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P A 387G: Nature of the International System

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

Classroom: Online, Zoom

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.

OBJECTIVES

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 and make you a better practitioner.

READINGS

The readings have been selected to cover essential concepts as well as diversity of ideas so you get multiple points of view, theories, gender perspectives, the role of race & non-American writers. You should get these 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 45 minutes of the class relating the news story to the week's readings. You (and a partner most likely) will lead that discussion after the break in the class. In addition, I'd like a one page single-spaced paper relating the news story to the readings for the week. You should load that paper on Canvas before class. For the 4 sessions after the mid-term on discrete topics (Security, Economy, Environment, and Health), you will be given a problem and will lead a class discussion on how to solve that problem. We may give a bit extra time for these 4 discussions.

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. We will log-on at the same time, and I will upload the exam and give instructions and circulate a set of readings about a current event, which I'll have you explain using theories from the first part of the course. You will have 3 hours to answer the accompanying questions. It is not open note, but I'll have you log off after I circulate the instructions and then upload the exam on Canvas by 3 hours and 15 minutes after the exam starts.

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 and maps/figures.

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.*

*My grading scale
93 and up is an A
90-93 A-
87-90 B+
83-87 B
80-83 B-*

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

COVID: I am sympathetic that in the time of COVID, we face unusual circumstances, and our working conditions and home life may be far from ideal. We are all doing the best we can. I will be mindful of that, and I hope will too. I will endeavor to make the class very engaging.

DIGEST OF COURSE SCHEDULE

1 Principles of International Order	August 31	CLASS MEETING 1: Course Overview, Anarchy, Sovereignty
	September 7	NO CLASS LABOR DAY
2	September 14	CLASS MEETING 2: Balance of Power, Security Dilemma
3	September 21	CLASS MEETING 3: Hegemony
4	September 28	CLASS MEETING 4: Power Transitions
5	October 5	CLASS MEETING 5: Nuclear Weapons PAPER TOPIC
6	October 12	CLASS MEETING 6: International Organizations, Limits
7	October 19	CLASS MEETING 7: Non-State Actors
8	October 26	Mid-term
9	November 2	CLASS MEETING 8: SECURITY
10 Governance in Thematic Areas	November 9	CLASS MEETING 9: ECONOMIC ISSUES
11	November 16	CLASS MEETING 10: THE ENVIRONMENT
12	November 23	CLASS MEETING 11: GLOBAL HEALTH
13	November 30	CLASS MEETING 12: FUTURE OF GLOBAL GOVERNANCE DRAFT
	December 7	FINAL PAPERS, MEMOS DUE, MIDNIGHT

YELLOW HIGHLIGHTED READING ARE FROM ASSIGNED TEXTS

I Principles of International Order	August 31	<p>CLASS MEETING 1: Course Introduction – Anarchy, Sovereignty, Traditions in IR</p> <p>- Mingst, Snyder, Stiles. “Theoretical Foundations of Global Governance.” 43-72.</p> <p>- Nye, Joseph, and David Welch. <i>Understanding Global Conflict and Cooperation: An Introduction to Theory and History</i> (10th Edition), 2016, 55-64.</p> <p>- Waltz, Kenneth “The Anarchic Structure of World Politics,” in Art/Jervis reader. 48-69.</p> <p>- Milner, Helen. "The assumption of anarchy in international relations theory: a critique." <i>Review of International Studies</i>, 1991, 67-85.</p> <p>- Fukuyama, Francis. <i>Origins of Political Order</i>, Chapter 5, 80-97.</p> <p>- de Carvalho, Benjamin, Halvard Leira, John M. Hobson. “The Big Bangs of IR: The Myths That Your Teachers Still Tell You about 1648 and 1919.” <i>Millennium</i>, 2011, 735-758.</p> <p>- Anievas, Alexander, Nivi Manchanda and Robbie Shilliam. <i>Confronting the Global Colour Line</i>, Routledge, 2015, 1-10.</p> <p>- Vitalis, Robert. <i>White World Order, Black Power Politics</i>, Cornell, 2015, 1-20.</p>
	September 7	NO CLASS LABOR DAY
2	September 14	<p>CLASS MEETING 2: Power, Balance of Power, Security Dilemma</p> <p>- Cooper, Robert. <i>The Breaking of Nations</i>. New York: Atlantic Monthly Press, 2003, 16-54.</p> <p>- Nye, Joseph. “What is Power in Global Affairs.” Art/Jervis. 41-47.</p> <p>- Walt, Steve. “Alliances: Balancing and Bandwagoning” in the Art/Jervis reader, 153-160.</p> <p>- Fearon, James. “Rationalist Explanations for War.” Art/Jervis, 95-103.</p>

