IR 224: DOMESTIC POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Semester: Spring 2010
Seminar: W: 02:00 PM—04:40 PM
Location: MEL 221
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

How does domestic politics affect the initiation of war, the conduct of diplomacy or the willingness to sign international agreements? For example, why do democracies tend to fight non-democracies but not each other? Are rightist parties more or less aggressive in foreign policy than leftist ones? Is transparency an advantage in international interactions? And which domestic groups win and lose from international agreements? This seminar will address these questions using a combination of theory, empirical analysis, and historical and contemporary cases such as the recent war in Iraq and the challenges of reaching a global agreement on climate control.

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Participation:
- Attendance
- Knowledge of the articles
- Questions asked.

Midterm and final:
*Short questions* (10 points each) aim to test your knowledge. Any fact or concept covered in the class or the readings can be asked. Answers should be about 100 words long.

*The short essays* (20 points each) will test your understanding of concepts and their relationships. Your answer should be about 200 words long.

Presentations (2):
Powerpoint presentation (10 minutes): Summarize a book and provide an executive summary (4-500 words) to the class.

Paper:
Write a review of literature (about 2500 words) on a topic of your choice, to be discussed with me.

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## Lecture Policies

- **Late work policy**:
  - **Paper Submissions**:
    - **Seminar 1**: Due by 02/24
    - **Seminar 2**: Due by 02/24
    - **Seminar 3**: Due by 03/07
    - **Seminar 4**: Due by 03/21
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    - **Seminar 6**: Due by 04/07
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    - **Seminar 10**: Due by 05/03
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    - **Seminar 12**: Due by 05/03
    - **Seminar 13**: Due by 05/03
    - **Seminar 14**: Due by 05/03
    - **Seminar 15**: Due by 05/03

- **Midterm**:
  - **Seminar 6**: 03/07
  - **Seminar 9**: 04/07

- **Final Exam**:
  - **Seminar 15**: 05/03

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## Syllabus

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COURSE OUTLINE

SEMINAR 1 – 01/13 – INTRODUCTION

1. Presentation and Overview
2. Methods and Models
   a. Statistical analysis
   b. Game theory

SEMINAR 2 – 01/20 – DO DOMESTIC POLITICS MATTER?

1. Levels of analysis
   b. Waltz, Kenneth. Man, the State and War. Selected Pages

2. A Declining State System?

SEMINAR 3 – 01/27 – DEMOCRATIC PEACE

1. The Case for the Democratic Peace

2. The Case Against the Democratic Peace


Presentations:

SEMINAR 4 – 02/03 – DOMESTIC POLITICS AND WAR

1. Domestic Political Conditions and International Aggression:

2. Regime Changes and War

Presentations

SEMINAR 5 – 02/10 – DOMESTIC POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL BARGAINING

1. Two level bargaining


2. Signaling

Presentations

SEMİNER 6 – 02/17 – DOMESTİC STRUCTURE AND INTERNATİONAL COOPERATİON

1. Veto players
   b. Cunningham. Veto players and civil wars

2. Divided government
   b. Milner, Helen. Interests, Institutions and information

Presentations
SEMINAR 7 – 02/24 – DOMESTIC DECISION-MAKING AND FOREIGN POLICY

1. **Bureaucracies**

2. **Psychology of decision-making**

**Presentations**

SEMINAR 8 – 03/03 – THE DOMESTIC POLITICS OF REGIONAL INTEGRATION / MIDTERM

1. **Midterm**

2. **Regional Integration**

**Presentations**

SEMINAR 9 – 03/17 – AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY AND DOMESTIC POLITICS
1. **The use of force**

2. **Institutions**

**Presentations**

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**SEMINAR 10 – 03/24 –INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

1. **The Impact of Trade on Domestic Politics**

2. **The Effect of Domestic Politics on Trade Policy**

**Presentations**

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**SEMINAR 11 – 03/31 – MONETARY AFFAIRS AND GLOBALIZATION**

1. *International monetary affairs and domestic politics*
   a. Rodrik: has globalization gone too far?

2. *Globalization*

**Presentations**

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**SEMINAR 12 – 04/07 – CULTURE AND IDEOLOGY**

1. *Culture.*

2. *Ideology*
   a. Hunt, Michael. Ideology and US Foreign Policy

**Presentations**

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**SEMINAR 13 – 04/14 – PUBLIC OPINION**

1. *The media*

2. *Public opinion and lobbies*

**Presentations**

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**SEMINAR 14 – 04/21 – INTERNATIONAL INTERVENTIONS IN DOMESTIC POLITICS**

1. *The Principle of Non-Intervention in Internal Affairs*

2. *Intervention in Internal Affairs*
   - Finnemore, Martha. *The Purpose of intervention: Changing Beliefs about the Use of Force.*
Presentations


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**SEMINAR 15 – 04/28 – REVIEW AND FINAL EXAM**

1. Review

2. Final Exam

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**LECTURE POLICIES**

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**LATE WORK POLICY**

The following penalties may be applied for late work:

- Work submitted 1-2 calendar days AFTER its due date may be graded down a maximum of 10%.
- Works submitted 3-6 calendar days AFTER its due date may be graded down a maximum of 20%.
- Work submitted 7-21 days AFTER its due date may be graded down a maximum of 30%.
- Work submitted more than 21 days AFTER its due date will receive an automatic zero.

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**PAPER SUBMISSIONS**

Your paper should include:

- **A title page** with an abstract. This page should contain: the paper’s title and your name; the date, course number and the name of the assignment (e.g., “Final paper”).

- **The paper itself** should be double-spaced, 1” margins on all sides, 12 pt font size, and right-justified. There should be no spaces between paragraphs within the paper.

- **A references page (APA style)**. Sources should be alphabetized by the author’s last name (or, for sources without authors, by the first letter in the title).