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P A 387G: Nature of the International System

Class Meeting Time: M 2:00PM to 5:00PM

Classroom: SRH 3.355/314

COURSE DESCRIPTION

What are the principles and structures of order and governance in the international system? What is the role of power? Is hegemony necessary for world order? What happens when new powers emerge? Do nuclear weapons lead to more stability in the international system? Are international organizations important? How do states cooperate internationally? Are non-state actors important?

This course will seek to answer these and other questions, starting with first principles of the nature of the international system through a survey of core substantive arenas in international policy including security, economics, the environment and global health.

Objective

The aim of the course is to provide you with conceptual tools to understand the nature of the international system and emergent issues in global politics.

READINGS

You should get these two books. *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance* (Lynne Rienner, **3rd edition**, 2015) by Margaret P. Karns, Karen A. Mingst and Kendall W. Stiles.

International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues (Pearson, 13th edition, 2016) by Robert J. Art, Robert Jervis.

You might consider electronic versions through Redshelf. <https://www.redshelf.com/>

Other readings are available under electronic reserve on Canvas unless otherwise noted.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Writing Assignments (15%)
- Grounding Exercise (10%)
- Mid-Term (35%)
- Final Paper (30%)
- Policy Memo (10%)

Writing Assignments (15%): You need to write three 2-page response papers to the readings, two from before the mid-term. Your responses should be double-spaced. You should address all of the authors you read for that week. What is their argument? Do you agree with

their assessment? Why or why not? This assignment will force you to be pithy. The best papers will provide a synthesis of some of the key points made in the readings, your own critical evaluation of and reactions to the readings, and comments on the conceptual implications of the readings. Do NOT sequentially summarize each of the readings. Response papers are due the beginning of the class for the topic on that given day.

Grounding Exercise (10%): Take one of the topics you are not writing about for reading summaries and volunteer to do a grounding exercise. Each week, I will select some news article(s) that I think are relevant to the topic of the week, and we will spend the first thirty minutes of the class relating the news story to the week's readings. You will lead that discussion. In addition, I'd like a one page double-spaced paper relating the news story to the readings for the week. You should hand that paper to me after you present.

Mid-Term (35%): This exam will require you to apply the theoretical lenses we have read about to some concrete contemporary circumstances. It will not be enough to memorize the arguments of the authors.

Final Paper (30%): Each of you will take a current event in the world and apply some subset of readings of the class and explain how the concepts of the class help us understand the issue better. You will also discuss the policy implications of those insights. More detailed instructions about the essay will be handed out, but it will count for 30% of your grade and be roughly 12-15 pages in length (12-pt font, double-spaced) excluding the bibliography.

Policy Memo (10%): You will write a two-page single-spaced memo summarizing the problem of your final paper and identifying three options to do something about it.

** Late assignments will be penalized by 1/3 of a letter grade for every day late. Thus, an A- would become a B+, a B+ a B, etc.*

A grade 95-
A- grade 90-94
B grade 85-87
B+ grade 88-89
B- grade 80-84
C+ grade 78-79
C grade 75-77

→ Keep in mind LBJ School policies on academic integrity. Duly cite and quote your sources in any written material.

DIGEST OF COURSE SCHEDULE

	September 2	NO CLASS LABOR DAY
I Principles of International Order	September 9	CLASS MEETING 1: Course Overview, Anarchy, Sovereignty
2	September 16	CLASS MEETING 2: Balance of Power, Security Dilemma
3	September 23	CLASS MEETING 3: Hegemony
4	September 30	No class, Busby in Europe
5	October 7	CLASS MEETING 4: Power Transitions
6	October 14	CLASS MEETING 5: Nuclear Weapons PAPER TOPIC
7	October 21	CLASS MEETING 6: International Organizations, Limits
8	October 28	CLASS MEETING 7: Non-State Actors
9	November 4	CLASS MEETING 8: Mid-term
10 Governance in Thematic Areas	November 11	CLASS MEETING 9: SECURITY
11	November 18	CLASS MEETING 10: ECONOMIC ISSUES
12	November 25	CLASS MEETING 11: THE ENVIRONMENT
13	December 2	CLASS MEETING 12: GLOBAL HEALTH
14	December 9	CLASS MEETING 13: FUTURE OF GLOBAL GOVERNANCE DRAFT
	December 16	FINAL PAPERS, MEMOS DUE, MIDNIGHT

