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**Political Science 106**  
**Introduction to International Relations**

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**Course Info:**  
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Section **TBA** Friday  
Lattimore 201

This course provides students with the background and conceptual tools they need to understand contemporary international relations. We will dig into the origins and workings of the state system, the causes of international conflict and violence, and international economic relations. The introduction is deliberately broad, although we go into some depth on some issues, to make them familiar with the main theoretical traditions in the field. While we will rely on a core textbook, students will be asked, as much as possible, to read original texts. Time permitting, we will also examine topics of particular current interest such as the ongoing war in Ukraine and the future of international institutions.

***Course Requirements***

Participation in recitation (Friday at one of three allotted time slots,) comprises 30% of your grade; your teaching fellow has nearly absolute autonomy in determining the requirements and assessing how well or poorly you have met them.

A midterm exam counts for 30% of your grade, and a final exam counts for 40%. The final exam is given during the period scheduled by the University. The exam is not given early — check the schedule published by the University and make your holiday travel plans accordingly.

## ***Academic Integrity***

Be familiar with the University's policies on academic integrity and disciplinary action (<http://www.rochester.edu/College/honesty/students.html>). Violators of University regulations on academic integrity will be dealt with severely, which means that your grade will suffer, and I will forward your case to the Chair of the College Board on Academic Honesty.

Remember that the same technology that has made plagiarism easier to accomplish has also made it easier to detect. If you do not cite a source, it is plagiarism. If you do cite it, it is scholarship.

## ***Texts***

The following book is required:

Jeffrey A. Frieden, David A. Lake & Kenneth A. Schultz, *World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions*. ?? Edition. New York: W. W. Norton, 2013. Referred to throughout as **FLS**.

Optional:

Robert Art & Robert Jervis. (2007) *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues*. Addison-Wesley, Eighth Edition; listed below as **Art IPECCI**.

Readings not included in one of the texts can be found through one of the online databases, or in a Dropbox folder: <https://>. The optional readings are useful for providing background, especially for the initial part of the course on theory and concepts. You have to know about the background and substance of International Relations to appreciate and weigh the usefulness of contending theories.

In addition, I **expect** students to read one of the following newspapers: the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, or the *Guardian* (which is free), the *Frankfurter Allgemeine*, *Die Zeit*, *Le Monde diplomatique* or a **comparable international paper**. It is entirely likely that questions on the mid-term and the final will require you to be up-to-date on current events.

## Course Outline

Wednesday January 11

### 1. Introduction and overview

- “How to Read Political Science: A Guide in Four Steps;” Memo. Amelia Hoover Green, Drexel University.
- As a helpful basic primer on the current world:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5p0FKmk7ytU>. Which countries did Yako miss?
- Steve Walt, 1998. “International Relations: One World, Many Theories”, in *Foreign Policy*, No. 110, Special Edition, Frontiers of Knowledge. Spring, pp.29-32, 34-46.  
<http://www.jstor.org/stable/1149275?seq=9>

Monday January 16

### 2. Those who do not know the past are doomed to repeat it

- **FLS:** Introduction and Chapter 1
- R. Harrison Wagner, **War and the State**, Chapter 1.
- Bruno Teschke, 2006. “The Metamorphoses of European Territoriality: A Historical Reconstruction”, in Michael Burgess and Hans Vollaard (eds.), *State Territoriality and European Integration*, London: Routledge, pp. 37-67. This is not an easy read, but has summarizes 800-900 years in an interesting (Marxist?) fashion.

Wednesday January 18

### 3. The state and the Sovereign Territorial Order

- Diego Gambetta, *The Sicilian Mafia*, Oxford University Press, Chapter 1–3: 15-71.
- Mancur Olson, 1993. “Dictatorship, Democracy and Development,” in *The American Political Science Review*, Vol 87(3), (September): 567-577.
- Beth Simmons & Hein Goemans, “Built on Borders: Tensions with the Institution Liberalism (Thought It) Left Behind”. *International Organization*, Vol. 75(2).
- Claire Vergerio, 2021. <http://bostonreview.net/politics/claire-vergerio-beyond-nation-state#.YLJHT4aDexQ.twitter>.
- Optional. Witty and highly recommended: Daniel W. Drezner. (2011) *Theories of International Politics and Zombies*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Monday January 23

### 4. The ‘modern’ era after 1945

- G. John Ikenberry, *After Victory: Institutions, Strategic Restraint, and the Rebuilding of Order after Major Wars*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2001: Chapter 6, pp. 163–214.
- R. Harrison Wagner, “What was Bipolarity?” *International Organization* 47 (1): 77–106, Winter 1993.

