

GVPT 708A  
Seminar in International Relations Theory  
Fall 2016  
Mondays, 12:30-3:15PM, Tydings 1111.

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This seminar introduces students to key theoretical, methodological, and substantive concerns in international relations scholarship. The course begins with an overview of major approaches to the field. We will then examine specific substantive issues relating to international conflict, international political economy, international institutions and organizations, and international normative change. The course is designed as the core seminar for Ph.D. students enrolled in the Government and Politics graduate program who have chosen international relations as one of their areas of specialization. The course will be conducted in seminar format; students are expected to be prepared to discuss the readings in class each week.

#### **Course Requirements:**

Research Design Paper (45%)—The main written requirement will be a 15 page research design. A 3 page preliminary summary of the project (with preliminary bibliography) will be due October 10, and the final paper will be due December 19. I will discuss this assignment in more detail during the first class.

Response Papers (15%)—Students are required to write three papers (approximately 3 pages in length) that respond to the readings for a particular week. (On the weeks that students write papers, they will also be expected to help lead class discussion.)

Class Participation (35%)—Please do readings in advance and be prepared to discuss in class.

Presentation (5%)—Students will present to the class a brief summary of their research designs on December 12.

#### **Readings:**

I have ordered the following books from the University bookstore:

Patrick J. McDonald. 2009. *The Invisible Hand of Peace: Capitalism, the War Machine, and International Relations Theory*. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press. ISBN: 0521744121

David A. Lake and Robert Powell. 1999. *Strategic Choice and International Relations*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. ISBN: 0691026971

Peter Katzenstein, ed. 1996. *The Culture of National Security: Norms and Identity in World Politics*. New York, NY: Columbia University Press. ISBN: 0231104693

Robert O. Keohane. 1984. *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. ISBN: 0691122482

Elizabeth Saunders. 2011. *Leaders at War: How Presidents Shape Military Interventions*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. ISBN: 0801449227

Jack Snyder. 1991. *Myths of Empire: Domestic Politics and International Ambition*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press. ISBN: 0801497647

Christina L. Davis. 2012. *Why Adjudicate? Enforcing Trade Rules in the WTO*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. ISBN: 9780691152769

Susan D. Hyde. 2011. *The Pseudo-Democrats Dilemma: Why Election Observation Became an International Norm*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. ISBN: 0801449669

Kenneth N. Waltz. (first published 1979; new edition 2010). *Theory of International Politics*. (Original edition: New York, NY: Random House; new edition: Waveland PR INC) ISBN (of new edition): 1577666704

Chad Rector. 2009. *Federations: The Political Dynamics of Cooperation*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press. ISBN: 0801475244.

Journal articles should be retrieved from the library webpage.

### **Schedule:**

Week 1 (August 29): Introduction

Week 2 (September 5): No class, Labor Day

Week 3 (September 12): Realism, Liberalism, Anarchy, and Hierarchy

Kenneth N. Waltz. 1979. *Theory of International Politics*. New York, NY: Random House, chapters 5, 6, 8.

John Mearsheimer, 2014, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* (revised ed.). New York: Norton, chapter 2.

Robert O. Keohane. 1984. *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, chapters 1, 4, 5.

Andrew Moravcsik. 1997. "Taking Preferences Seriously: A Liberal Theory of International Politics." *International Organization* 51 (4): 513-553.

Helen V. Milner. 1991. "The Assumption of Anarchy in International Relations Theory: A Critique." *Review of International Studies* 17 (1): 67-85.

David A. Lake. 1996. "Anarchy, Hierarchy, and the Variety of International Relations." *International Organization* 50 (1): 1-34

#### Week 4 (September 19): Rational approaches

Kenneth Oye. 1985. "Explaining Cooperation under Anarchy." *World Politics* 38 (1): 1-24.

Robert Powell. 1994. "Anarchy in International Relations Theory: The Neorealist-Neoliberal Debate." *International Organization* 48 (2): 313-344.

Michael Tomz. 2007. *Reputation and International Cooperation: Sovereign Debt across Three Centuries*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, chapters 1 and 2.

David A. Lake and Robert Powell. 1999. *Strategic Choice and International Relations*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, chapters 1-4.

Miles Kahler. 1998. "Rationality in International Relations." *International Organization* 52 (4): 919-941.

#### Week 5 (September 26): Norms, Identity and Culture

Peter Katzenstein, ed. 1996. *The Culture of National Security: Norms and Identity in World Politics*. New York, NY: Columbia University Press, chapters 2, 4, 5, 9, 13.

Goddard, Stacie E. 2006. "Uncommon Ground: Indivisible Territory and the Politics of Legitimacy." *International Organization* 60 (1): 35-68.

