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# IR 224: DOMESTIC POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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

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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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## GRADING

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<i>Examination</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Weight</i>
Participation	Participation to discussions / questions.	25%
Presentations + executive summaries	2 presentations (10 min).	15%
Midterm	Written, in class. 6 short questions+ 2 short essays.	20%
Paper	About 10 pages, due April 21.	20%
Final Exam	Written, in class. 6 short questions+ 2 short essays.	20%

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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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## COURSE OUTLINE

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### SEMINAR 1 - 01/13 - INTRODUCTION

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

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### SEMINAR 2 -01/20 - DO DOMESTIC POLITICS MATTER?

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1. *Levels of analysis*
  - a. Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce. *Principles of International Politics*. Chs. 4 ("International Politics from a Structural perspective) & 6 (Domestic Politics and International Interactions: the Central Units of Analysis). CQ Press, second ed.
  - b. Waltz, Kenneth. *Man, the State and War*. Selected Pages
2. *A Declining State System?*
  - a. Spruyt, Hendrik. 2002. The Origins, Development, and Possible Decline of the Modern State. *Annual Review of Political Science* 5:127-149.
  - b. Krasner, Stephen. 2001. "Sovereignty." *Foreign Policy* 122:20-29.
  - c. Moravscik, Andrew. 2003. "Taking Preferences seriously: A Liberal Theory of International Politics". *International Organization* 51(4):513-53.

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### SEMINAR 3 - 01/27 - DEMOCRATIC PEACE

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1. *The Case for the Democratic Peace*
  - a. Russett, Bruce and John Oneal. 2001. *Triangulating Peace: Democracy, Interdependence, and International Organizations*. New York: W.W. Norton
  - b. Reiter and Stam. 2002. *Democracies at War*. Ch. 2: Democracy, War Initiation and Victory. Princeton University Press.
  - c. Bueno de Mesquita et al. 1999. An Institutional Explanation of the Democratic Peace. *The American Political Science Review* 93(4):791-807
2. *The Case Against the Democratic Peace*
  - a. Rosato, Sebastian. 2003. "The Flawed Logic of Democratic Peace Theory". *American Political Science Review* 97(4):585-602.

- b. Layne, Christopher. 1994. "Kant or Cant: The Myth of the Democratic Peace," 19(2) *International Security* (1994): 5-49
- c. Farber and Gowa. 1995. "Politics and Peace." *International Security* 20(2):123-146.

**Presentations:**

- Schultz, Kenneth. 2001. *Democracy and Coercive Diplomacy*. Cambridge University Press.
- Gowa, Joanne. 2000. *Ballots and Bullets*. Princeton University Press.

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**SEMINAR 4 – 02/03 – DOMESTIC POLITICS AND WAR**

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1. *Domestic Political Conditions and International Aggression:*
  - a. Gaubatz, Kurth. 1999. *Elections and War*. Ch. 3: "Electoral Institutions and the Democratic Politics of War and Peace." Stanford University Press.
  - b. Russett, Bruce. 1990. Economic Decline, Electoral Pressure, and the Initiation of Interstate Conflict. In *Prisoners of War? Nation States in the Modern Era*, Charles S. Gochman and Alan Ned Sabrosky, eds. Lexington, Massachusetts: D.C. Heath and Co., 123-140
  - c. Blainey, Geoffrey. 1973. *The Causes of War*. London: MacMillan Press, chapter 5.
2. *Regime Changes and War*
  - a. Maoz, Zeev. 1989. Joining the Club of Nations: Political Development and International Conflict, 1816-1976. *International Studies Quarterly* 33: 199-231.
  - b. Mansfield, Edward D. and Jack Snyder. 1995. Democratization and the Danger of War. *International Security* 20: 5-38.
  - c. Walt, Stephen M. 1992. Revolution and War. *World Politics* 44: 321-368

**Presentations**

- Snyder, Jack. 1993. *Myths of Empire: Domestic Politics and International Ambition*. Cornell University Press.
- Walt, Stephen. 1997. *Revolution and War*. Cornell University Press.

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

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1. *Two level bargaining*
  - a. Putnam, Robert. 1988. Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two-Level Games. *International Organization* 42: 427-460.

- b. Odell, John S. 1993. International Threats and Internal Politics: Brazil, the European Community, and the United States, 1985-1987. In *Double-Edged Diplomacy: International Bargaining and Domestic Politics*, Peter B. Evans, Harold K. Jacobson, and Robert D. Putnam, eds. Berkeley: University of California Press, 233-264.
- c. Mastanduno, Michael. 1994. The United States Political System and International Leadership: A 'Decidedly Inferior' Form of Government? Reprinted in *American Foreign Policy: Theoretical Essays*, G. John Ikenberry, ed. 2002. New York: Longman, 238-258.

