Political Science 372/572: Field Seminar in International Relations
Friday 9:30-12:00, Fenno Room (Harkness 329)

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**Purpose of the course:** This is an advanced course intended to prepare Ph.D. students for comprehensive exams in international relations. The course conducts a broad survey of major works in the field and current research into the causes of international conflict and cooperation.

**Course Requirements:** This is a seminar with a heavy reading load, and it is essential to complete the required reading. Students are expected to write short (no more than 2-page) papers critiquing the assigned readings for each week, due Thursday at noon. Students have the option of skipping one paper; alternatively, the lowest grade will be dropped. There will be a 24-hour take-home final exam, due Monday, May 2 at 5:00 pm. Grading will be as follows: 1/3 class participation, 1/3 the average of the papers, and 1/3 final.

**Readings:** The papers and some book chapters will be in folders in the cubby hole on the third floor, if they aren’t available through JSTOR. I recommend purchasing the books below through Amazon.com.


**Course Outline:**

**Week One**

**Friday, Jan. 14: Balance of Power**


**Week Two**

**Friday, Jan. 21: Power**


**Friday, Jan. 28: No class**

**Friday, Feb. 4: No class**

**Week Three**

**Friday, Feb. 11: Open Economy Politics**


**Week Four**

**Friday, Feb. 18: Institutions & Transaction Costs**


**Week Five**

**Friday, Feb. 25: Delegation & Principal-Agent Problems**


Week Six

**Friday, Mar. 4: Credibility**


**Friday, Mar. 11: SPRING BREAK No class**

Week Seven

**Friday, March 18: Bargaining**


Week Eight

**Friday, Mar 25: Reputation**


**Week Nine**

**Friday, Apr. 1: Democratic Politics and International Bargaining**


Downs and Rocke, Chpts. 4, 5 (pp. 76-129).


**Week Ten**

**Friday, April 8: Sovereignty and Hierarchy**


**Week Eleven**

**Friday, April 15: International Organizations**


**Week Twelve**

**Friday, Apr. 22: Global Domestic Politics**


**Monday, May 2, 5:00 pm: Final Exam Due**