

**Government 2710**  
**International Relations Field Seminar**  
Professors Bear Braumoeller and Beth Simmons  
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Tuesdays, 2:00-4:00, CGIS-S, 040

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This course offers a graduate-level introductory review of the field of international relations. The primary purpose is to understand the development of the field, and to understand and be able to evaluate the main theoretical approaches in this sub-discipline. The course covers many of what have come to be known as classic works in the field as well as some more recent empirical applications. While it is not designed as a research course, it is useful preparation for more specialized courses of study emphasizing international relations research. Another important purpose of the course is to prepare PhD students in the Department of Government to pass the general examination in international relations.

*Readings:* Since the course surveys a broad range of material, we have not ordered books for purchase. All materials will be available electronically on the course website. Students are encouraged order the books they feel it would be desirable to own. Where significant sections of books are assigned, we will place a copy on reserve in the Fund Library (basement, C-GIS North).

*Course requirements:* We require that all students come to class having done the readings and prepared to discuss them in depth each week. We will post discussion questions prior to class to guide your reading and organize class discussion. One-third of the course grade will be based on seminar participation.

Each student will also be required to write two essays of no more than 750 words based on the weekly readings or some subset thereof. A copy of the essay should be e-mailed to Both Professor Braumoeller and Professor Simmons the day before the class. The papers should not just represent the arguments, but must analyze, compare, and/or critique the quality of the theory and/or evidence, as appropriate.

Finally, each student will be required to take a 20 minute oral examination with either Professor Braumoeller or Professor Simmons, based on random assignment between 2 and 5 pm Tuesday May 22 (1/3 of the grade).

## Course Schedule

### February 6: Organization

### February 13: Development of the field

- Hans Morgenthau, 1948. *Politics Among Nations*, (New York: Knopf) Chapters 1 and 2. (any edition).
- Robert O Keohane, 1986. *Neorealism and its Critics* chs. 1-3; 6,7,9,10.
- Peter Katzenstein, R. Keohane, and S. Krasner, 1998. "International Organization and the Study of World Politics." *International Organization*, 52:4, pp. 645-685.
- Ole Waever, 1998. "The Sociology of a Not so International Discipline: American and European Developments in International Relations," *International Organization*, 52:4, pp. 687-727.
- Kenneth Waltz, 1959. *Man, the State, and War*, Ch. 1 (Introduction).

### February 20: War and power I: structure and conflict

- Kenneth Waltz, 1979. *Theory of International Politics* (Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley, 1979), chs. 1, 4-6 (reprinted as chapters 2-5 of Keohane (ed.), *Neorealism and its Critics*)
- John J. Mearsheimer, 2001. *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics*, ch. 2
- A. F. K. Organski and Jacek Kugler, 1980. *The War Ledger*, ch. 1
- Robert Gilpin, 1981. *War and Change in International Politics*, pp. 9-44, 85-105
- Hedley Bull, 1977. *The Anarchic Society*, ch. 2
- Barry Buzan, Charles Jones, and Richard Little, 1993. *The Logic of Anarchy*, chs. 1-9
- Alexander Wendt, 1999. *Social Theory of International Politics*, chs. 4, 6

### February 27: War and power II: agents, ideas, preferences

- Andrew Moravcsik, 1997. "Taking Preferences Seriously: A Liberal Theory of International Politics," *International Organization*, vol. 51 #4, pp. 513-553
- David A. Lake and Robert Powell (eds.), 1999. *Strategic Choice and International Relations*, chs. 1-2
- Robert Jervis, 1978. "Cooperation Under the Security Dilemma," *World Politics*, vol. 30 #2, pp. 167-214
- James D. Fearon, 1995. "Rationalist Explanations for War," *International Organization*, vol. 49, #3, pp. 379-414
- Jeffrey Friedman (ed.), 1996. *The Rational Choice Controversy*, chapters by Friedman, Chong, Fiorina, and Taylor.
- Robert Jervis, 1997. *Perception and Misperception in International Relations*, ch. 1
- Amos Tversky and Daniel Kahneman, "Judgment under Uncertainty: Heuristics and Biases," *Science, New Series*, vol. 185 #4157, pp. 1124-1131
- Jonathan Renshon, "The Utility of Prospect Theory in International Politics," manuscript, Harvard University

### **March 6: Institutions and cooperation**

- Robert O. Keohane, 1984. *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy* (Princeton University Press), chs. 1-7 (pp. 5-132)
- Robert Axelrod, 1984. *The Evolution of Cooperation* (New York: Basic Books), Chs. 1-4, pp. 3-87
- John G. Ruggie, *International Regimes*, 1982. "Transactions, and Change: Embedded Liberalism in the Postwar Economic System," *International Organization* 36(2), pp. 379-415.
- Joseph Grieco, 1988. Anarchy and the Limits of Cooperation: A Realist critique of the Newest Liberal internationalism, *International Organization*, 42(3), pp. 485-507.
- John Mearsheimer, 1994. The False Promise of International Institutions. *International Security*, 13(3), pp. 5-26.
- Robert O. Keohane and Lisa L Martin, 1995. The promise of Institutional Theory, *International Security*, 20(1), pp. 39-51.

