Political Science 578: International Conflict: Theory and History

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Purpose: This is a course intended to provide graduate students with a survey of the history of international conflict, focusing on European and U.S. diplomatic history from 1763 to 1989.

Requirements:
• Students are expected to come to class prepared to discuss the assigned material and participate actively.
• Each student will write a three-page (<750 word) paper on the readings for each week. These are meant to be analytical arguments, NOT summaries.
• Final exam.
• Optional: Students may elect to write a longer, historical research paper in addition to the regular requirements.

Grading: 50% average of the short papers; 25% class participation; 25% final exam. If a longer paper is elected, the grade will be based 25% on the average of the short papers and 25% on the long paper.

Readings: The course readings will be drawn from a number of sources. Most of the books that we will read in their entirety or in substantial part are available at the bookstore.

- John Lewis Gaddis. We Now Know. Oxford.
- Paul Schroeder. Transformation of European Politics, 1763-1848. Oxford. This one is not available at the bookstore, so you’ll have to order it directly.
COURSE OUTLINE

1. Overview 1/22

2. Brief Overview of International Relations Theory 1/29

David A. Baldwin, ed., Neorealism and Neoliberalism, Chpt. 1.
Kenneth N. Waltz, Theory of International Politics, Chpts. 1, 4-6. (Reprinted as Chpts. 2-5 of Keohane, ed., Neorealism and Its Critics).

3. From Balance to Revolution, 1763-1800 2/5

Schroeder, Chpts 1-4.
Kennedy, Chpt. 3 (pp. 115-26)
Kissinger, Chpt. 3

4. The Napoleonic Wars, 1801-1815 2/12

Schroeder, Chpts. 5-11.
Kennedy, Chpt. 3 (pp. 126-39)

No class 2/19

5. The Concert of Europe, 1815-1848 2/26

Schroeder, Chpts. 12-17
Kissinger, Chpt. 4
Kennedy, Chpt. 4

6. From Revolution to Reunification, 1848-1871 3/5

Kissinger, Chpt. 5.
Kennedy, Chpt. 4.

Spring break

7. Realignment, 1871-1905 3/19
Kissinger, Chpt. 6.

*International Studies Association Meeting*

8. **The Great War, 1905-1918** 4/2

Kissinger, Chpt. 7-8.
Kennedy, Chpt. 5.


George F. Kennan, *Russia and the West under Lenin and Stalin*, Chapters 21-23 (pp. 314-69).
Adam Ulam, *Expansion and Coexistence*, Chapters V-VI (pp. 209-313).
E.H. Carr, *The Twenty Years’ Crisis*, selected chapters.

10. **The Origins of the Cold War** 4/16

John Lewis Gaddis. *We Now Know*, Chpts. 1-5
Adam Ulam, *Expansion and Coexistence*, Chpts VIII.2-IX (pp. 408-95).

11. **From Stalin to Khrushchev** 4/23

Gaddis, chpts. 6-10.

12. **The Rise and Decline of Détente** 4/30

Henry Kissinger, *Years of Upheaval*, Chpts. 7, 12 (pp. 228-301, 545-613.)