ITALICIZED READINGS BELOW ARE READINGS FROM ASSIGNED TEXTS

I Principles of International Order	September 9	<p>CLASS MEETING 1: Course Introduction – Anarchy, Sovereignty, Traditions in IR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mingst, Snyder, Stiles. “Theoretical Foundations of Global Governance.” 43-60. - Nye, Joseph, and David Welch. Understanding Global Conflict and Cooperation: An Introduction to Theory and History (10th Edition). 55-64. - Waltz, Kenneth “The Anarchic Structure of World Politics,” in Art/Jervis reader. 48-69. - Mearsheimer, John. “Anarchy and the Struggle for Power”. in Art/Jervis reader. 70-78. - Fukuyama, Francis. <i>Origins of Political Order</i>, Chapter 5, 80-97. - Philpott, Daniel. 1999. “Westphalia, Authority, and International Society.” <i>Political Studies</i>. XLVII. 566-589. - de Carvalho, Benjamin, Halvard Leira, John M. Hobson. 2011. The Big Bangs of IR: The Myths That Your Teachers Still Tell You about 1648 and 1919. <i>Millennium</i>, vol. 39, 3: pp. 735-758.
2	September 16	<p>CLASS MEETING 2: Power, Balance of Power, Security Dilemma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cooper, Robert. 2003. <i>The Breaking of Nations</i>. New York: Atlantic Monthly Press, 16-54. - Nye, Joseph. “What is Power in Global Affairs.” Art/Jervis. 41-47. - Morgenthau, Hans. “Balance of Power” in Mingst and Snyder reader, 143-149. - Walt, Steve. “Alliances: Balancing and Bandwagoning” in the Art/Jervis reader, 153-160. - Fearon, James. “Rationalist Explanations for War.” Art/Jervis, 95-103. - Jervis, Robert. “Offense, Defense and the Security Dilemma.” Art/Jervis 104-124.

		<p>- Jervis, Robert. "Cooperation under the Security Dilemma." <i>Art/Jervis</i> 125-138.</p>
3	September 23	<p>CLASS MEETING 3: Hegemonic Power</p> <p>- Kang, David. "Hierarchy and Hegemony in International Relations." <i>Art/Jervis</i> 161-164.</p> <p>- Mandelbaum, Michael. 2006. "David's Friend Goliath." <i>Foreign Policy</i>. January/February. 50-56.</p> <p>- Stein, Arthur A. 1984. "The Hegemon's Dilemma: Great Britain, the United States, and the International Economic Order." <i>International Organization</i> 38 (2). 355-386, especially 355-360 and 376-386.</p> <p>- Snidal, Duncan. 1985. "The Limits of Hegemonic Stability Theory." <i>International Organization</i> 39(4). 579-614, especially 579 – 582 and 588 – 590.</p> <p>- Ikenberry, G. John. 2001. "The Settlement of 1945." In <i>After Victory: Institutions, Strategic Restraint, and the Rebuilding of Order after Major Wars</i>. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. 185 – 214.</p> <p>- Ruggie, John G. 1982. "International Regimes, Transactions, and Change: Embedded Liberalism in the Postwar Economic Order." <i>International Organization</i>. 36(2). 379-415, especially 393-398.</p>
4	September 30	No class, Busby in Europe
5	October 7	<p>CLASS MEETING 4: Power Transitions</p> <p>- Gilpin, Robert. 1988. "The Theory of Hegemonic War" <i>The Journal of Interdisciplinary History</i>, Vol. 18, No. 4, pp. 591-613</p> <p>- Tammen, Ronald. 2000. <i>Power Transitions: Strategies for the 21st Century</i>. 3-43.</p> <p>- Kugler, Jacek. 2006. 'The Asian Ascent: Opportunity for Peace or Precondition for War?', <i>International Studies Perspectives</i>, 7 (1): 36–42.</p> <p>- Zakaria, Fareed. 2008. <i>The Post American World</i>, 1-6, 49-86.</p>