- Helen Milner, 1997, *Interests, Institutions, and Information: Domestic Politics and International Relations*, (Princeton University Press), Ch. 1-4; (pp. 3-128).

### **March 13: Institutions: design and compliance**

- Chayes, Abram, and Antonia Handler Chayes. 1993. "On compliance." *International Organization* 47 (2):175-205.
- Downs, George W, David M. Rocke, and Peter N. Barsoom. 1996. "Is the good new about compliance good news about cooperation?" *International Organization* 50 (3):379-406.
- Simmons, Beth A. 2000. "International law and state behavior: Commitment and compliance in international monetary affairs." *American Political Science Review* 94 (4):819-35.
- Burley, Anne-Marie, and Walter Mattli. 1993. "Europe Before the Court: A Political Theory of Legal Integration." *International Organization* 47 (1):41-76.
- Koremenos, Barbara, Charles Lipson, and Duncan Snidal. 2001. "The Rational Design of International Institutions." *International Organization* 55 (4):761-99.
- Johnston, Alastair Iain. 2001. "Treating International Institutions as Social Environments." *International Studies Quarterly* 45 (4):487-516
- Wendt, Alexander. 2001. "Driving with the Rearview Mirror: On the Rational Science of Institutional Design." *International Organization* 55 (4):1019-49.
- Hafner-Burton, Emilie M. 2005. "Trading Human Rights: How Preferential Trade Agreements Influence Government Repression." *International Organization* 59 (3):593-629.

### **March 20: Democracy and peace**

- Bruce Russett, 1993. *Grasping the Democratic Peace* (Princeton: Princeton University Press), chs. 1, 2
- Bear F. Braumoeller, 1997. "Deadly Doves: Liberal Nationalism and the Democratic Peace in the Soviet Successor States," *International Studies Quarterly*, vol. 41 #3, pp. 375-402
- David A. Lake, 1992. "Powerful Pacifists: Democratic States and War," *American Political Science Review*, vol. 86 #1, pp. 24-37

- Kenneth Schultz, 1999. "Do Democratic Institutions Constrain or Inform? Contrasting Two Institutional Perspectives on Democracy and War," *International Organization*, vol. 53 #2 (1999), pp. 233-266
- Lars-Erik Cederman, 2001. "Back to Kant: Reinterpreting the Democratic Peace as a Macrohistorical Learning Process," *American Political Science Review*, vol. 95 #1, pp. 15-31
- Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, James D. Morrow, Randolph M. Siverson, and Alastair Smith, 1993. "An Institutional Explanation of the Democratic Peace," *American Political Science Review*, vol. 93 #4, pp. 791-807

## SPRING BREAK

### **April 3: Ethnicity, civil war, and terror**

- Sambanis, Nicholas. 2001. "Do Ethnic and Nonethnic Civil Wars Have the Same Causes?" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 45(3): 259-282.
- Paul Collier and Anke Hoeffler, 2004. "Greed and Grievance in Civil War," *Oxford Economic Papers* 56:4, 563-595
- James Fearon and David Laitin, 2003. "Ethnicity, Insurgency and Civil War." *American Political Science Review* 97(1): 75-90.
- Lars-Erik Cederman and Luc Girardin, "Beyond Fractionalization: Mapping Ethnicity onto Nationalist Insurgencies," *American Political Science Review*, forthcoming.
- Ben Valentino, Paul Huth, and Dylan Balch-Lindsay, 2004. "'Draining the Sea': Mass Killing and Guerrilla Warfare," *International Organization*, vol. 58 #2, pp. 375-407
- Robert A. Pape, 2003. "The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism," *American Political Science Review*, vol 97 #3, pp. 343-361
- Brophy-Baermann, B., and Conybeare, J. A. C. 1994. "Retaliating against Terrorism: Rational Expectations and the Optimality of Rules versus Discretion." *American Journal of Political Science* 38(1): 196-210.
- John Mueller, "Terrorism and the Dynamics of Threat Exaggeration," paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association Marriott Wardman Park, Omni Shoreham, Washington Hilton, Washington, DC, Sept. 1, 2005

### **April 10: Domestic institutions and interests**

- Putnam, Robert D. 1988. "Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two-Level Games." *International Organization* 42 (3):427-60.
- Holsti, Ole R. 1996. *Public opinion and American foreign policy*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. Chs. 1 and 5.
- Martin, Lisa. 2000. *Democratic commitments : legislatures and international cooperation*. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press. Ch. 1-2, 7.
- Gaubatz, Kurt Taylor. 1996. "Democratic States and Commitments in International Relations." *International Organization* 50 (1):109-39.
- Weingast, Barry R, Judith Goldstein, and Michael A Bailey. 1997. "The Institutional Roots of American Trade Policy: Politics, Coalitions, and International Trade." *World Politics* 49 (3):309-38.
- Frieden, Jeffrey A. 1988. "Sectoral Conflict and Foreign Economic Policy, 1914-1940." *International Organization* 42 (1):59-90
- Solingen, Etel. 2001. "Mapping Internationalization: Domestic and Regional Impacts." *International Studies Quarterly* 45 (4):517-56.