Rawi Abdelal, Yoshiko M. Herrera, Alastair Iain Johnston, and Rose McDermott. 2006. "Identity as a Variable." *Perspectives on Politics* 4 (4): 695-711.

#### Week 6 (October 3): Cognitive and bureaucratic approaches

Robert Jervis. 1968. "Hypotheses on Misperception." *World Politics* 20 (3): 454-479.

Jack S. Levy. 1997. "Prospect Theory, Rational Choice, and International Relations," *International Studies Quarterly* 41 (1): 87-112

Jonathan Mercer. 2010. "Emotional Beliefs." *International Organization* 64 (1): 1-31.

Keren Yarhi-Milo. 2013. "In the Eye of the Beholder: How Leaders and Intelligence Communities Assess the Intentions of Adversaries." *International Security* 38 (1): 7-51.

Graham T. Allison. 1969. "Conceptual Models and the Cuban Missile Crisis." *The American Political Science Review* 63 (3): 689–718.

Jonathan Bendor and Thomas H. Hammond. 1992. "Rethinking Allison's Models." *The American Political Science Review* 86 (2): 301–22

#### Week 7 (October 10): Reflection: paradigms and progress in IR

##### **\*Preliminary summary of research design due today\***

Jeffrey A. Frieden and David A. Lake. 2005. "International Relations as a Social Science: Rigor and Relevance." *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 600 (1): 136–56.

James Fearon and Alexander Wendt. 2002. "Rationalism vs. Constructivism: A Skeptical View." In Carlsnaes, Risse and Simmons, eds., *Handbook of International Relations*. Sage.

David A. Lake. 2011. "Why 'Isms' Are Evil: Theory, Epistemology, and Academic Sects as Impediments to Understanding and Progress." *International Studies Quarterly* 55: 465-480.

#### Week 8 (October 17): Bargaining, coercion, and war

Thomas C. Schelling. 1960. *The Strategy of Conflict*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, chapter 2.

James D. Fearon. 1995. "Rationalist Explanations for War." *International Organization* 49 (3): 379-414.

Robert Powell. 2006. "War as a Commitment Problem." *International Organization* 60 (1): 169-203.

David A. Lake. 2010/2011. "Two Cheers for Bargaining Theory: Assessing Rationalist Explanations of the Iraq War." *International Security* 35 (3): 7-52.

Kathleen Cunningham. 2011. "Divide and Conquer or Divide and Concede: How do States Respond to Internally Divided Separatists?" *American Political Science Review* 105 (2): 275-297.

Todd Sechser and Matthew Fuhrmann. 2013. "Crisis Bargaining and Nuclear Blackmail." *International Organization* 67 (1):173-95.

#### Week 9 (October 24): Domestic determinants of international conflict I: institutions, democratic peace, and audience costs

John M. Owen. 1994. "How Liberalism Produces Democratic Peace." *International Security* 19 (2): 87–125.

Bruce Bueno De Mesquita, James D. Morrow, Randolph M. Siverson, and Alastair Smith. 1999. "An Institutional Explanation of the Democratic Peace." *American Political Science Review* 93 (4): 791-807.

Kenneth A. Schultz. 1999. "Do Democratic Institutions Constrain or Inform? Contrasting Two Institutional Perspectives on Democracy and War." *International Organization* 53 (2): 233-266.

Jessica L. Weeks. 2012. "Strongmen and Straw Men: Authoritarian Regimes and the Initiation of International Conflict." *American Political Science Review* 106 (2): pp. 326-347.

Michael Tomz. 2007. "Domestic Audience Costs in International Relations: An Experimental Approach." *International Organization* 61 (4): 821-840.

Jessica Chen Weiss. 2013. "Authoritarian Signaling, Mass Audiences, and Nationalist Protest in China." *International Organization* 67 (1): 1-35.

#### Week 10 (October 31): Domestic determinants of international conflict II: individuals, coalitions, and diversionary dynamics

Jack Snyder. 1991. *Myths of Empire: Domestic Politics and International Ambition*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, chapters 1-3.

Elizabeth N. Saunders. 2011. *Leaders at War: How Presidents Shape Military Interventions*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, chapters 1-3.

Etel Solingen. 2007. "Pax Asiatica versus Bella Levantina: The Foundations of War and Peace in East Asia and the Middle East." *American Political Science Review* 101 (4): 757-780.

Sarah Croco. 2011. "The Decider's Dilemma: Leader Culpability, War Outcomes, and Domestic Punishment." *American Political Science Review* 105 (3): 457-477.

