

International Relations Field Seminar II

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Thursdays, 2-4:40

Via Zoom

This is the second course in the international relations sequence for Ph.D. students. The course assumes familiarity with the major works in the field and focuses on applications of theory and empirical methods in current research into the causes of international conflict and cooperation.

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Course Requirements

- Students must attend every class. A student who misses class must get in touch with me within 24 hours of the start of the missed class period and complete a make-up assignment.
- Reading for the week must be completed by all students before class.
- All readings are available via links in the syllabus.
- I will get in touch with you outside of class if I have concerns about your preparation for class or participation.
- Students are expected to write short (no more than 2-page) papers critiquing the assigned readings for each week following week 1, due Thursday at noon. The lowest two grades will be dropped.
- There will be a 24-hour take-home final exam, which we will schedule based on students' other commitments.
- Grading will be as follows: 1/3 class participation, 1/3 the average of short papers, and 1/3 final.

Academic honesty

Students and faculty at the University must agree to adhere to high standards of academic honesty in all of the work that we do. The College Board on Academic Honesty provides further information on our policies and procedures: www.rochester.edu/college/honesty.

In this course the following additional requirements are in effect: You are encouraged to discuss course readings and assignments with your fellow students. However, all written work must be done independently and not in collaboration with another. All written work must properly format quotations, use citations, and include a bibliography where necessary. Cases of plagiarism will be referred to the Academic Honesty Board.

Class schedule

Feb 4: Introduction to the course

Feb 11: What is an international system and what traits does it have?

Thomson, Janice E. 1995. "State Sovereignty in International Relations: Bridging the Gap Between Theory and Empirical Research." *International Studies Quarterly* 39(2): 213–233. <https://doi.org/10.2307/2600847>

Krasner, Stephen D. 2001. "Organized hypocrisy in nineteenth-century East Asia," *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*, 1(2): 173–197. <https://doi.org/10.1093/irap/1.2.173>

Lake, David A. 2017. "Hierarchy and International Relations: Theory and Evidence." *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. https://www.dropbox.com/s/mbdoom8ei8auko1/Lake_Hierarchy_OREP.pdf?dl=0

Deudney, Daniel and G. John Ikenberry. 1999. "The nature and sources of liberal international order." *Review of International Studies* 25(2): 179–196. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0260210599001795>

Acharya, Amitav. 2016. "The Future of Global Governance: Fragmentation May Be Inevitable and Creative." *Global Governance* 22(4): 453–460. www.jstor.org/stable/44861194

O'Rourke, Kevin Hjortshøj. 2019. "Economic History and Contemporary Challenges to Globalization." *The Journal of Economic History* 79(2): 356–82. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0022050719000044>

Feb 18: Characterizing change in the international system

Fischer, Markus. 1992. "Feudal Europe, 800-1300: Communal discourse and conflictual practices." *International Organization* 46(2): 427-466. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/2706859>

Spruyt, Hendrik. 2000. "The End of Empire and the Extension of the Westphalian System: The Normative Basis of the Modern State Order." *International Studies Review* 2(2): 65–92. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1521-9488.00205>

Altman, Dan. 2020. "The Evolution of Territorial Conquest After 1945 and the Limits of the Territorial Integrity Norm." *International Organization* 74(3): 490-522. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818320000119>

Brett, Ashley Leeds and Michaela Mattes. 2007. "Alliance Politics during the Cold War: Aberration, New World Order, or Continuation of History?" *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 24(3): 183–199. <http://doi.org/10.1080/07388940701473054>.

Allan, Bentley B., Srdjan Vucetic, and Ted Hopf. 2018. "The Distribution of Identity and the Future of International Order: China's Hegemonic Prospects." *International Organization* 72(4): 839-869. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818318000267>

Eilstrup-Sangiovanni, Mette. 2020. "Death of international organizations: The organizational ecology of intergovernmental organizations, 1815--2015." *Review of International Organizations* 15(2): 339-370. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11558-018-9340-5>

von Borzyskowski, Inken and Felicity Vabulas. 2019. "Hello, goodbye: When do states withdraw from international organizations?" *Review of International Organizations* 14(2): 335-366. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11558-019-09352-2>

Feb 25: Origins and features of international agreements

Koremenos, Barbara, Charles Lipson and Duncan Snidal. 2001. "The Rational Design of International Institutions." *International Organization* 55(4): 761-799. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/3078615>

Chiba, Daina, Jesse C. Johnson, and Brett Ashley Leeds. 2015. "Careful Commitments: Democratic States and Alliance Design." *The Journal of Politics* 77(4): 968-82. <http://doi.org/10.1086/682074>