### **April 17: Alliances and war**

- Emanuel Adler and Michael Barnett, eds., 1998. *Security Communities* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), Chs. 2 and 4. (pp. 29-65, 119-160)
- Thomas Christensen and Jack Snyder, 1990. "Chain Gangs and Passed Bucks: Predicting Alliance Patterns in Multipolarity," *International Organization*, vol. 44, pp. 137-168
- Randall L. Schweller, 1994. "Bandwagoning for Profit: Bringing the Revisionist State Back In," *International Security* 19, pp. 72-107.
- Stephen Walt, 1987. *The Origins of Alliances* (Cornell University Press), chs. 1-2, 8
- James D. Morrow, 1993. "Arms versus Allies: Trade-offs in the Search for Security," *International Organization*, vol. 47 #2, pp. 207-233

- Lisa L. Martin, 1992. "Institutions and Cooperation: Sanctions During the Falklands Islands Conflict," *International Security*, vol. 16 #4, pp. 143-178.

#### **April 24: Empire, trade, and power**

- Snyder, Jack L. 1991. *Myths of empire : domestic politics and international ambition*. Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press. Chs 1-5
- Frieden, Jeffrey A. 1994. "International Investment and Colonial Control: A New Interpretation." *International Organization* 48 (4):559-93.
- Gowa, Joanne S., and Edward D Mansfield. 1993. "Power Politics and International Trade." *American Political Science Review* 87 (2):408-20.
- Kindleberger, Charles P. 1981. "Dominance and Leadership in the International Economy: Exploitation, Public Goods, and Free Rides." *International Studies Quarterly* 25 (2):242-54.
- Stein, Arthur A. 1984. "The Hegemon's Dilemma: Great Britain, the United States, and the International Economic Order." *International Organization* 38 (2):355-86.
- Lake, David A. 1993. "Leadership, Hegemony, and the International Economy: Naked Emperor or Tattered Monarch with Potential?" *International Studies Quarterly* 37 (4):459-89.

#### **May 1: Globalization**

- Zuern, Michael. 2003. "From Interdependence to Globalization." In *Handbook of international relations*, ed. W. Carlsnaes, T. Risse-Kappen and B. A. Simmons. London ; Thousand Oaks, Calif.: SAGE Publications.
- Keohane, Robert O., and Jr. Nye, Joseph S. 2000. "Globalization: What's New? What's Not? (And So What?)" *Foreign Policy* 118 (spring):104-19.
- Simmons, Beth A, Frank Dobbin, and Geoffrey Garrett. 2006. "Introduction: The International Diffusion of Liberalism." *International Organization* 60 (4):781-810.
- Simmons, Beth A., and Zachary Elkins. 2004. "The Globalization of Liberalization: Policy Diffusion in the International Political Economy." *American Political Science Review* 98 (1):171-89.

- Olzak, Susan. 2006. *The global dynamics of racial and ethnic mobilization*. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press. Selections, TBA.
- Gray, Mark M. , Miki Caul Kittilson, and Wayne Sandholtz. 2006. "Women and Globalization: A Study of 180 Countries, 1975–2000." *International Organization* 44: 25-54. 60 (2):293-333.

### **May 8: Theoretical progress: Theory-testing and synthesis**

- Albert O. Hirschman, 1970. "The Search for Paradigms as a Hindrance to Understanding," *World Politics*, vol. 22 #3, pp. 329-343
- William Zimmerman, 1973. "Issue Area and Foreign-Policy Process: A Research Note in Search of a General Theory," *American Political Science Review*, vol. 67 #4, pp. 1204-1212
- Pollins, B. M., and R. L. Schweller. 1999. "Linking the Levels: The Long Wave and Shifts in U.S. Foreign Policy, 1790-1993." *American Journal of Political Science* 43(2): 431-464.
- Emerson M. S. Niou and Peter Ordeshook, 1994. "'Less Filling, Tastes Great': The Realist-Neoliberal Debate," *World Politics*, vol. 46 #2, pp. 209-234
- Bear F. Braumoeller, "Systemic Politics, Spirals, and Deterrence in 19th-Century Europe," manuscript, Harvard University

### READING PERIOD

**Tuesday May 22: 20 minute oral examinations, between 2:00-5:00 pm.**

**To be held at the offices of either Professor Braumoeller or Professor Simmons.**

**Students will be notified of the examiner and exact time slot the night before.**