

University of Georgia
International Relations 3200, Spring 2005
Introduction to International Relations

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Class

Tuesday & Thursday, 2-3:15 pm
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Course description

This course presents an introductory survey of international relations theory and practice. It is assumed that you have a basic exposure to world affairs, such as that which would be provided through INTL 1100, *Introduction to Global Issues*. This course builds on this basic background by presenting in much more detail the theories and concepts that help us analyze international relations.

One way to think about the study of international relations is to see it as examining the following question: "How do states manage their exposure to the rest of the world in such a way as to make themselves better off?" In terms of security, this question raises issues of war and peace, of international alliances, offensive and defensive strategies, and so on. In economic terms, it prompts us to look at way in which international cooperation and exchange benefits (or hurts) states and actors within those states.

More generally, the question highlights the importance of analyzing how *states* behave in world politics, and thus, by implication, of analyzing how it is that foreign policy decisions are made within states. Simultaneously, it makes it clear that international interaction needs to be *managed* since states cannot decide upon their actions without taking into account the international environment they face and the actions taken by other states (as well as non-state actors).

This is an exciting time to study world affairs, as events over the past few years have made it clear that the future of the world political system is far from settled. We will have occasion to consider the implications of different theoretical models as well as of past historical experiences for our understanding of current events such as terrorism, superpower unilateralism, nuclear proliferation, and similar issues that find themselves on the front pages of our newspapers with striking frequency.

Over the course of the semester, we will follow a two-track approach. The first track will concentrate on providing the theoretical framework and the empirical context for the various topics listed above, while the second track will focus on analyzing contemporary events in each of these areas. You will find that the two tracks reinforce each other and that your ability to analyze current events will grow considerably over the course of the term.

Course policies & requirements

Although you may find some of the reading hard going at first, you will find that doing the reading before class will increase what you get out of the lectures and class discussions immeasurably. Moreover, you should be prepared to ask and answer questions about the reading in lecture.

Course requirements are two mid-term exams and an 8-10 page paper, but no final exam. Each exam is worth 25% of your final grade, and the paper is worth 30%. In addition, 10% of your grade is based on class participation, which will be judged in terms of the quality, not the quantity, of your contributions. In addition, there will be four unannounced quizzes given in class. These will serve both to encourage your attendance and to check whether you are doing the reading. The quizzes are worth 2.5% of your grade each.

The exams will be given in class on March 8th and April 7th. They will be identical in set-up, and each will consist of a brief multiple choice section, a short answer section, and an essay question. More information on the paper will be provided as the time gets closer.

You need to let me know ahead of time if you cannot make a class. After-the-fact excuses for missing class on days that happened to feature a quiz are unlikely to be accepted. The same goes for the midterm exams: do not expect to e-mail me a day later with a flimsy excuse and expect to be able to take a make-up exam without penalty. Similarly, if you need an extension on your paper, and have a good reason, let me know in advance. Unauthorized late submissions of the paper will be penalized one third of a grade per day (i.e from A to A-, from A- to B+, etc.).

Office hours &c

My office hours are Wednesdays, 2-4pm and by appointment. Please do come see me if you have any questions on or problems with the reading material, the writing assignments, or the course in general. If you need to reach me to make an appointment, I am most easily reached by e-mail.

Readings

The following books will be available for purchase at the UGA Bookstore:

- Art, Robert J., and Robert Jervis. 2005. *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues*, 7th edition. New York: Longman.
- Gaddis, John Lewis. 2004. *Surprise, Security, and the American Experience*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press
- Nye, Joseph S. 2005. *Understanding International Conflicts*. 5th edition. New York: Longman.

Additional readings (marked with *) are available online through the Electronic Journals feature of the UGA library website. If you do not know how to access these readings electronically or in print, please ask someone (a fellow student, a librarian, or me)!

Calendar

I. Introduction

Tue. Jan. 11 *Introduction; overview of course*

Thu. Jan. 13 *Conflict and International Relations*

- Nye, chapter 1: “Is there an enduring logic of conflict in world politics?” pp. 1-32.

II. Central Concepts in International Relations

Tue. Jan. 18 *Anarchy*

- Art & Jervis, “Anarchy and its Consequences” pp. 1-6 in Art & Jervis.
- Waltz, Kenneth N. “The Anarchic Structure of World Politics.” pp. 29-49 in A&J.
- Mearsheimer, John J. “Anarchy and the Struggle for Power.” pp. 50-60 in A&J.