		<p>- Barma, Nazneen, Ely Ratner, and Steven Weber. 2007. "A World Without the West." <i>The National Interest</i>. 23-30.</p> <p>- Jones, Bruce, 2011. "Largest Minority Shareholder in Global Order LLC: The Changing Balance of Influence and U.S. Strategy," Brookings. 16 pages.</p> <p>- Allison, Graham. 2015. "The Thucydides Trap: Are the U.S. and China Headed for War?" <i>The Atlantic</i></p>
6	October 14	<p>CLASS MEETING 5: Nuclear Weapons</p> <p>- Mueller, John. "The Irrelevance of Nuclear Weapons," in Art and Jervis, 205-219. (older edition)</p> <p>- Jervis, Robert. "The Utility of Nuclear Deterrence," in Art and Jervis, 220-229. (older edition)</p> <p>- Waltz, Kenneth N. "Peace, Stability, and Nuclear Weapons," in Art/Jervis reader, 461-476. (older edition)</p> <p>- Sagan, Scott D. 1996-1997. "Why Do States Build Nuclear Weapons?: Three Models in Search of a Bomb." <i>International Security</i>, Vol. 21, No. 3, 54-86.</p> <p>- Jervis, Robert "Losing Control in Crises" Art/ Jervis, 259-263.</p> <p>- Tannenwald, Nina. "The Status and Future of the Nuclear Taboo," in Harsh V. Pant, ed., <i>Handbook of Nuclear Proliferation</i> (Routledge, 2012), pp. 62-74.</p>
7	October 21	<p>CLASS MEETING 6: International Organizations and Collective Action</p> <p>- Oye, Kenneth A. 1985. "Explaining Cooperation under Anarchy: Hypotheses and Strategies." <i>World Politics</i> 38(1), 1-24.</p> <p>- Keohane, Robert. "International Institutions: Can Interdependence Work?" Art/Jervis, 181-188.</p> <p>- Abbott, Kenneth W., and Duncan Snidal. "Why States Act through Formal International Organizations." in Frederking, Diehl, 27-64.</p>

		<p>- Mingst/Snyder/Stiles, "The Challenges of Global Governance," 1-43.</p> <p>- Mearsheimer, John J. 1994/95. "The False Promise of International Institutions." In Diehl (3rd edition), 60-74.</p> <p>- Grieco, Joseph M. 1988. "Anarchy and the Limits of Cooperation: A Realist Critique of the Newest Liberal Institutionalism." <i>International Organization</i> 42(3), 492-503.</p>
8	October 28	<p>CLASS MEETING 7: Non-State Actors</p> <p>- Karns, Mingst, Stiles. "Nonstate Actors: NGOs, Networks, and Social Movements," 239-278.</p> <p>- Keck, Margaret and Kathryn Sikkink. 2015, "Transnational Advocacy Networks in International and Regional Politics, <i>Art/Jervis</i>, 454-460.</p> <p>- Chenoweth, Erica and Maria Stepan, "Why Civil Resistance Works," <i>Art/ Jervis</i>, 246-251.</p> <p>- Drezner, Daniel, 2010. "Weighing the Scales: The Internet's Effect on State-Society Relations," <i>Brown Journal of World Affairs</i>, 31-44.</p> <p>- Homer-Dixon, Thomas. 2002. "The Rise of Complex Terrorism." <i>Foreign Policy</i>. 1-16.</p>
9	November 4	CLASS MEETING 8: MID-TERM
10 THEMATIC AREAS	November 11	<p>CLASS MEETING 9: The Governance of Security</p> <p>- Karns, Mingst, Stiles, "The Search for Peace and Security," 279-383.</p> <p>- Western, Jon And Joshua S. Goldstein "Humanitarian Intervention Comes Of Age" <i>Art/Jervis</i>, 427-433.</p> <p>- Downes, Alexander B. "To The Shores Of Tripoli? Regime Change And Its Consequences" <i>Art/Jervis</i>, 434-441.</p> <p>- Hartzell, Caroline A. and Matthew Hoddie, "Crafting Peace Through Power Sharing" <i>Art/Jervis</i>, 442-453.</p> <p>- Cronin, Audrey Kurth. "Ending Terrorism" <i>Art/Jervis</i>, 401-407.</p>

