

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 following week 1, due Thursday at noon. Students have the option of skipping two papers; alternatively, the lowest two grades will be dropped. There will be a 24-hour take-home final exam, due Friday, May 1 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.

Downs, George W., and David M. Rocke. *Optimal Imperfection? Domestic Uncertainty and Institutions in International Relations*. (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 1995)

Keohane, Robert O. *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy*. (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 1984).

Kydd, Andrew H. *Trust and Mistrust in International Relations*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2005).

Krasner, Stephen. 1999. *Sovereignty: Organized Hypocrisy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Lake, David A. 2009. *Hierarchy in International Relations*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

Powell, Robert. *In the Shadow of Power: States and Strategies in International Politics*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1999).

Schelling, Thomas. *The Strategy of Conflict*. (Cambridge: Harvard Univ. Press, 1960).

Stone, Randall W. *Lending Credibility: The International Monetary Fund and the Post-Communist Transition*. (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 2002).

Stone, Randall W. *Controlling Institutions: International Organizations and the Global Economy*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011.)

Waltz, Kenneth. *A Theory of International Politics*. (Reading, Mass.: Addison-Wesley, 1979).

Course Outline:

Week One

Friday, Jan. 16: No class

Friday, Jan 23: Balance of Power

Thucydides. *The Peloponnesian War*. (New York: Modern Library ed., 1982). Book I, vs. 24-146 (pp. 14-86).

Morgenthau, Hans J. *Politics Among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace*. (New York: Knopf, 1948, Fourth Edition, 1967). Chpts. 1-3, 11-14 (pp. 3-35, 161-215. Note: chapter and page numbers vary with editions.)

Waltz, Kenneth. *A Theory of International Politics*. (Reading, Mass.: Addison-Wesley, 1979).

Week Two

Friday, Jan. 30: Power

Baldwin, David. Power Analysis and World Politics: New Trends versus Old Tendencies. *World Politics*, Vol. 31, No. 2 (Jan., 1979), pp. 161-194.

Kirshner, Jonathan. *Currency and Coercion: The Political Economy of International Monetary Power*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1995. Chpts. 3-5 (pp. 45-215.)

Keohane, Robert and Joseph Nye. *Power and Interdependence: World Politics in Transition*. (Boston: Little, Brown and Co., 1977, 2nd. ed., 1989). Parts I and V (pp. 3-60, 245-82).

Week Three

Friday, Feb. 6: Open Economy Politics

Gourevitch, Peter. The Second Image Reversed: The International Sources of Domestic Politics. *International Organization* 32 (Autumn 1978): 881-912.

Rogowski, Ronald. *Commerce and Coalitions: How Trade Affects Domestic Political Alignments*. Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 1989.

Grossman, Gene M., and Elhanan Helpman. Protection for Sale. *The American Economic Review*, 84 (4) (Sept., 1994), pp. 833-850.

Lake, David A. 2009. Open Economy Politics: A Critical Review. *The Review of International Organizations*. 4 (3): 219 – 244.

Friday, Feb. 13: No class

Week Four

Friday, Feb. 20: Institutions & Transaction Costs

Keohane, Robert O. *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy*. (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 1984). Chpts. 1-7, 11.

Koremenos, Barbara, Charles Lipson and Duncan Snidal. The Rational Design of International Institutions. *International Organization* 55 (4) (Autumn 2001).

Abbott, Kenneth, and Duncan Snidal. Hard and Soft Law in International Governance. *International Organization* 54 (3) (Summer 2000): 421-56.

Stone, Randall W. Institutions, Power and Interdependence. In Helen Milner and Andrew Moravcsik, eds. *Power, Interdependence and Non-State Actors in World Politics: Research Frontiers*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2009.

Keohane, Robert O., and David Victor. The Regime Complex for Climate Change. *Perspectives on Politics* (March 2011).

