
Political Science 106
Introduction to International Relations

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Course Info:
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12:00–12:50 MW
Strong - Lower Auditorium

This course provides students with the background and conceptual tools they need to understand contemporary international relations. The course will introduce students to the wide range of issues involved in the study of international relations including the workings of the state system, the causes of international conflict and violence, and international economic relations. Students will be introduced to the literature in a broad way, to make them familiar with the main theoretical traditions in the field. Students will be asked, as much as possible, to read original texts, rather than from a textbook. Time permitting, we will also examine topics of particular current interest such as the evolving nature of power in the post Cold War environment as well as special global challenges like the rise of China, nation-building and ongoing conflict(s) in the Middle East.

This course is organized around the metaphor of Chinese food. In the beginning, students will examine the basic ingredients of the study of international relations. We will consider the actors, goals, means, and consequences of state interaction — IR's soy sauce, ginger root, garlic, and MSG. The rest of the course is designed to give an overview of the breadth and scope of the wide-ranging field of international relations. Along the way, students will get a taste of follow-on courses they might choose to take in international security, international political economy, international law, American foreign policy, and so on.

Course Requirements

Participation in recitation (Friday 12:00–12:50, for most) comprises 30% of your grade; your teaching fellow has nearly absolute autonomy in determining the requirements and assessing how well or poorly you have met them.

A midterm exam counts for 30% of your grade, and a final exam counts for 40%. The final exam is given during the period scheduled by the University. The exam is not given early — check the schedule published by the University and make your holiday travel plans accordingly.

Academic Integrity

Be familiar with the University's policies on academic integrity and disciplinary action (<http://www.rochester.edu/College/honesty/students.html>). Violators of University regulations on academic integrity will be dealt with severely, which means that your grade will suffer, and I will forward your case to the Chair of the College Board on Academic Honesty.

Remember that the same technology that has made plagiarism easier to accomplish has also made it easier to detect. If you do not cite a source, it is plagiarism. If you do cite it, it is scholarship.

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Texts

The following book is required:

Jeffrey A. Frieden, David A. Lake, and Kenneth A. Schultz (2009). *World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions*. Norton. ISBN: 9780393927092. URL: <http://books.google.com/books?id=yh5dPQAACAAJ>

These books are optional:

- Robert J. Art and Robert Jervis (2006). *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues*. Ed. by Robert J. Art and Robert Jervis. 8th. Addison-Wesley. ISBN: 9780321436030. URL: <http://books.google.com/books?id=DvLeQQAACAAJ>
- Colin McEvedy and David Woodroffe (2002). *The New Penguin Atlas of Recent History: Europe Since 1815*. 2nd. Penguin. URL: <http://books.google.com/books?id=vcx-AAAAMAAJ>
- Dan Smith and Ane Bræin (2003). *The Penguin Atlas of War and Peace*. 4th. Penguin Books. ISBN: 9780142002940. URL: <http://books.google.com/books?id=I2oYAAAAIAAJ>
- John L. Allen and Christopher J. Sutton (2010). *Student Atlas of World Politics*. McGraw Hill. ISBN: 9780073401485. URL: <http://books.google.com/books?id=iNzcQQAACAAJ>

Readings not included in one of the texts can be found through one of the online databases. These readings are listed in the syllabus in italics. Compared to previous years, this is a

significantly revised course with revised readings. The optional readings are useful for providing background, especially for the initial part of the course on theory and concepts. You have to know about the background and substance of International Relations to appreciate and weigh the usefulness of contending theories.

In addition, I **expect** students to read one of the following newspapers: the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, or the *Financial Times*, the *Frankfurter Allgemeine*, *Die Zeit*, *Le Monde diplomatique* or a comparable international paper. It is entirely likely that questions on the mid-term and the final will require you to be up-to-date on current events.