		<p>- Jervis, Robert. "Offense, Defense and the Security Dilemma." <i>Art/Jervis</i> 104-124.</p> <p>- Jervis, Robert. "Cooperation under the Security Dilemma." <i>Art/Jervis</i> 125-138.</p>
3	September 21	<p>CLASS MEETING 3: Hegemonic Power, Hierarchy</p> <p>- Kang, David C. "Hierarchy in Asian International Relations: 1300-1900," <i>Asian Security</i>, 2005, 53-79.</p> <p>- Mandelbaum, Michael. "David's Friend Goliath." <i>Foreign Policy</i>. January/February, 2006, 50-56.</p> <p>- Stein, Arthur A. "The Hegemon's Dilemma: Great Britain, the United States, and the International Economic Order." <i>International Organization</i>, 1984, 355-386, especially 355-360 and 376-386.</p> <p>- Snidal, Duncan. "The Limits of Hegemonic Stability Theory." <i>International Organization</i>, 1985, 579-614, especially 579 – 582 and 588 – 590.</p> <p>- Ikenberry, G. John. "The Settlement of 1945." In <i>After Victory: Institutions, Strategic Restraint, and the Rebuilding of Order after Major Wars</i>. Princeton University Press, 2001, 185 – 214.</p>
4	September 28	<p>CLASS MEETING 4: Power Transitions</p> <p>- Tammen, Ronald. <i>Power Transitions: Strategies for the 21st Century</i>, 2000, 3-43.</p> <p>- Kugler, Jacek. 2006. 'The Asian Ascent: Opportunity for Peace or Precondition for War?', <i>International Studies Perspectives</i>, 2006, 36–42.</p> <p>- Zakaria, Fareed. <i>The Post American World</i>, 2008, 1-6, 49-86.</p> <p>- Barma, Nazneen, Ely Ratner, and Steven Weber. "A World Without the West." <i>The National Interest</i>, 2007, 23-30.</p> <p>- Allison, Graham. "The Thucydides Trap: Are the U.S. and China Headed for War?" <i>The Atlantic</i>, 2015. https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2015/09/u</p>

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5	October 5	<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>- Martin, Susan B. "The continuing value of nuclear weapons: a structural realist analysis." <i>Contemporary Security Policy</i>, 2013, 174-194.</p> <p>- Waltz, Kenneth N. "Peace, Stability, and Nuclear Weapons," in Art/Jervis reader, 461-476. (older edition)</p> <p>- Sagan, Scott D. "Why Do States Build Nuclear Weapons?: Three Models in Search of a Bomb." <i>International Security</i>, 1996-1997, 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, 62-74.</p>
6	October 12	<p>CLASS MEETING 6: International Organizations and Collective Action</p> <p>- Oye, Kenneth A. "Explaining Cooperation under Anarchy: Hypotheses and Strategies." 1985, 1-24.</p> <p>- Keohane, Robert O. "International Institutions: Two Approaches" <i>International Studies Quarterly</i>, 1988, 379-396</p> <p>- Abbott, Kenneth W., and Duncan Snidal. "Why States Act through Formal International Organizations." in Frederking, Diehl, 27-64.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mingst/Snyder/Stiles, "The Challenges of Global Governance," 1-43. - Mearsheimer, John J. "The False Promise of International Institutions." In Diehl (3rd edition), 1994/95, 60-74. - Grieco, Joseph M. "Anarchy and the Limits of Cooperation: A Realist Critique of the Newest Liberal Institutionalism." <i>International Organization</i> 1988, 492-503.
7	October 19	<p>CLASS MEETING 7: Non-State Actors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Karns, Mingst, Stiles. "Nonstate Actors: NGOs, Networks, and Social Movements," 239-278. - Keck, Margaret and Kathryn Sikkink. 1998, <i>Activists Beyond Borders</i>, 1998, 1-38. - Aydinli, Ersel. <i>Violent Non-State Actors From Anarchists to Jihadists</i>, 2016, 1-21. - Drezner, Daniel, 2010. "Weighing the Scales: The Internet's Effect on State-Society Relations," <i>Brown Journal of World Affairs</i>, 31-44. - Chenoweth, Erica and Maria Stepan, "Why Civil Resistance Works," <i>Art/ Jervis</i>, 246-251.
8	October 26	MID-TERM
9	November 2	<p>CLASS MEETING 8: The Governance of Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Karns, Mingst, Stiles, "The Search for Peace and Security," 279-383. - Western, Jon And Joshua S. Goldstein "Humanitarian Intervention Comes Of Age" <i>Art/Jervis</i>, 427-433. - Downes, Alexander B. "To The Shores Of Tripoli? Regime Change And Its Consequences" <i>Art/Jervis</i>, 434-441. - Hartzell, Caroline A. and Matthew Hoddie, "Crafting Peace Through Power Sharing" <i>Art/Jervis</i>, 442-453. - Kydd, Andrew H., and Barbara F. Walter. "The Strategies

