen Brooks, "Dueling Realisms," International Organization, pp. 445 to middle of 447, top of 455 to middle of 463, middle of 472 to 474.
- [ONLINE] Robert Jervis, "Cooperation Under the Security Dilemma," World Politics, July 1978. Read p. 167 to bottom of p. 174, bottom of p. 186 to middle of p. 206, and top of p. 211 to end.
- [ONLINE] Robert Jervis, "The Political Effects of Nuclear Weapons," International Security, Fall 1988. Read p. 80 to bottom of p. 88.
- [ONLINE] Joseph Grieco, "Anarchy and the Limits of Cooperation: A Realist Critique of the Newest Liberal Institutionalism," International Organization, Summer 1988. Read bottom of p. 495 to bottom of p. 500.
- [ONLINE] John Mearsheimer "The False Promise of International Institutions," International Security, Winter 1994/95. Read p. 5 to top of p. 9, and middle of p.13 to bottom of p. 20.
- [ONLINE] Robert Keohane and Lisa Martin, "The Promise of Institutional Theory," International Security, Summer 1995, pp. 39-51.

### **Week of Oct. 1-5: Institutions and Liberalism**

- [ONLINE] "Basic Facts About the United Nations." Read pp. 1-19 of Chapter 1 (up to section entitled "Budget of the United Nations") and pp. 65-80 of Chapter 2 (up to section entitled "United Nations Action for Peace").
- [ONLINE] Inis Claude, "A Critique of Collective Security," pp. 350-352 in Vasquez, Classics of International Relations.
- [BOOK] Francis Fukuyama, "The End of History," in America and the World.
- [BOOK] Samuel Huntington, "No Exit: The Errors of Endism," in America and the World. Read from top of p. 35 to top of p. 37 and middle of p. 38 to bottom of p. 41.
- [BOOK] Fareed Zakaria, "The Rise of Illiberal Democracy," in America and the World. Skip from bottom of p. 146 to top of p. 151.
- [ONLINE] Stephen Brooks, Producing Security. Chapter 1.
- [ONLINE] Dale Copeland, "Economic Interdependence and War," International Security, Spring 1996. Read top of p. 8 to top of p. 16.

### **Week of Oct. 8-12: Ideas and Constructivism**

- [ONLINE] Ian Hurd, "Constructivism." Read pp. 298 to bottom of p. 305.
- [ONLINE] Margaret Mead, "Warfare is Only an Invention, Not a Biological Necessity," pp. 222-226 in Vasquez, Classics of International Relations.
- [ONLINE] Nina Tannenwald, "Stigmatizing the Bomb," International Security, Spring 2005. Read p. 5 to bottom of p. 27, p. 33 to mid p. 36, and p. 42 to top of p. 45.
- [ONLINE] John Mueller, Retreat from Doomsday. This entire book is available online in a single PDF file at the following address: <http://psweb.sbs.ohio-state.edu/faculty/jmueller/doom.pdf>. Read the first chapter (entitled "Introduction: History's Greatest Non-Event") as well as the section before it (entitled "Preface to the Paperback Edition").
- [BOOK] Samuel Huntington, "No Exit: The Errors of Endism," in America and the World. Read from top of p. 37 to middle of p. 38.
- [ONLINE] Steven Van Evera, "Hypotheses on Nationalism and War," International Security, Spring 1994. Read p. 23 to middle of p. 33.
- [BOOK] Samuel Huntington, "The Clash of Civilizations?" in America and the World.
- [ONLINE] Stephen Walt, "Building up new bogeymen," Foreign Policy, Spring 1997. Read bottom of p. 181 to bottom of p. 188.

### **Mon. Oct. 15: MIDTERM EXAM #1**

### **Wed. Oct. 17: No class**

### **Fri. Oct. 19: Global Economy, Part 1**

- [ONLINE] Robert Gilpin, "The Challenge of Global Capitalism." Read pp. 15-29. Read Chapter 2, but skip from mid p. 68 to bottom of p. 72 and skip from p. 83 to end.
- [BOOK] G. John Ikenberry, "The Myth of Post-Cold War Chaos," in America and the World. Read p. 119 to middle of p. 127.
- [ONLINE] The Economist, "Trade Winds," November 8, 1997.

