

Political Science V 1601y
Introduction to International Politics

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There will be two short take-home midterms (each counting for 1/5 of the course grade), 3 quizzes on the readings (1/5 of the grade), and a take-home final exam (2/5 of the grade).

All readings are required and are on reserve at Butler Library (also available on electronic reserves). Two assigned books are at Book Culture (West 112th St): Robert Art and Robert Jervis, eds., International Politics, 11th ed., and Martin Walker, The Cold War: A History. The other readings are in a packet at Village Copier (2872 Broadway). I strongly recommend that you read the international news stories in the New York Times, the International Herald Tribune, or the Financial Times.

I. The Nature of International Relations

1. The Anarchical Environment (Jan. 23-Feb 4)

Art and Jervis, eds., International Politics, pp. 1-135, 146-158.
Jervis, Perception and Misperception in International Politics, pp. 58-76.
Benjamin Fischer, "The Vilification and Vindication of Colonel Kuklinski,"
Studies in Intelligence, No. 9, Summer 2000, pp. 19-33.
James Olson, Fair Play: The Moral Dilemmas of Spying, scenarios 1, 3-5,
19, and 42.
Play games at <http://www.iterated-prisoners-dilemma.net/> or
<http://www.gametheory.net/Mike/applets/PDilemma/PDilemma.html>

2. Levels of Analysis and Explanations (Feb. 6-11)

Jervis, Perception and Misperception, pp. 13-31.
Alonzo Hamby, "An American Democrat: A Reevaluation of the Personality of
Harry S Truman," Political Science Quarterly, vol. 106, Spring 1991,
pp. 33-56.
Bruce Russett, Grasping the Democratic Peace, ch. 2.
William Stephens, Hypotheses and Evidence, pp. 168-79, 195-203.
Ernest May, American Imperialism, pp. 3-16.
Center for Economic and Policy Research, Robert Samuelson Trots Out the

Second Great Depression Bogeyman Again,” January 2, 2011,
<http://www.cepr.net/index.php/blogs/beat-the-press/robert-samuelson-trots-out-the-second-great-depression-bogeyman-again>

Handout on errors of inference to be distributed.

3. The Cold War (Feb. 13-25)

Martin Walker, The Cold War.

McGeorge Bundy, Danger and Survival, ch. 9, “Cuban Missile Crisis.”

Richard Ned Lebow and Janice Gross Stein, We All Lost the Cold War,
postscript, “Deterrence and the End of the Cold War,” pp. 369-76.

“Memorandum of Conversation [between Kennedy and Khrushchev],”
Foreign Relations of the US, 1961-1964, vol. V, The Soviet Union,
pp. 172-97, 206-25, 229-30 (documents # 83-85, 87, 89).

Larry Rohter, “Word for Word: Kissinger on Pinochet,” New York Times,
Dec. 28, 2003, Section 4, p. 7.

Stephen Rabe, U.S. Intervention in British Guiana: A Cold War Story, pp. 75-96.

February 25: first quiz; first mid-term handed out--due at start of class on March 4.

II. Foreign Policy

4. Assessing Adversaries (Feb. 27- March 4)

“White House Tapes and Minutes of the Cuban Missile Crisis,”

International Security, vol. 10, Summer 1985, pp. 164-203 (skim).

Nikita Khrushchev, Khrushchev Remembers (translated and edited by Strobe
Talbott), pp. 488-505.

E.L. Woodward, Rohan Butler and Margaret Lambert, eds., Documents on British
Foreign Policy, 1919-1939, third series, vol. 2, 1938, pp. 2, 10-12,
83-87, 131-35, 306-7, 360-61, 373-99.

Foreign Relations of the U.S., 1952-1954, vol. II, National Security Affairs, part
I, pp. 367-370, 491-534, 578-597.

Raymond Garthoff, “Berlin, 1961: The Record Corrected,” Foreign Policy,
No. 84, Fall 1991, pp. 142-156.

“1983 Politburo Session on KAL-007 Incident,” Foreign Broadcast Information
Service, Soviet Union (27 August 1992), pp. 7-10.

Stephen Twigge and Len Scott, “Strategic Defense by Deception,”

Intelligence and National Security, vol. 16, Summer 2001, pp. 152-57.

Department of State, “Estimate of Damage to U.S. Foreign Policy Interests,”

Foreign Relations of the US, 1964-1968, vol. XIV, The Soviet Union, pp. 111-14

Thomas Fleming, "George Washington, Spymaster," American Heritage, Feb./March 2000, pp. 45-51.

National Intelligence Council, "National Intelligence Estimate, Iran: Nuclear Intentions and Capabilities," November 2007.

CIA, "National Intelligence Daily Cable," Friday Jan. 21, 1977

Paul Pillar, "Think Again: Intelligence," Foreign Policy, Jan/Feb 2012.

5. Domestic Politics and Decision-Making (March 6-13)

Foreign Relations of the U.S., 1950, vol. VII, pp. 157-161, 1242-1249, 1323-1334 (Korean War decisions).

Michael Armacost, The Foreign Relations of the U.S., ch. 6.