Course Outline

Wednesday September 1

1. Introduction

Friday September 3

2. Section Assignments

Monday September 6

NO CLASS: LABOR DAY Wednesday September 8

Old School Approaches

- Chapter 1 of R. Harrison Wagner (2007). *War and the State. The Theory of International Politics*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. URL: <http://books.google.com/books?id=HixiKnGY2aIC>

Monday September 13

3. Those who do not know the past are doomed to repeat it

- Introduction and Chapter 1 in Frieden, Lake, and Schultz 2009

Wednesday September 15

4. The ‘modern’ era after 1945

- G. John Ikenberry (2000). *After Victory: Institutions, Strategic Restraint, and the Rebuilding of Order after Major Wars*. Princeton. ISBN: 978-0-691-05091-1. URL: http://books.google.com/books?id=2IN0qin_p3MC, Chapter 6, pp. 163–214
- R. Harrison Wagner (1993). “What was bipolarity?” In: *International Organization* 47.01, pp. 77–106. DOI: 10.1017/S0020818300004719. eprint: http://journals.cambridge.org/article_S0020818300004719. URL: <http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=3217396&fulltextType=RA&fileId=S0020818300004719>

Monday September 20

5. The Analytical Framework: Interests, Interactions & Institutions

- Chapter 2 in Frieden, Lake, and Schultz 2009

Wednesday September 22

6. Interests and Actors

- Arnold Wolfers (1952). ““National Security” as an Ambiguous Symbol”. In: *Political Science Quarterly* 67.4, pp. 481–502. ISSN: 00323195. URL: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/2145138>
- Bruce Bueno de Mesquita et al. (2005). *The Logic of Political Survival*. MIT Press. ISBN: 9780262524407. URL: <http://books.google.com/books?id=1P1RlcgQdpMC>, Chapter 1, pp. 3–36

Monday September 27

7. War and Bargaining

- Chapter 3 in Frieden, Lake, and Schultz 2009

Wednesday September 29

8. Bargaining and War

- Dan Reiter (2003). “Exploring the Bargaining Model of War”. In: *Perspectives on Politics* 1.01, pp. 27–43. DOI: 10.1017.S1537592703000033. eprint: http://journals.cambridge.org/article_S1537592703000033. URL: <http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=145049&fulltextType=RA&fileId=S1537592703000033>
- Alasdair Roberts (Nov. 2007). “The War We Deserve”. In: *Foreign Policy* 163, pp. 45–. ISSN: 00157228. URL: <http://proquest.umi.com/pqdweb?did=1379710781&Fmt=7&Fmt=7&clientId=17941&RQT=309&VName=PQD>
- James D. Fearon (1995). “Rationalist Explanations for War”. In: *International Organization* 49.3, pp. 379–414. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.2307/2706903>. URL: <http://dx.doi.org/10.2307/2706903>

Monday October 4

9. Domestic Politics and War

- Chapter 4 in Frieden, Lake, and Schultz 2009
- Giacomo Chiozza and Hein Goemans (Mar. 2009). “Leaders and International Conflict”. unpublished manuscript, Chapter 2

Wednesday October 6

10. International Institutions and War

- Chapter 5 in Frieden, Lake, and Schultz 2009
- Virginia Page Fortna (July 2004). “Interstate Peacekeeping: Causal Mechanisms and Empirical Effects”. In: *World Politics* 56.4, pp. 481–519. URL: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/25054273>

- Michael J. Glennon (2003). “Why the Security Council Failed.” In: *Foreign Affairs* 82.3, pp. 16–35. ISSN: 00157120. URL: <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=poh&AN=9514604&site=ehost-live>