### **Week of Oct. 22-26: Global Economy, part 2**

- [ONLINE] Stephen Brooks, Producing Security. Read Chapter 2.
- [ONLINE] Moises Naim “Lori’s War” (Interview with Lori Wallach), Foreign Policy, Spring 2000. Read p. 29 to middle of p. 30, middle of p. 34 to middle of p. 40, and top of p. 46 to bottom of p. 50.
- [ONLINE] Thomas Friedman, “Senseless in Seattle,” New York Times, 1 December 1999.
- [BOOK] Dani Rodrik, “Sense and Nonsense in the Globalization Debate,” in America and the World. Read p. 178 to end of p. 183.
- [ONLINE] Jeffrey Sachs, “The Development Challenge,” *Foreign Affairs*, March/April 2005.
- [BOOK] Robert Kaplan, “The Coming Anarchy,” in America and the World. Read p. 81 to middle of p. 91.
- [ONLINE] Ricardo Hausmann, “Prisoners of Geography,” Foreign Policy, January/February 2001, pp. 45-53.
- [ONLINE] Jessica Mathews, “Power Shift,” Foreign Affairs, January/February 1997, pp. 50-66.
- [ONLINE] Stephen Krasner, “Sovereignty,” Foreign Policy, January/February 2001, pp. 20-31.

### **Week of Oct. 29-Nov.2: Genocide and the Environment**

- [ONLINE] Samantha Power, “Bystanders to Genocide,” Atlantic Monthly, September 2001.
- [ONLINE] Benjamin Valentino, “Still Standing By: Why America and the International Community Fail to Prevent Genocide and Mass Killing,” Perspectives on Politics, September 2003.
- [ONLINE] Excerpt from Columbia University, “CIESIN Thematic Guide to Land-Use and Land-Cover.”
- [ONLINE] Excerpt from Yale University and Columbia University, “2008 Environmental Performance Index.”
- [ONLINE] Paul Krugman, “Earth in the Balance Sheet: Economists Go for the Green.” *Available online at* <http://web.mit.edu/krugman/www/green.html>
- [BOOK] Robert Kaplan, “The Coming Anarchy,” in America and the World. Read middle of p. 91 to top of p. 97.

- [ONLINE] Greg Easterbrook, "Global Warming: Who Wins—and Who Loses?" *The Atlantic*, April 2007. Available at:  
<http://www.theatlantic.com/doc/200704/global-warming>
- [ONLINE] Elizabeth Economy, "The Great Leap Backwards: The Costs of China's Environmental Crisis," *Foreign Affairs*, Sept/Oct 2007, Vol. 86, No. 5, pp. 38-59
- [ONLINE] Amory Lovins, "A Farewell to Fossil Fuels," *Foreign Affairs*, March/April 2012.

### **Mon. Nov. 5: Weapons Technology and Proliferation**

- [ONLINE] Michael Klare, "The Kalashnikov Age," *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*, Jan/Feb 1999.
- [BOOK] Richard Betts, "The New Threat of Mass Destruction," in *America and the World*.
- [ONLINE] Center for Nonproliferation Studies, "A Primer on Proliferation and Use of WMD."
- [ONLINE] Benjamin Schwarz, The Perils of Primacy, *The Atlantic Monthly*, January/February 2006.

### **Wed. Nov. 7: Midterm #2**

### **Fri. Nov. 9: The Terrorist Threat**

- [BOOK] Ladan Boroumand and Roya Boroumand, "Terror, Islam, and Democracy," in *America and the World*. Read p. 299 to mid p. 302 and mid p. 310 to mid p. 314.
- [BOOK] G. John Ikenberry, "America's Imperial Ambition," in *America and the World*.  
Read middle of p. 377 to middle of p. 387.
- [BOOK] Robert Kagan, "Power and Weakness," in *America and the World*. Read p. 211 to bottom of p. 215.
- [BOOK] Stephen Walt, "Beyond Bin Laden: Reshaping US Foreign Policy," in *America and the World*. Read pp. 330-346.
- [ONLINE] Dallas Boyd, Lewis Dunn, and James Scouras, "Why Has the United States Not Been Attacked Again?" *Washington Quarterly*, Vol. 32, No. 3.

***Your final paper for the course will be due on Mon. Nov. 19th at 10:00AM. You will receive the question for the final paper on Mon. Nov. 12th at 5:00 PM.***