Week Five

Friday, Feb. 27: Delegation & Principal-Agent Problems

Vaubel, Roland. A Public Choice Approach to International Organization. *Public Choice* 51 (1986): 39-57.

Hawkins, Darren G., David A. Lake, Daniel L. Nielson, and Michael J. Tierney. Delegation under Anarchy.... In Hawkins et al., eds. *Delegation and Agency in International Organizations*. Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press, 2006.

Stone, Randall. *Satellites and Commissars: Strategy and Conflict in the Politics of Soviet-Bloc Trade*. (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 1996). Chapters 1-3.

Nielson, Daniel L. and Michael J. Tierney. 2003. Delegation to International Organizations: Agency Theory and World Bank Environmental Reform. *International Organization* 57 (2) (Spring): 241-76.

Week Six

Friday, Mar. 6: Credibility

Stone, Randall W. *Lending Credibility: The International Monetary Fund and the Post-Communist Transition* (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 2002).

Powell, Robert. Crisis Bargaining, Escalation, and MAD. *American Political Science Review* 81, No. 3 (September 1987): 717-37.

Martin, Lisa L. Credibility, Costs, and Institutions: Cooperation on Economic Sanctions. *World Politics*, Vol. 45, No. 3 (Apr., 1993), pp. 406-432.

Friday, Mar. 13: SPRING BREAK No class

Week Seven

Friday, Mar. 20: Bargaining

Schelling, Thomas. *The Strategy of Conflict*. Cambridge: Harvard Univ. Press, 1960. Chpts. 1-3.

Fearon, James D. Rationalist Explanations for War. *International Organization* 49, No. 3 (Summer 1995): 379-414.

Powell, Robert. *In the Shadow of Power: States and Strategies in International Politics*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1999.

Slantchev, Branislav L. The Principle of Convergence in Wartime Negotiations. *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 97, No. 4, pp. 621-32, November, 2003.

Fey, Mark, and Kristopher Ramsay. Mutual Optimism and War. *American Journal of Political Science*. 51(4) (2007): 738-754.

Week Eight

Friday, March 27: Reputation

Kydd, Andrew H. *Trust and Mistrust in International Relations*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2005. Chapters 1-4, 7, 8.

Schelling, *The Strategy of Conflict*, Chpts. 8, 10.

Jervis, Robert. *Perception and Misperception in International Politics*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1976). Part I (pp. 3-113).

Walter, Barbara. Building Reputation: Why Governments Fight Some Separatists But Not Others. *American Journal of Political Science*. (Spring 2006).

Week Nine

Friday, Apr. 3: Democratic Politics and International Bargaining

Putnam, Robert D. Diplomacy and Domestic Politics. *International Organization* 42 (3) (Summer 1988): 427-61.

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

Fearon, James D. Domestic Political Audiences and the Escalation of International Disputes. *American Political Science Review* 88 (Sept. 1994): 577-92.

Schultz, Kenneth. Domestic Opposition and Signaling in International Crises. *American Political Science Review* 92 (Dec. 1998): 829-44.

Mansfield, Edward D., Helen V. Milner, and B. Peter Rosendorff. Free to Trade: Democracies, Autocracies and International Trade. *American Political Science Review* 94 (2) (June 2000): 305-22.

Leventoğlu, Bahar, and Ahmer Tarar. 2005. Prenegotiation Public Commitment in Domestic and International Bargaining. *American Political Science Review* 99 (3):419-433.

Week Ten

Friday, April 10: International Organizations

Stone, Randall W. *Controlling Institutions: International Organizations and the Global Economy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011.

Barnett, Michael, and Martha Finnemore. *Rules for the World: International Organizations in Global Politics*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell Univ. Press, 2004. Chpts. 1-2.

Week Eleven

Friday, April 17: Sovereignty and Hierarchy

Krasner, Stephen. 1999. *Sovereignty: Organized Hypocrisy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Lake, David A. 2009. *Hierarchy in International Relations*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

Week Twelve

Friday, Apr. 24: Global Domestic Politics