Thu. Jan. 20 *Power*

- Art, Robert J. “The Four Functions of Force.” pp. 141-148 in A&J.
- Schelling, Thomas C. “The Diplomacy of Violence.” pp. 149-162 in A&J.
- Jervis, Robert. “Offense, Defense, and the Security Dilemma.” pp. 178-198 in A&J.

Tue. Jan. 25 *Rationality & Games*

- Oye, Kenneth. “The Conditions for Cooperation in World Politics.” pp. 69-82 in A&J.
- * Snidal, Duncan. 1985. “The Game Theory of International Politics.” *World Politics* 38(1): 25-57. JSTOR
- * Axelrod, Robert, and Robert O. Keohane. 1986. “Achieving Cooperation Under Anarchy: Strategies and Institutions.” *World Politics* 38(1): 226-254. JSTOR

Thu. Jan. 27 *Interdependence & Alliances*

- Doyle, Michael W. “Kant, Liberal Legacies, and Foreign Affairs.” pp. 83-95 in A&J.
- Walt, Stephen M. “Alliances: Balancing and Bandwagoning.” pp. 96-103 in A&J
- Keohane, Robert O., and Joseph S. Nye. “Complex Interdependence and the Role of Force.” pp. 199-214 in A&J.

Tue. Feb. 1 ***Institutions & International Law***

- Keohane, Robert O. “International Institutions: Can Interdependence Work?” pp. 119-126 in A&J
- Hoffmann, Stanley. “The Uses and Limits of International Law.” pp. 114-118 in A&J.
- Howard, Rhoda E., and Jack Donnelly. “Human Rights in World Politics.” pp. 558-570 in A&J.
- Ratner, Steven R. “International Law: The Trials of Global Norms.” pp. 589-594 in A&J.

Thu. Feb. 3 ***Ideas & Beliefs***

- Wendt, Alexander. “Anarchy is What States Make of It.” pp. 61-68 in A&J.
- * Johnston, Alastair Iain. 1995. “Thinking about Strategic Culture.” *International Security* 19(4):32-64.
- Tickner, J. Ann. “A Critique of Morgenthau’s Principles of Political Realism.” pp. 15-27 in A&J.

Tue. Feb. 8 ***International Relations Theories***

- * Walt, Stephen M. 1998. “International Relations: One World, Many Theories.” *Foreign Policy* 110:29-46. JSTOR
- * Snyder, Jack. “One World, Rival Theories.” *Foreign Policy* 145:55-62. EBSCOhost
- Nye, chapter 2: “Origins of the Great Twentieth-Century Conflicts.” pp. 33-56.

III. Security Studies: War, Peace, Terrorism, etc.

Thu. Feb. 10 ***World War I & Balance of Power***

- Nye, chapter 3: “Balance of Power and World War I” pp. 58-84.
- Art, Robert J. “Coercive Diplomacy” pp. 163-177 in A&J.

Tue. Feb. 15 ***World War II & Collective Security***

- Nye, chapter 4: “The Failure of Collective Security and World War II” pp. 85-111.
- Jervis, Robert. “The Era of Leading Power Peace.” pp. 399-414 in A&J.

Thu. Feb. 17 ***Movie: Dr. Strangelove***

Tue. Feb. 22 ***The Cold War & Deterrence***

- Nye, chapter 5: “The Cold War” pp. 112-152.
- * Maland, Charles. “Dr. Strangelove: Nightmare Comedy and the Ideology of Liberal Consensus.” *American Quarterly* 31(5): 697-717.

Thu. Feb. 24 ***The Post-Cold War World & Unipolarity***

- * Huntington, Samuel P. 1993. “Why International Primacy Matters.” *International Security* 17(4): 68-82.
- * Wohlforth, William C. 1999. “The Stability of a Unipolar World.” *International Security* 24(1): 5-41.

Tue. Mar. 1 ***Intervention & Civil Wars***

- Nye, chapter 6: “Intervention, Institutions, and Regional and Ethnic Conflicts.” pp. 153-190.
- Kaufmann, Chaim. “Possible and Impossible Solutions to Ethnic Civil Wars.” pp. 496-517 in A&J.