Monday October 11

11. International Trade

- Chapter 6 in Frieden, Lake, and Schultz 2009

Wednesday October 13

12. International Trade and Globalization

- Ronald Rogowski (1987). “Political Cleavages and Changing Exposure to Trade”. In: *The American Political Science Review* 81.4, pp. 1121–1137. ISSN: 00030554. URL: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/1962581>
- Dani Rodrik (2001). “Trading in Illusions.” In: *Foreign Policy* 123, p. 54. ISSN: 00157228. URL: <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=poh&AN=4118575&site=ehost-live>
- Peter D. Sutherland (2008). “Transforming Nations.” In: *Foreign Affairs* 87.2, pp. 125–136. ISSN: 00157120. URL: <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=poh&AN=31029419&site=ehost-live>
- Kenneth E. Scheve and Matthew J. Slaughter (July 2007). “A New Deal for Globalization.” In: 4, pp. 34–47. URL: <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=poh&AN=25610509&site=ehost-live>

Monday October 18

13. International Financial Relations

- Chapter 7 in Frieden, Lake, and Schultz 2009

Wednesday October 20

14. International Monetary Relations

- Chapter 8 in Frieden, Lake, and Schultz 2009
- Benjamin J. Cohen (1998). *The Geography of Money*. Cornell University Press. ISBN: 9780801485138. URL: <http://books.google.com/books?id=UP67hpdE9rYC>, Introduction

Monday October 25

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Monday October 27

15. International Development

- Chapter 9 in Frieden, Lake, and Schultz 2009
- Laurie Garrett (2007). “The Challenge of Global Health”. In: *Foreign Affairs* 86.1, pp. 14–38. URL: <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=poh&AN=23521751&site=ehost-live>

Wednesday November 1

16. International Law

- Anne-Marie Slaughter, Andrew S. Tulumello, and Stepan Wood (1998). “International Law and International Relations Theory: A New Generation of Interdisciplinary Scholarship”. In: *The American Journal of International Law* 92.3, pp. 367–397. ISSN: 00029300. URL: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/2997914>
- K. P. Prakash (2002). “International Criminal Court: A Review”. In: *Economic and Political Weekly* 37.40, pp. 4113–4115. ISSN: 00129976. URL: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/4412690>
- John R. Bolton (2001). “Risks and the Weaknesses of the International Criminal Court from America’s Perspective”. In: *Law and Contemporary Problems* 64, p. 167. URL: <http://www.law.duke.edu/journals/64LCPBolton>
- Bruce Baker (2004). “Twilight of Impunity for Africa’s Presidential Criminals”. In: *Third World Quarterly* 25.8, pp. 1487–1499. ISSN: 01436597. URL: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/3993798>

Monday November 3

17. Transnational Networks

- Chapter 10 in Frieden, Lake, and Schultz 2009

Wednesday November 8

18. Human Rights

- Chapter 11 in Frieden, Lake, and Schultz 2009

Monday November 10

19. Failed States and Nation Building

- Robert I. Rotberg (2006). “Failed States, Collapsed States, Weak States: Causes and Indicators”. In: *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues*. Ed. by Robert J. Art and Robert Jervis. 8th. Addison-Wesley, pp. 451–458. ISBN: 9780321436030. URL: <http://books.google.com/books?id=DvLeQQAACAAJ>
- James Dobbins (2006). “Nation-Building: UN Surpasses US on Learning Curve”. In: *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues*. Ed. by Robert J. Art and Robert Jervis. 8th. Addison-Wesley, pp. 518–524. ISBN: 9780321436030. URL: <http://books.google.com/books?id=DvLeQQAACAAJ>

- Sebastian Mallaby (2002). “The Reluctant Imperialist.” In: *Foreign Affairs* 81.2, pp. 2–7. ISSN: 00157120. URL: <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=poh&AN=6249340&site=ehost-live>
- Gerald B. Helman and Steven R. Ratner (1992). “Saving failed states.” In: *Foreign Policy* 89, p. 3. ISSN: 00157228. URL: <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=buh&AN=9301031762&site=ehost-live>