## 2. Signaling

- a. Fearon, James. 1994. "Domestic Political Audiences and the Escalation of International Disputes." *American Political Science Review*.
- b. Weeks, Jessica. 2008. Autocratic Audience Costs: Regime Type and Signaling Resolve. *International Organization* 62(1):35-64.

## Presentations

- Risse-Kappen, Thomas. 1995. *Bringing Transnational Relations Back In: Non-State Actors, Domestic Structures and International Institutions*
- Chung, Chien-Peng. 2004. *Domestic politics, international bargaining and China's territorial disputes*. Routledge.

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## SEMINAR 6 – 02/17 – DOMESTIC STRUCTURE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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### 1. Veto players

- a. Tsebelis, George. 2002. *Veto Players: How Political Institutions Work*. Chapter 1 ("Individual Veto Players"). Princeton University Press.
- b. Cunningham. Veto players and civil wars

### 2. Divided government

- a. Martin, Lisa L. 2000. *Democratic Commitments: Legislatures and International Cooperation*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- b. Milner, Helen. Interests, Institutions and information
- c. Leeds, Brett Ashley. 1999. Domestic Political Institutions, Credible Commitments, and International Cooperation. *American Journal of Political Science* 43: 979-1002.

## Presentations

- Ásgeirsdóttir Aslaug. 2008. *Who Gets What?* SUNY Press.
- Underdal and Hanf. 2000. *International Environmental Agreements and Domestic Politics: The Case of Acid Rain*. Ashgate.

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

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1. *Bureaucracies*

- a. Allison, Graham. 1969. "Conceptual Models and the Cuban Missile Crisis." *American Political Science Review* 63(3):689-718
- b. Krasner, Stephen. 1972. "Are Bureaucracies Important? (Or Allison Wonderland)." *Foreign Policy* 7:159-179.
- c. Berridge, Geoff. 2002. *Diplomacy: Theory and Practice*. Ch. 1 ("The Ministry of Foreign Affairs). Palgrave Macmillan

2. *Psychology of decision-making*

- a. O'Neill, Barry. 2001. Risk Aversion in International Relations Theory. *International Studies Quarterly* 45 (4): 617-640
- b. Mintz and Redd. 2003. "Framing Effects in International Relations." *Synthese* 135(2):193-213.

**Presentations**

- Lowenthal, Mark. 2008. *Intelligence: From Secrets to Policy*. CQ Press.
- Farnham, Barbara. 1995. *Avoiding Losses/Taking Risks: Prospect Theory and International Conflict*. University of Michigan Press.

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

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1. *Midterm*

2. *Regional Integration*

- a. Mansfield, Edward and Helen Milner. 1997. *The Political Economy of Regionalism*. Columbia University Press.
- b. Patterson, Lee Ann. 1997. Agricultural Policy Reform in the European Community: a Three-Level Game Analysis.

**Presentations**

- Schneider, Christina. 2009. *Conflict, Negotiation and European Union Enlargement*. Cambridge University Press.
- Cameron and Tomlin. 2002. *The Making of NAFTA: How the Deal Was Done*. Cornell University Press.

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**SEMINAR 9 – 03/17 – AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY AND DOMESTIC POLITICS**

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1. *The use of force*

- a. Gowa, Joanne. 1998. Politics at the Water's Edge: Parties, Voters, and the Use of Force Abroad. *International Organization* 52 (2): 307-324.
- b. The president and Congress: Howell WG and JC Pevehouse. 2005. "Presidents, Congress, and the Use of Force". *International Organization* 59(1):209-232
- c. Ostrom, Charles W. and Brian L. Job. 1986. The President and the Political Use of Force. *American Political Science Review* 80: 541-566.

2. *Institutions*

- a. Lindsay, James. 2004. "From Deference to activism and Back Again: Congress and the Politics of American Foreign Policy." In *The Domestic Source of American Foreign Policy*. Rowman & Littlefield.
- b. Nincic, Miroslav. 2004. *Elections and US Foreign Policy*. In *The Domestic Source of American Foreign Policy*. Rowman & Littlefield.

**Presentations**

- Kettl, D. 2007. System Under Stress: Homeland Security and American Politics
- Mearsheimer, John & Stephen Walt. 2008. The Israel Lobby. Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

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

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1. *The Impact of Trade on Domestic Politics*

- a. Rogowski, Ronald. 1989. *Commerce and Coalitions: How Trade Affects Domestic Political Alignments*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- b. Spero, Joan Edelman and Jeffrey A. Hart. "International Trade and Domestic Politics" In *The Politics of International Economic Relations*. 6th edition. Belmont, CA: Thomson/Wadsworth, 2003: 66-116
- c. Hiscox, Michael. 2002. *International Trade and Political Conflict: Commerce, Coalitions, and Mobility*. Princeton University Press.

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

- a. Milner, Helen. 1988. Trading Places: Industries for Free Trade. *World Politics* 40: 350-376.
- b. Mansfield, Edward D., Helen V. Milner, and B. Peter Rosendorff. 2000. Free to Trade: Democracies, Autocracies, and International Trade. *American Political Science Review* 94: 305-321.