Wednesday January 25

5. **The analytical framework: interests, interactions & institutions**

- **FLS:** Chapter 2.
- Play this game: <http://ncase.me/trust/>
- Read this article: [nyer.cm/T9dWMKL](http://nyer.cm/T9dWMKL)

Monday January 30

6. **Interests and actors**

- Arnold Wolfers, 1952. ““National Security” as an Ambiguous Symbol,” in *Political Science Quarterly*. Vol. 67, No. 4, December 1952: 481–502.
- Kenneth A. Schultz, 1999. “Do Democratic Institutions Constrain or Inform?: Contrasting Two Institutional Perspectives on Democracy and War,” *International Organization* 53(2) (Spring 1999), pp. 233-66.
- Michael C. Horowitz and Matthew Fuhrman, 2018 “Studying Leaders and Military Conflict: Conceptual Framework and Research Agenda.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* Vol 62(10): 2072–2086.

Wednesday February 1

7. **Interactions: The bargaining model of peace**

- **PSC 270 Class Notes:** chapter 11.
- James D. Fearon, 1995. “Rationalist Explanations for War”. *International Organization*. Vol. 49, No.3, Summer 1995: 379–414.

Monday February 6

8. **War and bargaining**

- **FLS:** chapter 3

Wednesday February 8

9. **Domestic Politics and War**

- **FLS:** Chapter 4
- Giacomo Chiozza and H. E. Goemans, *Leaders and International Conflict*, Chapters 1 and 6.

Monday February 13

10. **International Institutions and War**

- **FLS:** Chapter 5

- Virginia Page Fortna, “Interstate Peacekeeping: Causal Mechanisms and Empirical Effects.” *World Politics*, 56 (2004): 481–519
- Michael Glennon, “Why the Security Council Failed,” *Foreign Affairs* 82, no. 3 (May/June 2003): pp. 16-35.

Wednesday February 15

#### 11. The War in Ukraine

- H. E. Goemans et al., 24 March 2022. “The prospects for a negotiated peace in Ukraine are bleak.” *The Monkey Cage* <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/03/24/prospects-negotiated-peace-ukraine-are-bleak/>
- Keith Gessen, September 29, 2022. “How the war in Ukraine might end.” *The New Yorker*. <https://www.newyorker.com/culture/annals-of-inquiry/how-the-war-in-ukraine-might-end>

Monday February 20

#### 12. International Trade

- **FLS**: Chapter 7

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#### 13. International Trade and International Institutions

- Ronald Rogowski, “Political Cleavages and Changing Exposure to Trade,” *American Political Science Review* 81, no. 4 (December 1987): pp. 1121-1137.
- Peter D. Sutherland, “Transforming Nations: How the WTO boosts Economies and Opens Societies,” *Foreign Affairs*, 87 #2 (2008): 125–136
- Philip G. Cerny. 1995. “Globalization and the changing logic of collective action.” *International Organization*, Vol. 49(4), Autumn: 595–625

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#### 14. International Trade and Globalization

- Brexit. “How Brits view Brexit: Indifferent on many aspects, but divided on others.” [http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/euoppblog/2017/08/17/study-how-britain-views-brexid/?fbclid=IwAR1DY8x8GcqjpSbbQ\\_-aBn6ADiL-uaRpBgf1PC0AvjC7b0\\_Bh1-oyUkpRXE](http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/euoppblog/2017/08/17/study-how-britain-views-brexid/?fbclid=IwAR1DY8x8GcqjpSbbQ_-aBn6ADiL-uaRpBgf1PC0AvjC7b0_Bh1-oyUkpRXE)
- <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/good-friday-agreement-what-is-it-northern-ireland-belfast-1998-sinn-fein-the-troubled.html>
- The Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement: “Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ireland.”