Kinne, Brandon J. 2018. "Defense Cooperation Agreements and the Emergence of a Global Security Network." *International Organization* 72(4): 799-837. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818318000218>

Panke, Diana. 2020. "Regional cooperation through the lenses of states: Why do states nurture regional integration?" *Review of International Organizations* 15(2): 475-504. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11558-019-09348-y>

Rocabert, Jofre, Schimmelfennig, Frank, Lorian Crasnic, and Thomas Winzen. 2019. "The rise of international parliamentary institutions: Purpose and legitimation." *Review of International Organizations* 14(4): 607-631. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11558-018-9326-3>

McLean, Elena V. and Randall W. Stone. 2012. "The Kyoto Protocol: Two-Level Bargaining and European Integration." *International Studies Quarterly* 56(1):99-113. www.jstor.org/stable/41409825

Mar 4: International organizations: How do they work?

Reading for the week:

Gray, Julia. 2018. "Life, Death, or Zombie? The Vitality of International Organizations." *International Studies Quarterly* 62(1): 1-13. <http://doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqx086>

Stone, Randall W. 2008. "The Scope of IMF Conditionality." *International Organization* 62(4): 589-620. www.jstor.org/stable/40071891

Stephen C. Nelson. 2014. "Playing Favorites: How Shared Beliefs Shape the IMF's Lending Decisions." *International Organization* 68(2): 297-328. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818313000477>

Catherine Weaver. 2008. *Hypocrisy Trap: The World Bank and the Poverty of Reform*. Princeton University Press. Chapters 2 and 4. <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/rochester/detail.action?docID=664579>

Honig, Dan. 2019. "When Reporting Undermines Performance: The Costs of Politically Constrained Organizational Autonomy in Foreign Aid Implementation." *International Organization* 73(1): 171-201. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S002081831800036X>

Carnegie, Allison and Austin Carson. 2019. "The Disclosure Dilemma: Nuclear Intelligence and International Organizations." *American Journal of Political Science*, 63(2): 269-285. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ajps.12426>

Mar 11: Global goods

Boucher, Vincent and Yann Bramoullé. 2010. "Providing global public goods under uncertainty." *Journal of Public Economics* 94(9): 591 - 603. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpubeco.2010.06.008>

Richard Gowan and Stephen John Stedman. 2018. "The International Regime for Treating Civil War, 1988–2017." *Daedalus* 2018 147:1, 171-184. https://doi.org/10.1162/DAED.a_00482

Gavin, Michael A. "Global Club Goods and the Fragmented Global Financial Safety Net." *International Studies Quarterly* 64(4): 798–807. <https://doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqaa062>

Bechtel, Michael M., and Thomas Sattler. 2015. "What Is Litigation in the World Trade Organization Worth?" *International Organization*, 69(2): 375–403. www.jstor.org/stable/24758119

Keohane, Robert O. and David G. Victor. 2011. "The Regime Complex for Climate Change." *Perspectives on Politics* 9(1): 7-23. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/41622723>.

Tørstad, Vegard H. 2020. "Participation, ambition and compliance: can the Paris Agreement solve the effectiveness trilemma?" *Environmental Politics* 295: 761-780. <http://doi.org/10.1080/09644016.2019.1710322>

Mar 18: The nature of states' economic interests

Peters, Margaret E. 2015. "Open Trade, Closed Borders: Immigration in the Era of Globalization." *World Politics*, 67(1): 114-154. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0043887114000331>

Jensen, J. Bradford, Dennis P. Quinn, and Stephen Weymouth. 2015. "The influence of firm global supply chains and foreign currency undervaluations on US trade disputes." *International Organization* 69(4): 913-947. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818315000247>

Davis Christina L., Andrea Fuchs, and Kristina Johnson. 2019. "State Control and the Effects of Foreign Relations on Bilateral Trade." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 63(2): 405-438. <http://doi.org/10.1177/0022002717739087>

Lipsy, Phillip. 2018. "Democracy and Financial Crisis." *International Organization* 72(4): 937-968. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818318000279>

Osgood, Iain. 2018. "Globalizing the Supply Chain: Firm and Industrial Support for US Trade Agreements." *International Organization* 72(2): 455-484. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S002081831800005X>

Kim, In Song, John Londregan, and Marc Ratkovic. 2019. "The Effects of Political Institutions on the Extensive and Intensive Margins of Trade." *International Organization*, 73(4): 755-792. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818319000237>

Mar 25: How does the international economy influence international conflict?