M. Taylor Fravel. 2010. "The Limits of Diversion: Rethinking Internal and External Conflict." *Security Studies* 19 (2): 307–41

#### Week 11 (November 7): The politics of international trade and investment

Ronald Rogowski. 1987. "Political Cleavages and Changing Exposure to Trade." *American Political Science Review* 81 (4): 1121-1137.

Michael J. Hiscox. 2001. "Class versus Industry Cleavages: Inter-Industry Factor Mobility and the Politics of Trade." *International Organization* 55 (1): 1-46.

Layna Mosely. 2000. "Room to Move: International Financial Markets and National Welfare States," *International Organization* 54 (4): 737-773.

Nita Rudra. 2002. "Globalization and the Decline of the Welfare State in Less Developed Countries," *International Organization* 56 (2): 411-445.

Michael J. Hiscox. 2006. "Through a Glass and Darkly: Framing Effects and Individuals' Attitudes towards International Trade." *International Organization* 60 (3): 755-780.

Megumi Naoi and Ikuo Kume. 2011. "Explaining Mass support for Agricultural Protectionism: Evidence from a Survey Experiment during the Global Recession." *International Organization* 65 (4): 771-795.

J. Lawrence Broz and Jeffrey A. Frieden. 2001. "The political economy of international monetary relations." *Annual Review of Political Science*, 4, 317-343.

#### Week 12 (November 14): Economics and security

Patrick J. McDonald. 2009. *The Invisible Hand of Peace: Capitalism, the War Machine, and International Relations Theory*. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, chapters 2-4.

David A. Baldwin. 1999/2000. "The Sanctions Debate and the Logic of Choice." *International Security* 24 (3): 80-107.

Erik Gartzke and Yonatan Lupu. 2012. "Trading on Preconceptions: Why World War I Was Not A Failure of Economic Interdependence." *International Security* 36 (4): 115-150.

Daniel W. Drezner. 2009. "Bad Debts: Assessing China's Financial Influence in Great Power Politics." *International Security* 34 (2): 7-45.

Christina L. Davis and Sophie Muenier. 2011. "Business as Usual? Economic Responses to Political Tensions." *American Journal of Political Science* 55 (3): 628-646.

William Reed. 2003. "Information and Economic Interdependence." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 47 (1): 54-71.

#### Week 13 (November 21): International law and institutions I: do international institutions matter, and if so how and when?

Christina L. Davis. 2012. *Why Adjudicate? Enforcing Trade Rules in the WTO*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, chapters 1, 2, 3, and 6.

James Morrow. 2007. "When Do States Follow the Laws of War?" *American Political Science Review* 101 (3): 559-572.

George Downs, David Rocke, and Peter Barsoom. 1996. "Is the Good News about Compliance Good News about Cooperation?" *International Organization* 50 (3): 379-406.

Todd Allee and Paul Huth. 2006. "Legitimizing Dispute Settlement: International Legal Rulings as Domestic Political Cover." *American Political Science Review* 100 (2): 219-234.

Allison Carnegie. 2014. "States Held Hostage: Political Hold-Up Problems and the Effects of International Institutions." *American Political Science Review* 108 (1): 54-70.

#### Week 14 (November 28): International law and institutions II: the politics, design, and evolution of institutions

Terrence L. Chapman. 2011. *Securing Approval: Domestic Politics and Multilateral Authorization for War*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, introduction and chapters 1-3.

Phillip Y. Lipscy. 2015. "Explaining Institutional Change: Policy Areas, Outside Options, and the Bretton Woods Institutions." *American Journal of Political Science* 59 (2): 341-356.

Chad Rector. 2009. *Federations: The Political Dynamics of Cooperation*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, introduction and chapters 1-3.

Barbara Koremenos, Charles Lipson, and Duncan Snidal. 2001. "The Rational Design of International Institutions." *International Organization* 55 (4): 1051-1082.

#### Week 15 (December 5): Diffusion, international normative change, and networks

Susan D. Hyde. 2011. *The Pseudo-Democrats Dilemma: Why Election Observation Became an International Norm*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, introduction and chapters 1-4.

Margaret E. Keck and Kathryn Sikkink. 1998. *Activists Beyond Borders: Advocacy Networks in International Politics*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, chapters 1 and 3.

Beth A. Simmons, Frank Dobbin and Geoffrey Garrett. 2006. "Introduction: The International Diffusion of Liberalism." *International Organization* 60 (4): 781-810.

Emilie M. Hafner-Burton, Miles Kahler and Alexander H. Montgomery. 2009. "Network Analysis for International Relations." *International Organization* 63 (3): 559-592.

#### Week 16 (December 12): In-class presentations