

Indiana University, Bloomington: School of Public and Environmental Affairs
V450: Traditions of Inquiry and Methods (Section 13294)
Traditions of Inquiry: International Relations Theory and Policy Choices
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NOTE:

The syllabus is subject to change within reason: the workload cannot be substantially increased.

THE SUBJECT

This is a course that explores the two fundamental traditions of thinking on international policy: realism and liberalism. Realism is the way of power, order and state interest; a just order, for realists, is one that reflects a sustainable distribution of power. Liberalism, by contrast, is the way of liberty, order but also state interest. Both realists and liberals care about order and both care about justice, though they have different strategies and tactics to achieve desired ends. Sometimes the two agree: more often, however, they clash. Even highly educated policy makers frequently make large assumptions rooted in a policy perspective or model of which they are dimly aware. Our goal is to explicitly understand the premises and implications and thus to be better consumers and producers of policy advice.

THE GOALS OF THE COURSE

The course has three goals. 1. To introduce you the discipline of International Relations Theory, emphasizing the two dominant traditions (realism and liberalism) in their classic and modern variations; 2. To apply those traditions of inquiry to policy issues at the international level and to certain policy processes at the bureaucratic level; 3. To survey the future, applying theories to contemporary policy challenges that are of relevance to scholars, to citizens and to civic and political leaders—in other words, to you now and what you will become. Of course, the ultimate goal of this—and any other course—is to be a *liberally* educated man or woman and, for us, to do so in the context of a professional school.

READING ASSIGNMENTS

When we put international politics next to what could be called domestic politics or civil society, we find a discrepancy. International Relations Theory and the tradition of reflecting on international politics do not have a body of great texts; it has traditions, but those traditions are, for complex reasons, somewhat fragmentary. For this reason, we will abstract larger arguments and treat them in part, not in whole.

All articles and sections from books, beyond the two texts can be found in e-reserve or the Internet. **Please note:** The instructor reserves the right to change the syllabus, with the provision that it does *not* add to the course-load. Be prepared to read the assigned tests and to read them well. Mastering these sections and chapters from frequently difficult books as well as the self-contained articles will serve you well in your undergraduate education and, beyond that, in your future career as a policy-maker or analyst.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Robert J. Art and Robert Jervis. *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues and Peace*. (New York: Pearson, 2016)

This is a very readable text that contains well-chosen readings. This will be our foundational work to be supplemented by other works. No collection of readings is ideal; this one is considerably better than most and is used at the most competitive academic programs.

Our second, more historical text is:

Kissinger, Henry. *World Order* (New York: Penguin, 2014)

MEASURING YOUR PERFORMANCE

The final grade will be based on: *three* papers (written to a *hypothetical policy-maker*). The first paper will count for 50 points; the second, group paper will count for 100 points; the final paper will count for 100 points.

The remaining 250 points will be based on 75 points for quizzes; 25 points for paper presentation; 25 points for class participation; 125 points for the final exam.

After the first class, you are expected to have read all readings in a timely manner and be prepared to respond to reasonable questions. Participation is essential; failure to participate will negatively affect your grade. Attendance is mandatory.

CLASS OUTLINE:

Part I: Traditions and Areas of Inquiry

Week 1.

8-23 First Class: No Readings Assigned

8-25 Power, Principle, and Legitimacy in Statecraft

Articles by: Morgenthau, Tickner and Nye

Week 2.

8-30 The Meaning of Anarchy Articles by: Waltz, Mearsheimer and Wendt

9-01 Strategic Interaction in Anarchy Articles by: Fearon and Jervis

Week 3.

9-06 Realism I: Thucydides To be distributed

9-08 The Mitigation of Anarchy I Articles by: Jervis, Doyle and Walt

Week 4.

9-13 Realism II: Machiavelli *The Prince* (all)

9-15 The Mitigation of Anarchy II

Articles by: Kang, Morgenthau, Hoffman and Keohane

Paper One Assigned

Part II. The Use of Force (and its Restraint)

Week 5.

9-20 Liberalism I: Kant “Perpetual Peace: A Philosophical Sketch”

A second article to be determined

9-22 The Political Use of Force

Articles by: Art, Schelling, Hoffman

Paper One Due

Week 6.

- 9-27 Liberalism II: Bentham and Wilson Readings to be determined
9-29 The Utility of Force Articles by: Art, Chenoweth and Stephan

Part III. International Political Economy and Globalization

Week 7.

