

PSCI 220: Crisis Diplomacy

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Course Information

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Books

The following books are required:

- M.S. Anderson, *The Rise of Modern Diplomacy, 1450–1919* (Longman, 1993).
- G.R. Berridge, *Diplomacy: Theory and Practice* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2010).
- Thomas Schelling, *Arms and Influence* (Yale University Press, 1966).

Schedule

AUGUST 20–22: DIPLOMACY AND THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

- Hedley Bull, “Diplomacy and International Order,” chap. 7 in *The Anarchical Society* (Columbia University Press, 1977).

AUGUST 25–29: DIPLOMACY IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORY

No class Friday, August 29.

- Hans Morgenthau, “Diplomacy” and “The Future of Diplomacy,” chap. 31–32 in *Politics Among Nations*, 6th ed. (Alfred A. Knopf, 1985).

- Robert Keohane and Joseph S. Nye Jr., “Realism and Complex Interdependence,” chap. 2 in *Power and Interdependence*, 3rd ed. (Longman, 2000).
- Christer Jonsson and Martin Hall, “The Study of Diplomacy,” chap. 1 in *Essence of Diplomacy* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2005).
- Robert Powell, “Bargaining Theory and International Conflict,” *Annual Review of Political Science* 5 (2002): 1–30.

SEPTEMBER 1–5: DIPLOMACY THROUGH HISTORY

- Anderson, *The Rise of Modern Diplomacy*, entire book.
- *Recommended:*
 - Garrett Mattingly, *Renaissance Diplomacy* (Cosimo Classics, 2009).

SEPTEMBER 8–12: THE PRACTICE OF NEGOTIATIONS

- Berridge, *Diplomacy: Theory and Practice*, chapters 2–6.
- **Add some articles or historical examples**

SEPTEMBER 15–19: DETERRENCE

- Thomas Schelling, *Arms and Influence*, chapters 1–3.
- *Recommended:*
 - Daniel Ellsberg, “The Crude Analysis of Strategy Choices,” *American Economic Review* 51, no. 2 (1961): 472–478.
 - Bruce M. Russett, “The Calculus of Deterrence,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 7, no. 2 (1963): 97–109.

SEPTEMBER 22–26: SPIRAL MODELS VERSUS DETERRENCE

- Robert Jervis, “Deterrence, the Spiral Model, and Intentions of the Adversary,” chap. 3 in *Perception and Misperception in International Politics* (Princeton University Press, 1976).
- Robert Jervis, “Cooperation under the Security Dilemma,” *World Politics* 30, no. 2 (1978): 167–214.
- Andrew Kydd, “Game Theory and the Spiral Model,” *World Politics* 49, no. 3 (1997): 371–400.
- Charles L. Glaser, “The Security Dilemma Revisited,” *World Politics* 50, no. 1 (1997): 171–201.

SEPTEMBER 29–OCTOBER 3: TESTING RATIONAL DETERRENCE THEORY

- Christopher H. Achen and Duncan Snidal, “Rational Deterrence Theory and Comparative Case Studies,” *World Politics* 41, no. 2 (1989): 143–169.
- Richard Ned Lebow and Janice Gross Stein, “Rational Deterrence Theory: I Think, Therefore I Deter,” *World Politics* 41, no. 2 (1989): 208–224.
- Richard Ned Lebow and Janice Gross Stein, “Deterrence: The Elusive Dependent Variable,” *World Politics* 42, no. 3 (1990): 336–369.
- Paul Huth and Bruce Russett, “Testing Deterrence Theory: Rigor Makes a Difference,” *World Politics* 42, no. 4 (1990): 466–501.
- *Recommended:*
 - James D. Fearon, “Selection Effects and Deterrence,” *International Interactions* 28, no. 1 (2002): 5–29.

OCTOBER 6–10: CONSTRUCTING ALLIANCES

No class Friday, October 10.

- Stephen M. Walt, “Explaining Alliance Formation,” chap. 2 in *The Origins of Alliances* (Cornell University Press, 1987).
- James D. Morrow, “Alliances: Why Write Them Down?” *Annual Review of Political Science* 3 (2000): 63–83.
- Brian Lai and Dan Reiter, “Democracy, Political Similarity, and International Alliances, 1816–1992,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 44, no. 2 (2000): 203–227.
- *Recommended:*
 - Mancur Olson Jr. and Richard Zeckhauser, “An Economic Theory of Alliances,” *Review of Economics and Statistics* 48, no. 3 (1966): 266–279.