		<p>of Terrorism.” <i>International Security</i>, 2006, 49-80.</p> <p>- Cronin, Audrey Kurth. “Ending Terrorism” <i>Art/Jervis</i>, 401-407.</p>
10 THEMATIC AREAS	November 9	<p>CLASS MEETING 9: Governance in the Economic Sphere</p> <p>- Karns, Mingst, Stiles “Global Economic Governance,” “Promoting Economic Well-Being and Human Development,” 379-424, 425-466.</p> <p>- Drezner, Daniel. <i>The System Worked</i>. 2014, 1-23.</p> <p>- Drezner, Daniel and Kathleen McNamara, “International Political Economy, Global Financial Orders and the 2008 Financial Crisis,” <i>Perspectives on Politics</i>, 2013. 155-166.</p> <p>- Berman, Sheri. “The downsides and dangers of economic determinism.” <i>Social Europe</i>. 2019, https://www.socialeurope.eu/the-downsides-and-dangers-of-economic-determinism</p> <p>- Rodrik, Dani. “Why Doesn’t Everyone Get the Case for Free Trade?” <i>Art/Jervis</i>. 303-313.</p> <p>- Colgan, Jeff, and Robert Keohane. 2017. “The Liberal Order is Rigged.” <i>Foreign Affairs</i>. 36-44.</p> <p>- Varghese, Robin. 2018. “Marxist World: What Did You Expect From Capitalism” <i>Foreign Affairs</i>. 34-42.</p> <p>- Maçães, Bruno “The Secret Sources of Populism” <i>Foreign Policy</i>, 2019. https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/06/18/the-new-political-influencers/</p>
11	November 16	<p>CLASS MEETING 10: The Environment</p> <p>- Karns, Mingst, Stiles “Protecting the Environment,” 529-572.</p> <p>- Mitchell, Ronald. <i>International Politics and the Environment</i>, 2010, 21-47.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Downie, David Leonard. "Governing the Global Environment." <i>The Global Environment: Institutions, Law, and Policy</i>, 4th Edition. Axelrod et al, 2014, 1-26. - Busby, Joshua and Johannes Urpelainen. "Following the Leaders? How to Restore Progress in Global Climate Governance." Forthcoming <i>Global Environmental Politics</i>, 2020. - Busby, Joshua. "Climate Change as Anarchy," <i>Duck of Minerva</i>, 2019. https://duckofminerva.com/2019/04/climate-change-as-anarchy-the-need-for-a-new-structural-theory-of-ir.html
12	November 23	<p>CLASS MEETING 12: Global Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sridhar, Devi and Chelsea Clinton. <i>Governing Global Health</i>. Oxford. 2016, 1-47. - Fidler, David. <i>The Challenges of Global Health Governance</i>. Council on Foreign Relations, 2010, 1-26. - Youde, Jeremy. <i>Global Health Governance in International Society</i>, 2018, 1-27. - Busby, Joshua. "What International Relations Tells Us about COVID-19," E-IR, 2020. https://www.e-ir.info/2020/04/26/what-international-relations-tells-us-about-covid-19/ - Johnson, Tana. "Ordinary Patterns in an Extraordinary Crisis: How International Relations Makes Sense of the COVID-19 Pandemic" <i>International Organization</i>, 2020. - Fenner, Sofia. "State, Regime, Government, and Society in COVID-19 Response: Establishing Baseline Expectations." <i>Duck of Minerva</i>, 2020. https://duckofminerva.com/2020/03/state-regime-government-and-society-in-covid-19-response-establishing-baseline-expectations.html
13	November 30	<p>CLASS MEETING 13: The Future of Global Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stewart, Patrick. "The Unruled World." <i>Foreign Affairs</i>, 2013, 58-73.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wright, Thomas. <i>All Measures Short of War</i>, 2017, 1-34, 187-228. - Acharya, Amitav. "After Liberal Hegemony: The Advent of a Multiplex World Order." <i>Ethics and International Affairs</i>, 2017, 1-17. - Zakaria, Fareed. "The Self Destruction of American Power." <i>Foreign Affairs</i>, 2019, 10-16. - Fukuyama, Francis. "The Pandemic and Political Order." <i>Foreign Affairs</i>, 2020, 26-32. - Rapp-Hooper, Mira. "China, America, And The International Order After The Pandemic," <i>War on the Rocks</i>, 2020. https://warontherocks.com/2020/03/china-america-and-the-international-order-after-the-pandemic/ <p><u>Rough Draft of the Final Paper Due</u></p>
	December 7	FINAL PAPERS, MEMOS DUE, MIDNIGHT