Weede, Erich. 2010. "The Capitalist Peace and the Rise of China: Establishing Global Harmony by Economic Interdependence." *International Interactions*, 36(2): 206-213. <http://doi.org/10.1080/03050621003785181>

Buzan, Barry and George Lawson. 2014. "Capitalism and the Emergent World Order." *International Affairs*: 90(1): 71-91. www.jstor.org/stable/24538253

Kyle Beardsley, Howard Liu, Peter J. Mucha, David A. Siegel, and Juan F. Tellez. 2020. "Hierarchy and the Provision of Order in International Politics." *The Journal of Politics* 82(2): 731-746. <http://doi.org/10.1086/707096>

Simmons, Beth A. 2005. "Rules Over Real Estate: Trade, Territorial Conflict, and International Borders as Institutions." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 49(6): 823-48. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0022002705281349>

Kavakli, Kerim Can, J. Tyson Chatagnier, and Emre Hatipoğlu. 2020. "The Power to Hurt and the Effectiveness of International Sanctions." *The Journal of Politics* 82(3): 879-894. <http://doi.org/10.1086/707398>

Morse, Julia C. 2019. "Blacklists, Market Enforcement, and the Global Regime to Combat Terrorist Financing." *International Organization*, 73(3): 511-545. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S002081831900016X>

Apr 1: The nature of states' security interests

Schultz, Kenneth A., and Henk E. Goemans. 2019. "Aims, Claims, and the Bargaining Model of War." *International Theory* 11(3): 344-74. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S1752971919000071>

Saideman, Stephen M. 1997. "Explaining the International Relations of Secessionist Conflicts: Vulnerability Versus Ethnic Ties." *International Organization* 51(4): 721-53. <http://doi.org/10.1162/002081897550500>.

Shelef Nadav G. 2020. "How Homelands Change." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 64(2-3): 490-517. <http://doi.org/10.1177/0022002719863470>

Barnhart, Joslyn N., Robert F. Trager, Elizabeth N. Saunders, and Allan Dafoe. 2020. "The Suffragist Peace." *International Organization* 74(4): 633-670. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818320000508>

Bell, Mark S. and Kai Quek. 2018. "Authoritarian Public Opinion and the Democratic Peace." *International Organization* 72(1): 227-242. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S002081831700042X>

Kleinberg, Katja B., Gregory Robinson, and Stewart L. French. 2012. "Trade Concentration and Interstate Conflict." *The Journal of Politics* 74(2): 529-540. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0022381611001745>

Apr 8: Negotiating security disputes

Fey, Mark, and Kristopher W. Ramsay. 2011. "Uncertainty and Incentives in Crisis Bargaining: Game-Free Analysis of International Conflict." *American Journal of Political Science*, 55(1): 149-169. <http://doi.org/10.1111/j.1540-5907.2010.00486.x>

Fearon, James. 2018. "Cooperation, Conflict, and the Costs of Anarchy." *International Organization*, 72(3): 523-559. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818318000115>

Katagiri, Azusa and Eric Min. 2019. "The Credibility of Public and Private Signals: A Document-Based Approach." *American Political Science Review* 113(1): 156-172. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0003055418000643>

Min, Eric. 2020. "Talking While Fighting: Understanding the Role of Wartime Negotiation." *International Organization* 74(3): 610-632. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818320000168>

Post, Abigail. 2019. "Flying to Fail: Costly Signals and Air Power in Crisis Bargaining." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 63(4):869-895. <http://doi.org/10.1177/0022002718777043>

Baliga, Sandeep, and Tomas Sjöström. 2004. "Arms Races and Negotiations." *The Review of Economic Studies* 71(2): 351-369. <https://doi.org/10.1111/0034-6527.00287>

Apr 15: Political constraints and dispute behavior

Debs, Alexandre and Henk E. Goemans. 2010. "Regime Type, the Fate of Leaders, and War." *American Political Science Review* 104(3): 430-45. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0003055410000195>

Weeks, Jessica L. "Strongmen and Straw Men: Authoritarian Regimes and the Initiation of International Conflict." *The American Political Science Review* 106(2): 326-347. www.jstor.org/stable/41495081

Goldsmith, Benjamin E., Dimitri Semenovitch, Arcot Sowmya, and Gorana Grgic. 2017. "Political Competition and the Initiation of International Conflict: A New Perspective on the Institutional Foundations of Democratic Peace." *World Politics*, 69(3): 493-531. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0043887116000307>

Belkin, Aaron and Evan Schofer. 2005. "Coup Risk, Counterbalancing, and International Conflict." *Security Studies* 14(1): 140-177. <http://doi.org/10.1080/09636410591002527>

Choi, Seung-Whan and Patrick James. 2007. "Media Openness, Democracy and Militarized Interstate Disputes." *British Journal of Political Science* 37(1): 23-46. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0007123407000026>.