Wednesday November 15

20. Terrorism

- Robert A. Pape (2003). “The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism”. In: *American Political Science Review* 97.03, pp. 343–361. DOI: 10.1017/S000305540300073X. eprint: http://journals.cambridge.org/article_S000305540300073X. URL: <http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=173126&fulltextType=RA&fileId=S000305540300073X>
- Bruce Hoffman (2006). “What is Terrorism?” In: *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues*. Ed. by Robert J. Art and Robert Jervis. 8th. Addison-Wesley, pp. 198–204. ISBN: 9780321436030. URL: <http://books.google.com/books?id=DvLeQQAACAAJ>
- Mia M. Bloom (2004). “Palestinian Suicide Bombing: Public Support, Market Share, and Outbidding.” In: *Political Science Quarterly* 119.1, pp. 61–88. ISSN: 00323195. URL: <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=poh&AN=13559814&site=ehost-live>
- Graham E. Fuller (2002). “The Future of Political Islam.” In: *Foreign Affairs* 81.2, pp. 48–60. ISSN: 00157120. URL: <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=poh&AN=6249386&site=ehost-live>

Monday November 17

21. Terrorism

- Chapters 2–4 in Richardson 2007

Wednesday November 22

22. Civil War

- Barbara Walter (2009). “Bargaining Failures and Civil War”. In: *Annual Review of Political Science* 12, pp. 243–261. URL: <https://www.annualreviews.org/doi/abs/10.1146/annurev.polisci.10.101405.135301>
- James D. Fearon and David D. Laitin (2003). “Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War”. In: *American Political Science Review* 97.01, pp. 75–90. DOI: 10.1017/S0003055403000534. URL: <http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=142717&fulltextType=RA&fileId=S0003055403000534>

- James D. Fearon (2004). “Why Do Some Civil Wars Last So Much Longer than Others?” In: *Journal of Peace Research* 41.3, pp. 275–301. DOI: 10.1177/0022343304043770. URL: <http://jpr.sagepub.com/content/41/3/275.abstract>
- Chapters 4 and 5 in V. Page Fortna 2008

Monday November 29

23. The Environment

- Chapter 12 in Frieden, Lake, and Schultz 2009

Wednesday December 1

24. The Environment

- Garrett Hardin (2006). “The Tragedy of the Commons”. In: *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues*. Ed. by Robert J. Art and Robert Jervis. 8th. Addison-Wesley, pp. 495–500. ISBN: 9780321436030. URL: <http://books.google.com/books?id=DvLeQQAACAAJ>
- Julian L. Simon (2006). “The Infinite Supply of Natural Resources”. In: *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues*. Ed. by Robert J. Art and Robert Jervis. 8th. Addison-Wesley, pp. 531–538. ISBN: 9780321436030. URL: <http://books.google.com/books?id=DvLeQQAACAAJ>
- Thomas Homer-Dixon (2006). “Environmental Change as Causes of Acute Conflict”. In: *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues*. Ed. by Robert J. Art and Robert Jervis. 8th. Addison-Wesley, pp. 501–507. ISBN: 9780321436030. URL: <http://books.google.com/books?id=DvLeQQAACAAJ>

Monday December 6

25. Weapons of Mass Destruction

- TBA

Wednesday December 8

26. The Rise of China

- Richard Bernstein and Ross H. Munro (1997). “The Coming Conflict With America”. In: *Foreign Affairs* 76.2, pp. 18–32. URL: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/20047934>
- Minxin Pei (2006). “The Dark Side of China’s Rise”. In: *Foreign Policy* 153, pp. 32–40
- Homi Kharas (2005). “All Boats: Why China’s Great Leap is Good for the World’s Poor”. In: *Foreign Policy* 146, pp. 54–56

- Thomas J. Christensen (1999). “China, the U.S.-Japan Alliance, and the Security Dilemma in East Asia”. In: *International Security* 23.4, pp. 49–80. URL: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/2539294>
- John Lee (2010). “Big Trouble with Big China”. In: *Foreign Policy*. URL: http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2010/02/02/big_trouble_with_big_china?page=0,0