**Presentations**

- Simmons, Beth A. 1994. *Who Adjusts? Domestic Sources of Foreign Economic Policy During the Interwar Years*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

- McGillivray, Fiona. 2004. *Privileging Industry: The Comparative Politics of Trade and Industrial Policy*. Princeton University Press.

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

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1. *International monetary affairs and domestic politics*
  - a. Rodrik: has globalization gone too far?
  - b. Frieden, Jeffrey A. 1991. *Debt, Development, and Democracy: Modern Political Economy and Latin America, 1965-1985*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
2. *Globalization*
  - a. Joseph Stiglitz and Kenneth Rogoff Discuss: *Globalization and Its Discontents*." Online video of a debate on 28 June 2002 at the World Bank (67 min, substantive discussion starts at 7min 45sec). Available at: <http://info.worldbank.org/etools/bspan/PresentationView.asp?PID=325&EID=145>
  - b. Rodrik, Dani. "Sense and Nonsense in the Globalization Debate". *Foreign Policy*. 107:19-37.

#### Presentations

- Blustein, Paul. 2003. *The Chastening: Inside the Crisis that Rocked the Global Financial System and Humbled the IMF*. PublicAffairs.
- Stiglitz, Joseph. *Globalization and Its Discontents*. New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 2002.

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

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1. *Culture*.
  - a. Huntington, Samuel. 1993. "The Clash of civilizations." *Foreign Affairs*.
  - b. Davis and Moore. 1997. "Ethnicity matters: Transnational ethnic alliances and foreign policy behavior." *International Studies Quarterly* 41(1):171-184.
  - c. Culture: John S. Duffield. 1999. Political Culture and State Behavior: Why Germany Confounds Neorealism. *International Organization* 53 (4): 764ff
2. *Ideology*
  - a. Hunt, Michael. Ideology and US Foreign Policy
  - b. Schultz, Michael. "The Politics of Risking Peace: Do Hawks Deliver the Olive Branch?" *International Organization* 59(1):1-38

#### Presentations

- Schaffer, Brenda. 2006. *The Limits of Culture: Islam and Foreign Policy*. MIT Press.

- Totman, Sally and Gary Scudder. 2009. *How Hollywood Projects Foreign Policy*. Palgrave Macmillan.

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

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#### 1. *The media*

- a. Robinson, Piers. 1999. The CNN Effect: Can the News Media Drive Foreign Policy? *Review of International Studies* 25:301-309
- b. Jakobsen, Peter Viggo. "Focus on the CNN Effect Misses the Point: The Real Media Impact on Conflict Management is Invisible And Indirect." *Journal of Peace Research* 37(2):131-143.

#### 2. *Public opinion and lobbies*

- a. Risse-Kappen, Thomas. 1991. "Public Opinion, Domestic Structure, and Foreign Policy in Liberal Democracies." *World Politics* 43(4): 479-512
- b. Gawande, Krishna and Robbins. 2006. "Foreign Lobbies and US Trade Policy." *Review of Economics and Statistics* 88(3):563-571.

#### Presentations

- Gelpi, Feaver and Reifler. 2009. *Paying the Human Costs of War: American Public Opinion and Casualties in Military Conflicts*. Princeton University Press.
- Baum, Matthew. 2005. *Soft News Goes to War: Public Opinion and American Foreign Policy in the New Media Age*. Princeton University Press.

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

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

- a. Walzer, M.J. 2000. *Just and Unjust Wars* New York: Basic Books, pp. 86-108.
- b. Wheeler, N.J. (2003) "The Humanitarian Responsibilities of Sovereignty: Explaining the Development of a New Norm of Military Intervention for Humanitarian Purposes in International Society" in Welsh, J.M. *Humanitarian Intervention and International Relations* Oxford: Oxford Scholarship Online, pp. 29-50.

#### 2. *Intervention in Internal Affairs*

- a. Regan, Patrick M. 2000. *Civil Wars and Foreign Powers: Outside Intervention in Intrastate Conflict*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press
- b. Finnemore, Martha. *The Purpose of intervention: Changing Beliefs about the Use of Force*.

**Presentations**

- Andresen Guimaraes, Fernando. 2001. *The Origins of the Angolan Civil War: Foreign Intervention and Domestic Political Conflict*. Palgrave Macmillan.
- Kuperman, Alan. 2001. *The Limits of Humanitarian Intervention: Genocide in Rwanda*. Brookings Institution Press.

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

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1. *Review*

- a. Fearon, James. 1998. Domestic Politics, Foreign Policy, and the Theories of International Relations. *Annual Review of Political Science*, Vol. 1:289—313

2. *Final Exam*

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**LECTURE POLICIES**

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**LATE WORK POLICY**

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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**

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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).