Gibbons, Rebecca Davis and Keir Lieber. 2019. "How durable is the nuclear weapons taboo?" *Journal of Strategic Studies* 42(1): 29-54. <http://doi.org/10.1080/01402390.2018.1529568>

Apr 22: Political constraints and signaling

Reading for the week:

Fearon, James D. 1994. "Domestic Political Audiences and the Escalation of International Disputes." *American Political Science Review* 88(3): 577-92. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/2944796>

Weeks, Jessica L. 2008. "Autocratic Audience Costs: Regime Type and Signaling Resolve." *International Organization* 62(1): 35-64. www.jstor.org/stable/40071874

Hyde, Susan and Saunders, E. 2020. Recapturing Regime Type in International Relations: Leaders, Institutions, and Agency Space. *International Organization*, 74(2), 363-395. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818319000365>

Schultz, Kenneth. 1998. "Domestic Opposition and Signaling in International Crises." *American Political Science Review* 92(4): 829-44. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/2586306>

Nomikos, William G, and Nicholas Sambanis. 2019. "What is the mechanism underlying audience costs? Incompetence, belligerence, and inconsistency." *Journal of Peace Research* 56(4):575-588. <http://doi.org/10.1177/0022343319839456>

Levendusky, Matthew S. and Michael C. Horowitz. 2012. "When Backing Down Is the Right Decision: Partisanship, New Information, and Audience Costs." *The Journal of Politics* 74(2): 323-338. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S002238161100154X>

Apr 29: International influences on regime type

Gleditsch, Kristian Skrede, and Michael D. Ward. 2006. "Diffusion and the International Context of Democratization." *International Organization*, 60(4): 2006: 911-933. www.jstor.org/stable/3877851.

Brancati, Dawn, and Adrián Lucardi. 2019. "Why Democracy Protests Do Not Diffuse." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 63(10): 2354-2389. <http://doi.org/10.1177/0022002718815957>.

McDonald, Patrick J. 2015. "Great Powers, Hierarchy, and Endogenous Regimes: Rethinking the Domestic Causes of Peace." *International Organization* 69(3): 557-88. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818315000120>

McKoy, Michael K. and Michael K. Miller. 2012. "The Patron's Dilemma: The Dynamics of Foreign-Supported Democratization." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 56(5): 904-932. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/23414715>

Bush, Sarah S. and Lauren Prather. 2018. "Who's There? Election Observer Identity and the Local Credibility of Elections." *International Organization*, 72(3): 659-692. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818318000140>

Kavakli, Kerim and Patrick Kuhn. 2020. "Dangerous Contenders: Election Monitors, Islamic Opposition Parties, and Terrorism." *International Organization* 74(1): 145-164. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S002081831900033X>

Yakouchyk, Katsiaryna. 2019. "Beyond Autocracy Promotion: A Review." *Political Studies Review*, 17(2): 147-160. <http://doi.org/10.1177/1478929918774976>.

May 6: International influences on civil violence

Alesina, Alberto, Enrico Spolaore, and Romain Wacziarg. 2000. "Economic Integration and Political Disintegration." *American Economic Review*, 90(5): 1276-1296. <http://doi.org/10.1257/aer.90.5.1276>

Jackson, Jaime A., Belgin San-Akca and Zeev Maoz. 2020. "International Support Networks and the Calculus of Uprising." *Journal of Peace Research* 57(5): 632-647. <http://doi.org/10.1177/0022343319885181>

Coggins, Bridget. 2011. "Friends in High Places: International Politics and the Emergence of States from Secessionism." *International Organization* 65(3): 433-467. www.jstor.org/stable/23016161

Rüegger, Seraina. 2019. "Refugees, ethnic power relations, and civil conflict in the country of asylum." *Journal of Peace Research* 56(1): 42-57. <http://doi.org/10.1177/0022343318812935>

Hultman, Lisa, and Dursun Peksen. 2017. "Successful or Counterproductive Coercion? The Effect of International Sanctions on Conflict Intensity." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61(6): 1315–1339. <http://doi.org/10.1177/0022002715603453>

Mironova, Vera, and Sam Whitt. 2017. "International Peacekeeping and Positive Peace: Evidence from Kosovo." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61(10): 2074–2104. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0022002715604886>