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15. MID-TERM EXAM

Monday March 6

## Spring Break

Wednesday March 8

## Spring Break

Monday March 13

16. **International Financial Relations**

- **FLS**: Chapter 8

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17. **Global Health and the Pandemic**

- **FLS**: Chapter 10
- Laurie Garrett. "The Challenge of Global Health." *Foreign Affairs* 86, # 1 (2007): 14-38.
- Lainie Rutkow, "Origins of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Path Forward. A Global Public Health Policy Perspective." 2020. Chapter 5 in Hal Brands and Francis J. Gavin (eds.), *COVID-19 and World Order*. Johns Hopkins University Press. <https://muse.jhu.edu/chapter/2696556/pdf>.
- Sheena Greitens, "Surveillance, Security, and Liberal Democracy in the Post-COVID World." *International Organization*. **COVID-19 Online Supplemental Issue**. <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/international-organization/information/io-covid-19-online-supplemental-issue/io-covid19-supplemental-articles>
- Tanisha Fazal, "Health Diplomacy in Pandemical Times." 2020. *International Organization* **COVID-19 Online Supplemental Issue**. <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/international-organization/article/health-diplomacy-in-pandemical-times/A82469023B94AA29F23A52AF0C4B3F27>

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18. **International Regimes**

- **FLS**, Chapter 11.

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19. **International Law**

- Anne-Marie Slaughter, Andrew S. Tulumello, Stepan Wood, “International Law and International Relations Theory: A New Generation of Interdisciplinary Scholarship,” in *The American Journal of International Law*, Vol. 92, # 3 (July 1998): 367–397.
- K. P. Prakash, “International Criminal Court: A Review.” *Economic and Political Weekly* 37, # 4 (2002): 4113-4115.
- John R. Bolton, “The Risks and Weaknesses of the International Criminal Court from America’s Perspective.” *Law and Contemporary Problems* 64, # 1 (2001): 167-180.

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20. **Human Rights**

- **FLS**: Chapter 12

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21. **Terrorism**

- **FLS**, Chapter 6.
  - Mia Bloom, 2017. “Constructing Expertise: Terrorist Recruitment and “Talent Spotting” in the PIRA, Al Qaeda, and ISIS,” *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, 40:7, 603-623, DOI: 10.1080/1057610X.2016.1237219
  - Mia Bloom, 2015. “Cubs of the Caliphate; The CHildren of ISIS.” *Foreign Affairs*, July 21, 2015.  
<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/2015-07-21/cubs-caliphate>
  - Aisha Ahmad, 2021. “The Long Jihad: The Boom-Bust Cycle behind Jihadist Durability.” *Journal of Global Security Studies*.

Monday April 3

22. **Nuclear Weapons**

- **FLS**, Chapter 14, pp.538–548
- Scott D. Sagan and Benjamin Valentino, “Living With a Nuclear North Korea”. *The Wall Street Journal*, March 20, 2019. Available in readings under Scott and Valentino.
- Alexandre Debs and Nuno Monteiro, “The Strategic Logic of Nuclear Proliferation”, *International Security*, Vol. 39, No. 2 (2014), pp. 7-51.
- Scott D. Sagan and Kenneth N. Waltz, 2003. Chapter 3, “Indian and Pakistani Nuclear Weapons: For Better or Worse?” In *The Spread of Nuclear Weapons; A Debate Renewed*. New York: W. W. Norton & Company,

Wednesday April 5

### 23. Cyber Warfare

- Joseph S. Nye, Jr., 2017. “Deterrence and Dissuasion in Cyberspace.” *International Security* **41**(3): 44-71.
- Michael Horowitz, 2018. “Artificial Intelligence, International Competition, and the Balance of Power.” *Texas National Security Review* **1**(3) (May 2018)
- William Akoto.2021. International Trade and cyber conflict: Decomposing the effect of trade on state-sponsored cyber attacks. *Journal of Peace Research*.  
<https://t.co/vtA9WI6FbQ?amp=1>

As you can imagine, there’s a rapidly growing literature on this topic. In case you are interested, here are some more readings you might find worthwhile.