Wednesday December 13

27. The Future of International Politics

- Chapter 13 in Frieden, Lake, and Schultz 2009
- Daniel W. Drezner (2007). “The New New World Order.” In: *Foreign Affairs* 86.2, pp. 34–46. ISSN: 00157120. URL: <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=buh&AN=24151461&site=ehost-live>
- *Foreign Policy* (Jan/Feb 2008), “What America Must Do”:
 - Kenneth Rogoff (2008). “Step on the Gas.” In: *Foreign Policy* 164, pp. 63–64. ISSN: 00157228. URL: <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=buh&AN=28069269&site=ehost-live>
 - Reza Aslan (2008). “Holy Orders.” In: *Foreign Policy* 164, pp. 64–65. ISSN: 00157228. URL: <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=buh&AN=28069372&site=ehost-live>
 - Philip Stephens (2008). “A Table for Thirteen.” In: *Foreign Policy* 164, pp. 65–66. ISSN: 00157228. URL: <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=buh&AN=28069535&site=ehost-live>
 - Jessica T. Mathews (2008). “Open the Door To Damascus.” In: *Foreign Policy* 164, pp. 66–67. ISSN: 00157228. URL: <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=buh&AN=28069727&site=ehost-live>
 - Jianli Yang (2008). “The China Syndrome.” In: *Foreign Policy* 164, pp. 67–68. ISSN: 00157228. URL: <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=buh&AN=28069730&site=ehost-live>
 - Newt Gingrich (2008). “Lend Them Your Ear.” In: *Foreign Policy* 164, pp. 68–69. ISSN: 00157228. URL: <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=buh&AN=28069734&site=ehost-live>
 - Kavita Ramdas (2008). “A Woman’s Worth.” In: *Foreign Policy* 164, p. 69. ISSN: 00157228. URL: <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=buh&AN=28069738&site=ehost-live>
 - Nadine Gordimer (2008). “End the Embargo.” In: *Foreign Policy* 164, pp. 70–71. ISSN: 00157228. URL: <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=buh&AN=28069739&site=ehost-live>
 - Jorge I. Domínguez (2008). “Unrepentant Power.” In: *Foreign Policy* 164, pp. 71–72. ISSN: 00157228. URL: <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=buh&AN=28069744&site=ehost-live>
 - Dmitri Trenin (2008). “Travel to Tehran.” In: *Foreign Policy* 164, pp. 72–73. ISSN: 00157228. URL: <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=buh&AN=28069745&site=ehost-live>

- Fouad Ajami (2008). “Steady as She Goes.” In: *Foreign Policy* 164, p. 73. ISSN: 00157228. URL: <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=buh&AN=28069747&site=ehost-live>
- Desmond Tutu (2008). “Say You’re Sorry.” In: *Foreign Policy* 164, p. 74. ISSN: 00157228. URL: <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=buh&AN=28069748&site=ehost-live>

Please give me some information about yourself: Who are you? To that end, hand in one page bio on yourself:

1. Name, e-mail, year, major.
2. Why did you sign up for this course?
3. What are your interests, extra-curricular?
4. What is true about you and no one else?
5. Should the US withdraw from Iraq? If so, on what conditions?
6. What are your biggest expectations of a U of R Professor.

I'm asking you all to play a game called **Starfleet Commander** on Facebook. Since the game more or less requires that you invite other players to join your fleet, you may want to set up a "spoof" account, under a pseudonym on Facebook.

Facebook is at www.facebook.com, as I'm pretty sure most if not all of you know. You can join the Space War application at: <http://apps.facebook.com/spacewarsgame/>. You should definitely follow the main forum board. (

We may take one Friday to collectively act and take out the biggest or nastiest players in the game. If so, we will be Spaceforce 106 of the Ick. (To read the story of the Ick, and their power I'll post it later.)

To grow more powerful, you'll need to make investments and get money, and expand you fleet. To expand your fleet, you need to invite friends. The easiest way may be to ask friends to become friends on Facebook, and then follow the 'fleet' link on your Space Wars home page, and then invite friends.

There will be a bonus question on the exam about this game and how it does or does not compare to IR.