- 10-04 The Traditions of IPE Reading to be determined

Paper Two Assigned

- 10-06 Perspectives on Political Economy Articles by: Gilpin, Copeland, Rodrik

Week 8.

- 10-11 Globalization Today Articles by: Frankel, Naim, Brynjolfsson et al

- 10-13 Fixing the World Political Economy

Articles by: Hellener, Stiglitz, Rodrik

Part IV: Contemporary Issues

Week 9.

- 10-18 Interstate War and Terrorism Articles by: Jervis, Art, Kurth Cronin

- 10-20 Civil Wars to Humanitarian Intervention

Articles by: Howard and Donnelly, Western and Goldstein

Week 10.

- 10-25 Civil Wars to Humanitarian Intervention II

Articles by: Downes, Hartzell and Hodde

- 10-27 The Shape of the Future: The Global Commons

Articles by: Hardin, Pope Francis, Alan Dupont

Week 11.

11-01 The Shape of the Future: Global Governance

Articles by: Waltz, Patrick and Ikenberry

11-03 The Shape of the Future: Polarity

Articles by: Posen, Kirschner, Cox and Walt

Final Paper Assigned

Part V. On World Order

Week 12.

11-08 A Pluralistic World Order

Kissinger, Introduction, chapter 1

11-10 Europe II; Russia

Kissinger, chapter 2

Week 13.

11-15 The Middle East; Iran

Kissinger, chapters 3, 4

11-17 On Asia

Kissinger, chapter 5

Week 14.

11-22 Thanksgiving Recess

11-24 Thanksgiving Recess

Week 15.

11-29 On China

Kissinger, chapter 6

12-01 United States: Ambivalent Superpower?

Kissinger, chapters 7, 8

Final Paper Due

Week 17.

12-06 Finale

Kissinger, 9 and Conclusion

12-08 No Reading:

Week 18.

12-13 *Final Exam*

Tuesday, 5-7 P.M.

Classical Realism: Thucydides

The *Peloponnesian War*: opening pages

“The Mytlinean Debate”

“Pericles’ Funeral Oration”

Classical Realism: Machiavelli

Niccolo Machiavelli, *The Prince*, entire: any edition from the internet

Social Contract Realism? Hobbes to Locke

Thomas Hobbes, "The State of Nature" in Betts, *Conflict After the Cold War*

Peter Laslett, "Locke and Hobbes" in Locke, *Two Treatises of Government* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1988: Cambridge Texts in the History of Political Thought, Peter Laslett, ed.), pp. 67-93

Classical Liberalism: Kant

Immanuel Kant, "Perpetual Peace," [found in an *Introduction to Contemporary Civilization in the West* (Columbia University Press, 1946), pp. 878-90] on e-reserve

Michael Doyle, "Liberalism and World Politics"

Classical Liberalism: From Cobden to Wilson

Richard Cobden, "Peace Through Arbitration"

Woodrow Wilson, "Community of Power versus the Balance of Power"

Edward Mansfield and Jack Snyder, "Democratization and War"

John Mearsheimer, "The False Promise of International Institutions," *International Security*, 19 (3) 1994/5: 5-49: section only

Part I: Traditions of Inquiry

8-25 First Class

8-27 Visions of International Policy

9-01 Introduction: Theory, History and Levels of Analysis

9-03 Classical Realism: Thucydides

9-08 Classical Realism: Machiavelli

9-10 Social Contract Realism: Hobbes; begin liberalism

9-15 Classical liberalism: Kant

9-17 Classical liberalism: Cobden to Wilson
9-22 20th Century Realist Critique: Carr, Morgenthau and Kennan
9-24 Neo-realism or Structural Realism: Waltz and Mearsheimer: Gilpin's HST:
9-29 The Neo-Liberal Rejoinder
10-01 Left-Radicalism in International Relations
10-06 Constructivism: Norms and Learning
10-08 Foundations of International Political Economy

10-13 Economics II
10-15 Strategy: Technology in international politics
10-20 The Psychology of conflict
10-22 Terrorism; Religious violence
10-27 Irregular Warfare: Insurgency and Counter-insurgency

10-29 Migrations and Environment
11-03 Ethnic Conflict
11-05 International Justice; Globalization
11-11 Peacemaking: 1815
11-13 Europe
11-17 The Middle East
11-20 Asia
11-24 *Thanksgiving break*
11-26 *Thanksgiving Day*
12-02 US: Ambivalent Superpower?
12-04 World Order in Our Time?
12-09 Open
12-11 Last Class