- Remco Zwetsloot and Alan Dafoe, “Thinking About Risks From AI: Accidents, Misuse and Structure”. *Lawfare*, February 11, 2019.  
<https://www.lawfareblog.com/thinking-about-risks-ai-accidents-misuse-and-structure>
- Erica D. Borghard and Shawn W. Lonergan, 2017. “The Logic of Coercion in Cyberspace.” *Security Studies* **26**(3): 452-481
- David Gompert and Martin Libicki, 2014. “Cyber warfare and Sino-American Crisis Stability,” *Survival* **56**(4): 7-22
- Nadiya Kostyuk and Yuri Zhukov, 2019. “Invisible Digital Front: Can Cyber Attacks Shape Battlefield Events?” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. **63**(2) 317–347:
- Jon Lindsay, 2013. “Stuxnet and the limits of cyber warfare.” *Security Studies* **22**(3): 365-404
- Jon Lindsay, 2015. “The Impact of China on Cybersecurity: Fiction and Friction.” *International Security* **39**(3): 7-47.
- Thomas Rid, 2012. “Cyber war will not take place.” *Journal of Strategic Studies* **35**(1): 5-32.
- Rebecca Slayton, 2017. “What Is the Cyber Offense-Defense Balance? Conceptions, Causes, and Assessment.” *International Security* **41**(3): 72-109
- Brandon Valeriano and Ryan C. Maness, 2014. “The dynamics of cyber conflict between rival antagonists, 2001–11.” *Journal of Peace Research* **51**(3): 347-360.
- Check out the RAND Corporation’s page on Cyber Warfare:  
<https://www.rand.org/topics/cyber-warfare.html>
- Tarah Wheeler, 2018. “In cyberwar, there are no rules; Why the world desperately needs digital Geneva Conventions.” *Foreign Policy*, September 12, 2018. <https://foreignpolicy.com/2018/09/12/in-cyberwar-there-are-no-rules-cybersecurity-war-defense/>

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### 24. The Environment

- **FLS**: Chapter 13



- Aarne Granlund, 2017. “Three Things We Don’t Want To Understand About Climate Change.” In *Medium*, 30 August 2017. [https://medium.com/@aarnegranslund/three-things-we-dont-understand-about-climate-change-c59338a1c435?fbclid=IwAR09eAWvoj3UVBS7muS0rP3Uz0jZHePI\\_LTaATLBCrmp4QnfMiJ6wfTs](https://medium.com/@aarnegranslund/three-things-we-dont-understand-about-climate-change-c59338a1c435?fbclid=IwAR09eAWvoj3UVBS7muS0rP3Uz0jZHePI_LTaATLBCrmp4QnfMiJ6wfTs)
- Robinson Meyer, 2018. “Does Climate Change Cause More War?” in *The Atlantic*, February 2018. <https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2018/02/does-climate-change-cause-more-war/553040/>

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## 25. The Rise of China

- **FLS**, Chapter 14, pp.548–556.

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## 26. The decline of the Liberal International Order?

- Beth Simmons and Hein Goemans, “Built on Borders”, in the 75th Anniversary issue of *International Organization*, 75(2).
- Anne Appelbaum, 2018. “A Warning From Europe: The Worst Is Yet to Come.” *The Atlantic*, October 2018. <https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2018/10/poland-polarization/568324/>
- Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt. “This is how democracies die.” *The Guardian*, Sunday 21 January 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/commentisfree/2018/jan/21/this-is-how-democracies-die>
- Nancy Bermeo, 2016. On Democratic Backsliding. *Journal of Democracy*, 27(1): 5–19.
- Beda Magyar (a pseudonym), “Hungary is Lost.” *Die Zeit*. 9 April 2019. [https://www.zeit.de/amp/politik/ausland/2019-04/european-union-hungary-democracy-viktor-orban-english?\\_\\_twitter\\_impression=true](https://www.zeit.de/amp/politik/ausland/2019-04/european-union-hungary-democracy-viktor-orban-english?__twitter_impression=true)
- Optional: Watch Timothy Snyder’s talk: “On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century.” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j6bfzd0Nyhk>

Wednesday April 19

## 27. Real world IR of this semester

- Making sense of what happened in the last couple of months.

**Please give me some information about yourself: Who are you?** To that end, hand in one page bio on yourself:

1. Name, e-mail, year, major.
2. Why did you sign up for this course?
3. What are your interests, extra-curricular?
4. What is true about you and no one else?
5. Should the US withdraw from Iraq? If so, on what conditions?
6. What are your biggest expectations of a U of R Professor.