Thomas Schwartz, "Henry,....Winning an Election is Terribly Important': Partisan Politics in the History of U.S. Foreign Relations," Diplomatic History, vol. 33, April 2009, pp. 173-190.

Leo Ribuffo, "Religion and American Foreign Policy," The National Interest, No. 52, Summer 1998, pp. 36-51 (skim) or Walter Russell Mead, "God's Country?" Foreign Affairs, vol. 85, Sept./Oct. 2006, pp. 24-43.

Robert Pastor, Whirlpool: US Foreign Policy toward Latin America and the Caribbean, ch. 6.

Supreme Court of the US, "Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. et al. v. Sawyer".

Gary Sick, All Fall Down, ch. 6.

Carroll McKibbin, "Presidential Initiative and Bureaucratic Response: Delivering the Mariner IV Pictures of Mars," Presidential Studies Quarterly, vol. 23, Fall 1993, pp. 727-37.

Foreign Relations of the U.S., 1964-1968, (FRUS) vol. 33, Organization and Management of U.S. Foreign Policy, pp. 420-21 (doc. # 190).

FRUS, 1969-1976, vol. 32, SALT I, 1969-1972, pp. 622-24, 658-62 (docs. # 204, 219).

Edward Mansfield and Jack Snyder, "Turbulent Transitions: Why Democracies Go to War," in Chester Crocker, Fen Hampson, and Pamela Aall, eds., Leashing the Dogs of War, pp. 161-76.

Josiah Ober, "Classical Greek Times," in Michael Howard, et al., eds., The Laws of War, pp. 12-26.

6. The Goals of Foreign Policy (March 25-27)

Arnold Wolfers, Discord and Collaboration, ch. 5.

K.J. Holsti, International Politics, 5th ed., ch. 5.

7. Means (April 1-3)

- K.J. Holsti, International Politics, ch. 9.
Joseph Nye, Jr., The Future of Power, ch. 1.
George Orwell, "Shooting an Elephant".
Stuart Banner, How the Indians Lost Their Land: Law and Power on the Frontier,
pp. 49-56, 82-84.
Jeremy Pressman, "Mediation, Domestic Politics, and the Israeli-Syrian
Negotiations, 1991-2000," Security Studies, vol. 16, July-September,
2007, pp. 350-81.
Art and Jervis, pp. 136-45.

8. The Use of Force (April 8)

- Art and Jervis, pp. 159-238.
Robert Jervis, The Meaning of the Nuclear Revolution, ch. 1.

April 8: second quiz; second mid-term handed out--due at start of class, April 15.

III. International Systems

9. Economic Forces and Imperialism (April 10-15)

- Benjamin Cohen, The Question of Imperialism, ch. 2.
Jeffrey Herbst, States and Power in Africa, ch.1.
Franklin Foer, "Soccer vs. McWorld," Foreign Policy, January/February 2004,
pp. 32-40.
Theotonio Dos Santos, "The Structure of Dependence."

10. Current International Economic Problems (April 17-22)

- David Balaam and Michael Veseth, Introduction to International Political
Economy, chapters 1, 6-8.
Art and Jervis, pp. 259-370.
Andrew Rice, "Why is Africa Still Poor?" The Nation, October 24, 2005,
pp. 33-38.
Theodore Dalrymple, "Out of Africa," The American Conservative,
January 16, 2006, pp. 20-23.
Jeffrey Sachs, "Government, Geography, and Growth," Foreign Affairs, vol. 91,
September/October 2012, pp. 142-50.

11. Current and Future World Politics (April 24-May 6).

Art and Jervis, pp. 239-58, 371-585.

John Bolton, "Should We Take Global Governance Seriously?" Chicago Journal of International Law, vol. 1, Fall 2000, pp. 205-21.

John Mearsheimer, "Imperial By Design," The National Interest, No. 111, January/February 2011, pp. 16-19 (note this is only part of the article).

Barry Eichengreen, "Mr. Bernanke Goes to War," The National Interest, No. 111, January/February 2011, pp. 6-14.

Clifford Bob, "Merchants of Morality," Foreign Policy, March/April 2002, pp. 36-45.

Daphne Eviatar, "Profits at Gunpoint," The Nation, June 30, 2003, pp. 16-17.

Nicholas Thompson, "Africa's Expat Politics," Foreign Policy, September/October 2003, p. 91.

Victor Cha, "Winning Asia," Foreign Affairs, vol. 86, November/December 2007, pp. 98-113.

Andrew Nathan and Andrew Scobell, "How China Sees America," Foreign Affairs, vol. 91, September/October 2012, pp. 32-47.

Stephen Van Evera, "A Farewell to Geopolitics," and Francis Fukuyama, "Soft Talk, Big Stick," both in Melvyn Leffler and Jeffrey Legro, eds., To Lead the World: American Strategy After the Bush Doctrine.

Excerpts from US Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, Maher Arar v. John Ashcroft et al.

"National Insecurity: Just How Safe is the US?" exchange between Paul Miller and Micah Zenko and Michael Cohen, Foreign Affairs, vol. 91, July/August 2012, pp. 146-51.

May 6: third quiz; final handed out--due May 16, at 5:00 PM at my office (1333 IAB).