Thu. Mar. 3 ***Weapons of Mass Destruction & Terrorism***

- Sagan, Scott D. “Nuclear Instability in South Asia.” pp. 251-262 in A&J.
- Waltz, Kenneth N. “Nuclear Stability in South Asia.” pp. 263-274 in A&J.
- Stern, Jessica. “Al Qaeda: The Protean Enemy.” pp. 431-438 in A&J
- Pape, Robert A. “The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism.” pp. 232-250 in A&J

Tue. Mar. 8 **Midterm Exam 1**

IV. Cooperation & Conflict in the International Economy

Thu. Mar. 10 ***The International Political Economy***

- Nye, chapter 7: “Globalization and Interdependence.” pp. 191-216.
- Gilpin, Robert. “The Nature of Political Economy.” pp. 281-297 in A&J.

March 14-18 *Spring Break*

Tue. Mar. 22 ***Economic Hegemony and Empire***

- Keohane, Robert O. “Hegemony in the World Political Economy.” pp. 298-310 in A&J.
- * Lake, David. 1993. “Leadership, Hegemony, and the International Economy.” *International Studies Quarterly* 37(4): 459-489. JSTOR
- Finnegan, William. 2003. “The Economics of Empire.” pp. 381-391 in A&J

Thu. Mar. 24 ***International Competitiveness***

- * Krugman, Paul. 1994. “Competitiveness: A Dangerous Obsession.” *Foreign Affairs* 73(2): 28-44. EBSCOhost
- * Christensen, Clayton, Thomas Craig, and Stuart Hart. 2001. “The Great Disruption.” *Foreign Affairs* 80(2):80-95. EBSCOhost
- * Segal, Adam. 2004. “Is America Losing Its Edge?” *Foreign Affairs* 83(6):2-8.

Tue. Mar. 29 ***Globalization and its discontents***

- Frankel, Jeffrey. “Globalization of the International Economy.” pp. 325-340 in A&J.
- Drucker, Peter F. “The Changed World Economy.” pp. 341-351 in A&J.
- Micklethwait, John, and Adrian Wooldridge. “Why the Globalization Backlash is Stupid.” pp. 374-380 in A&J.
- * Drezner, Daniel W. 2000. “Bottom Feeders.” *Foreign Policy* 121: 64-70. EBSCOhost.

Thu. Mar. 31 ***North-South Relations, development, and debt***

- Scott, Bruce R. “The Great Divide in the Global Village.” pp. 311-324 in A&J.
- Rodrik, Dani. “Trading in Illusions.” pp. 365-373 in Art & Jervis.
- * Gilboy, George J. 2004. “The Myth Behind China’s Miracle.” *Foreign Affairs* 83(4): 20-32. EBSCOhost.
- * Thomas, M.A. 2001. “Getting Debt Relief Right.” *Foreign Affairs* 80(5):36-45. EBSCOhost.

Tue. Apr. 5 ***International Integration***

- Rakove, Jack. “Europe’s Floundering Fathers.” pp. 580-588 in A&J.
- * Nicolaïdis, Calypso. 2004. “We, the Peoples of Europe...” *Foreign Affairs* 83(6): 97-110. EBSCOhost
- * Phillips, Nicola. 2003. “Hemispheric Integration and Subregionalism in the Americas.” *International Affairs* 79(2):327-349. EBSCOhost

Thu. Apr. 7 **Midterm Exam 2**

V. The United States in a Globalized World

Tue. Apr. 12 *A Historical Approach to U.S. Foreign Policy: I*

- Gaddis, chapters 1-3.

Thu. Apr. 14 *A Historical Approach to U.S. Foreign Policy: II*

- Gaddis, chapters 4-5.

Thu. Apr. 21 *Movie: Fahrenheit 9/11*

Tue. Apr. 26 *Unilateralism and Multilateralism*

- Jervis, Robert. "Explaining the Bush Doctrine." Pp. 439-453 in A&J.
- Ikenberry, G. John. "America's Imperial Ambition." Pp. 454-460 in A&J.
- * Tucker, Robert W. and David C. Hendrickson. 2004. "The Sources of American Legitimacy." *Foreign Affairs* 83(6):18-32.

Thu. Apr. 28 *The Future*

- Nye, chapter 9. "A New World Order?" pp. 242-263.
- * Peterson, Peter G. 2004. "Riding for a Fall." *Foreign Affairs* 83(5):111-125.

Tue. May 3 **Paper due**