

**Government 97b: Sophomore tutorial
International and Comparative Politics**

This class provides an introduction to some central themes in the study of politics among nations, and politics within nations. In the case of International Relations, we emphasize the analysis of globalization, and of war and peace. In the case of Comparative Politics, we emphasize the analysis of democracy and democratization.

Students will be grouped into sections directed by a Teaching Fellow, with a cap of eight students per section, which will meet every week of the course for two hours. There will be one one-hour lecture each week Monday at 11. In the first half of the course, focusing on International Relations, Professor Frieden will lecture. Professor Colton will lecture in the second half, when the focus will be on Comparative Politics.

Requirements: There are four components to the course requirements, as follows:

One research paper of 12-15 pages (3000-4000 words), on one of a list of topics to be handed out early in the semester (or another topic approved by your TF), due **May 9**. This paper is to examine in some detail an analytical question relevant to the course, drawing upon some independent research. You must have the topic of this paper approved by your TF by **March 17**; and you must submit an outline of the paper to your TF for comment and discussion by **April 7**. This paper counts as 30 percent of your final grade.

Two essays of 6-8 pages (about 2000 words) each. The first essay will be in response to a question handed out in class on **March 10**, due **March 17**. The second essay will be in response to a question handed out **April 14**, due **April 21**. The essays are meant to use only readings done for this course; they are not independent research papers. Each essay counts for 20 percent of your final grade.

Participation in section, which counts for 30 percent of your final grade.

Online manuscript. Some of the readings for the first half of the course are drawn from a manuscript: Jeffrey Frieden, David Lake, and Kenneth Schultz, *World Politics: Interests, Interactions, and Institutions* (New York: W. W. Norton, forthcoming). These chapters can be accessed at

http://www.wwnorton.com/college/polisci/world_politics_ebook/welcome_mp.htm

Other readings. Other readings will be available through on-line reserve and in a course packet available for purchase at Gnomon copy on Massachusetts Avenue. In addition, students are asked to purchase three books that we will be reading either in their entirety or in substantial part for classes in the second half of the course. These books, all in paperback, will be available at the Coop in Harvard Square:

Robert A. Dahl, *Who Governs? Democracy and Power in an American City*, 2nd ed. (Yale University Press, 2005).

Ronald Inglehart and Christian Welzel, *Modernization, Cultural Change, and Democracy: The Human Development Sequence* (Cambridge University Press, 2005).

Charles Tilly, *Democracy* (Cambridge University Press, 2007).

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February 4: Introduction

“What Shaped Our World? A Historical Introduction to Modern International Politics,” chapter 1 of Jeffrey Frieden, David Lake, and Kenneth Schultz, *World Politics: Interests, Interactions, and Institutions*, in manuscript, pages 1-39.

February 11: The causes of globalization

“International trade,” chapter 6 of Jeffrey Frieden, David Lake, and Kenneth Schultz, *International Politics*, in manuscript, pages 260-306

Geoffrey Garrett, “The Causes of Globalization,” *Comparative Political Studies* 33, No. 6/7 (August/September 2001), pages 941-991.

Jeffrey Frankel, “Globalization of the Economy,” in *Governance in a Globalizing World*, edited by Joseph Nye and John Donahue (Washington: Brookings Institution Press, 2000), pages 45-70.

February 18: No class – President’s Day

Sections this week as usual, and read:

Ronald Rogowski. 1989. *Commerce and Coalitions: How Trade Affects Domestic Political Alignments*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, pp. 3-20.

February 25: The consequences of globalization

Jeffrey G. Williamson. 1997. “Globalization and Inequality, Past and Present.” *The World Bank Research Observer* Vol. 12 No. 2, pages 117-135.

Kenneth Scheve and Matthew Slaughter. 2006. “Public Opinion, International Economic Integration, and the Welfare State.” In Samuel Bowles, Pranab Bardhan, and Michael Wallerstein (eds.). *Globalization and Egalitarian Redistribution*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Kenneth Scheve and Matthew Slaughter. 2007. “A New Deal for Globalization.” *Foreign Affairs* 86, No. 4 (July/August), pages 34-47.

March 3: Why is there war?

“Why Are There Wars?” and “International Institutions and War,” chapters 3 and 4 of Jeffrey Frieden, David Lake, and Kenneth Schultz, *World Politics: Interests, Interactions, and Institutions*, in manuscript, pages 90-202.