OCTOBER 13–15: KEEPING ALLIANCE COMMITMENTS

No class Friday, October 17 due to fall break.

- Brett Ashley Leeds, Andrew G. Long, and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, “Reevaluating Alliance Reliability: Specific Threats, Specific Promises,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 44, no. 5 (2000): 686–699.

- Kurt Taylor Gaubatz, "Democratic States and Commitment in International Relations," *International Organization* 50, no. 1 (1996): 109–139.
- Erik Gartzke and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, "Why Democracies May Actually Be Less Reliable Allies," *American Journal of Political Science* 48, no. 4 (2004): 775–795.

OCTOBER 20: MIDTERM EXAM

OCTOBER 22–24: DOMESTIC POLITICS AND DIPLOMACY

- Robert D. Putnam, "Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two-Level Games," *International Organization* 42, no. 3 (1988): 427–460.
- James D. Fearon, "Domestic Political Audiences and the Escalation of International Disputes," *American Political Science Review* 88, no. 3 (1994): 577–592.
- Jack Snyder and Erica D. Borghard, "The Cost of Empty Threats: A Penny, Not a Pound," *American Political Science Review* 105, no. 3 (2011): 437–456.
- Brett Ashley Leeds, "Domestic Political Institutions, Credible Commitments, and International Cooperation," *American Journal of Political Science* 43, no. 4 (1999): 979–1002.

OCTOBER 27–31: THIRD-PARTY MEDIATION

- Andrew Kydd, "Which Side Are You On? Bias, Credibility, and Mediation," *American Journal of Political Science* 47, no. 4 (2003): 597–611.
- Katja Favretto, "Should Peacemakers Take Sides? Major Power Mediation, Coercion, and Bias," *American Political Science Review* 103, no. 2 (2009): 248–263.
- Kyle C. Beardsley, "Pain, Pressure, and Political Cover: Explaining Mediation Incidence," *Journal of Peace Research* 47, no. 4 (2010): 395–406.
- Shawn Ling Ramirez, "Diplomatic Flexibility in the Shadow of an Audience: The Double-Edged Sword of Private Mediation" (working paper, Emory University, 2013).

NOVEMBER 3–7: PEACEKEEPING

- Virginia Page Fortna, “Scraps of Paper? Agreements and the Durability of Peace,” *International Organization* 57, no. 2 (2003): 337–372.
- Suzanne Werner and Amy Yuen, “Making and Keeping Peace,” *International Organization* 59, no. 2 (2005): 261–292.
- J. Michael Greig and Paul F. Diehl, “The Peacekeeping–Peacemaking Dilemma,” *International Studies Quarterly* 49, no. 4 (2005): 621–645.

NOVEMBER 10–14: DIPLOMACY THROUGH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Lisa Martin, “Interests, Power, and Multilateralism,” *International Organization* 46, no. 4 (1992): 765–792.
- Jennifer Mitzen, “Reading Habermas in Anarchy: Multilateral Diplomacy and Global Public Spheres,” *American Political Science Review* 99, no. 3 (2005): 401–417.
- Alexander Thompson, “Coercion through IOs: The Security Council and the Logic of Information Transmission,” *International Organization* 60, no. 1 (2006): 1–34.
- Jon Pevehouse and Bruce Russett, “Democratic International Governmental Organizations Promote Peace,” *International Organization* 60, no. 4 (2006): 969–1000.

NOVEMBER 17–21: NEGOTIATING WITH NON-STATE ACTORS

- Peter C. Sederberg, “Conciliation as Counter-Terrorist Strategy,” *Journal of Peace Research* 32, no. 3 (1995): 295–312.
- Barbara F. Walter, “The Critical Barrier to Civil War Settlement,” *International Organization* 51, no. 3 (1997): 335–364.
- Navin A. Bapat, “State Bargaining with Transnational Terrorist Groups,” *International Studies Quarterly* 50, no. 1 (2006): 213–230.

DECEMBER 1–3: STUDENT PRESENTATIONS