11	November 18	<p>CLASS MEETING 10: Governance in the Economic Sphere</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Karns, Mingst, Stiles “Global Economic Governance,” “Promoting Economic Well-Being and Human Development,” 379-424, 425-466. - Frankel, Jeffrey, <i>Globalization of the Economy</i>, Art/Jervis, 314-329. - Drezner, Daniel. 2014. <i>The System Worked</i>. 1-23. - Helleiner, Eric. “The Status Quo Crisis,” Art/Jervis, 342-354. - Rodrik, Dani. “Why Doesn’t Everyone Get the Case for Free Trade?” Art/Jervis. 303-313. - Colgan, Jeff, and Robert Keohane. 2017. “The Liberal Order is Rigged.” <i>Foreign Affairs</i>. 36-44. - Varghese, Robin. 2018. “Marxist World: What Did You Expect From Capitalism” <i>Foreign Affairs</i>. 34-42.
12	November 25	<p>CLASS MEETING 11: The Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Karns, Mingst, Stiles “Protecting the Environment,” 529-572. - Mitchell, Ronald. 2010. <i>International Politics and the Environment</i> (Los Angeles: Sage). Chapter 2, 21-47. - Downie, David Leonard. 2014. “Governing the Global Environment.” <i>The Global Environment: Institutions, Law, and Policy</i>, 4th Edition. Axelrod et al, 1-26. - Busby, Joshua. 2018. “Warming World: Why Climate Change Matters More Than Anything Else.” <i>Foreign Affairs</i>. 49-55. - Busby, Joshua and Johannes Urpelainen. 2019. “Restoring Climate Leadership: Thinking Strategically.” Article Under Review.
13	December 2	<p>CLASS MEETING 12: Global Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sridhar, Devi and Chelsea Clinton. 2016. <i>Governing Global</i>

		<p><i>Health</i>. Oxford. 1-47.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fidler, David. 2010. <i>The Challenges of Global Health Governance</i>. Council on Foreign Relations. 1-26. - Youde, Jeremy. 2018. <i>Global Health Governance in International Society</i>, 1-27. - Garrett, Laurie. 2015. "Ebola's Lessons: How the WHO Mishandled the Crisis." <i>Foreign Affairs</i>. 80-107.
14	December 9	<p>CLASS MEETING 13: The Future of Global Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stewart, Patrick. 2013. "The Unruled World." <i>Foreign Affairs</i>. 58-73. - Haass, Richard. 2017. <i>A World in Disarray</i>. 1-36, 77-102. - Wright, Thomas. 2017. <i>All Measures Short of War</i>, 1-34, 187-228. - Acharya, Amitav. 2017. "After Liberal Hegemony: The Advent of a Multiplex World Order." <i>Ethics and International Affairs</i>. 1-17. - Deudney, Daniel and John Ikenberry. 2018. "Liberal World: The Resilient Order." <i>Foreign Affairs</i>. 16-24. - Zakaria, Fareed. 2019. "The Self Destruction of American Power." 10-16. <p><u>Rough Draft of the Final Paper Due</u></p>
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