Thucydides. “Introduction,” Book One, chapters 1-23; “The Debate at Sparta and the Declaration of War,” Book One, chapters 66-88; and “The Melian Dialogue,” Book Five, Chapters 84-116 of the *History of the Peloponnesian War*:

Available online at <http://www.gutenberg.org/dirs/etext04/plpwr10.txt> as Book I, Chapter I; Book I Chapter III; and Book V Chapter XVII

Thomas Hobbes, “On the Natural Condition of Mankind,” Part I, Chapter XIII of *Leviathan* [1651]. Available at <http://etext.library.adelaide.edu.au/h/h68l/chap13.html>

Dan Reiter. 2003. Exploring the Bargaining Model of War. *Perspectives on Politics* 1, No. 1, pages 27-43

Scott Sagan. 1988. The Origins of the Pacific War. *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 18, No. 4 (Spring), pages 893-922.

FIRST PAPER TOPICS DISTRIBUTED AT END OF CLASS MARCH 10, DUE AT START OF CLASS MARCH 17

March 10: The biological and psychological origins of war

(Lecture by Stephen Rosen)

Stephen Peter Rosen. 2004. *War and Human Nature*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, chapters 1 and 3, pages 1-26 and 71-98.

Nicholas Wade. 2006. *Before the Dawn*. New York: Penguin, chapters 7 and 8, pages 123-180.

March 17: Domestic politics and war

“Domestic Politics and War,” chapter 5 of Jeffrey Frieden, David Lake, and Kenneth Schultz, *World Politics: Interests, Interactions, and Institutions*, in manuscript, pages 203-259.

Benjamin Fordham. 1998. *Building the Cold War Consensus: The Political Economy of U. S. National Security Policy, 1949-1951*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, chapter 1, pages 1-23.

Jack Snyder. 1991. *Myths of Empire: Domestic Politics and International Ambition*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, Chapters 1 and 8, pages 1-20 and 305-322.

George Orwell. 1940. Review of *Mein Kampf* by Adolf Hitler. *New English Weekly* (March). Available online at http://www.ccea.org/archive/worldview/1975/07/2555.html/res/id=sa_File1/v18_i007-008_a010.pdf

Immanuel Kant. *Perpetual Peace: A Philosophical Sketch*, section II. Available online at <http://www.constitution.org/kant/perpeace.htm>

Bruce Russett. 1994. *Grasping the Democratic Peace*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, chapters 1 and 2, pages 3-42.

March 24 -- Spring break

March 31: What is democracy and how does it work?

Tilly, *Democracy*, chap. 1 (“What Is Democracy?”).

Dahl, *Who Governs?* chaps. 1–8, 12, 16–24, 27–28.

April 7: The consequences of democracy

Dan Reiter and Allan C. Stam, *Democracies at War* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2004), pp. 10–38, 58–74, 193–205.

Amartya Sen, *Development as Freedom* (New York: Knopf, 2001), chaps. 6–7.

Robert J. Barro, *Determinants of Economic Growth: A Cross-Country Empirical Study* (Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 1997), chap. 2.

Casey B. Mulligan, Richard Gil, and Xavier Sala-i-Martin, "Do Democracies Have Different Public Policies than Nondemocracies?" *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 18:1 (2004), pp. 51–74.

April 14: Democratization

(Lecture by James Robinson)

Carlos Boix and Susan Stokes, "Endogenous Democratization," *World Politics* 55 (July 2003), pp. 517–549.

James A. Robinson, "Economic Development and Democracy," *Annual Review of Political Science* 2006, 9, pp. 503–27.

Tilly, *Democracy*, chaps. 2–8.

SECOND PAPER TOPICS DISTRIBUTED AT END OF CLASS APRIL 14, DUE AT START OF CLASS APRIL 21

April 21: Democracy and culture

Inglehart and Welzel, *Modernization, Cultural Change, and Democracy*, intro and chaps. 1–2, 7–8, 11, 13.

EXCHANGE ON MUSLIM/ARAB "EXCEPTIONALISM":

Alfred C. Stepan and Graeme B. Robertson, "Arab, Not Muslim Exceptionalism" (original article by this title), *Journal of Democracy* 14 (July 2003), pp. 30–44.

Burhan Ghalioun, "The Persistence of Arab Authoritarianism," *ibid.* 15 (October 2004), pp. 126–32.

Sanford Lakoff, "The Reality of Muslim Exceptionalism," *ibid.*, pp. 133–39.

Reply by Stepan and Robertson, *ibid.*, pp. 140–46.

April 28: The international dimension and democracy promotion

Larry Diamond, *The Spirit of Democracy: The Struggle to Build Free Societies Throughout the World* (New York: Times Books, 2008), chaps. 5, 14.

“A Quarter-Century of Promoting Democracy,” contributions by Thomas Carothers and Jean Betke Elshtain, *Journal of Democracy* 18 (October 2007), pp. 112–20.

Steven Levitsky and Lucan Way, “International Linkage and Democratization,” *ibid.* 16 (July 2005), pp. 20–34.