

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
Seminar on Contemporary Diplomacy
POLS W3962 Section 004

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Class time: Monday 18:10-20:00
Location: 401 Hamilton Hall
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Seminar on Contemporary Diplomacy

This seminar will allow students to conduct in-depth research on diplomacy in the modern era, with a focus on the post-Cold War period. The purpose of this course is to examine how states manage their external relations and to explore the conditions under which diplomacy has contributed positively or negatively to various foreign policy outcomes. This involves studying not only how states attempt to shape their foreign relations through diplomacy, but also the evolution of diplomatic strategies and tactics that states use, and challenges to implementing these strategies. In this course, the study of contemporary diplomacy will be divided into three sections: diplomacy in the context of international relations theory; approaches to conducting diplomacy; and diplomacy in different issue areas, including economics and security, broadly conceived.

The primary requirement of this course is a 30-35 page research paper on an approved topic of your choosing. The topic must be submitted for approval no later than **4 March**. Students will be required to deliver a brief presentation on one of two dates: **8 April** and **15 April** with the final paper due at the beginning of class **29 April**. It will count for 70% of the final grade. A three-five page paper, on an assigned topic, will count for 20% of the final grade. The topic will be assigned in class on **11 February** and be due at the beginning of class on **18 February**. Students are also expected to have completed the assigned readings before each session and to contribute to weekly discussions. Participation will count for 10% of the final grade.

The books listed under the readings marked with an * are required and can be purchased at Book Culture. All the readings will be on reserve at Lehman Library.

Class Schedule

**January 28 What is diplomacy and where does it fit into IR theory? Part I
What can international relations theories tell us about diplomacy?**

Stephen M. Walt, *International Relations: One World, Many Theories*,
Foreign Policy, No. 110 (Spring, 1998), pp. 29-46.

Harold Nicolson, *Diplomacy* (Oxford University Press, 1964), ch. 2.

James Fearon, "Rationalist Explanations for War," *International Organization*, vol.49,
Summer 1995, pp. 379-414.

Economic Negotiations – the completion or collapse of trade agreements

Kenneth Dyson and Kevin Featherstone, The Road To Maastricht: Negotiating Economic and Monetary Union (Oxford University Press, 1999), ch. 1.

March 11 Diplomatic Strategies Part III

Coercive Diplomacy: avoiding conflict versus going to war - when does the same strategy result in disparate outcomes? The cases of Haiti and the Persian Gulf War.

Craig and George, Force and Statecraft, pp. 198-202, 212-219.

Jon B. Alterman, “Coercive Diplomacy Against Iraq, 1990-1998,” in The United States and Coercive Diplomacy, Robert J. Art and Patrick M. Cronin, eds. (USIP, 2003), ch. 7.
http://csis.org/files/media/csis/pubs/the_united_states_and_coercive_diplomacy.pdf

Robert A. Pastor, “The Delicate Balance between Coercion and Diplomacy: The Case of Haiti 1994,” in Ibid., ch. 4.

March 18 Spring Recess

March 25 Diplomatic Strategies IV

Development Diplomacy – Can diplomatic goals be advanced with development policy?

Hillary Rodham Clinton, “Leading Through Civilian Power,” Foreign Affairs, vol. 89 (November-December 2010), pp.

Elizabeth Ferris, “The Afghanistan-Pakistan Challenge: Meeting Humanitarian Needs.”
http://www.brookings.edu/~media/research/files/papers/2012/2/15%20afpak%20ferris/0215_afpak_ferris

Carol Lancaster, Foreign Aid: Diplomacy, Development, Domestic Politics (University of Chicago Press, 2007), pp. 212-226.

April 1 Diplomatic Strategies V

Unique challenges and opportunities of arms control treaties, environmental agreements and energy exploration

Craig and George, Force and Statecraft, ch. 8.

Jeffery A. Larsen, “Introduction to Arms Control,” in Arms Control: Cooperative Security in a Changing Environment (Lynne Rienner, 2002),
<https://www.rienner.com/uploads/47d6f750a53eb.pdf>

Congressional Research Service, Proliferation Control Regimes: Background and Status (October 18, 2010) <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL31559.pdf> (skim)

Robert O. Keohane and Kal Raustiala, Toward a Post-Kyoto Climate Change Architecture: a Political Analysis, Discussion Paper 08-01 (July, 2008)

<http://belfercenter.hks.harvard.edu/files/Keohane%20and%20Raustiala%20HPICA1.pdf> (skim)

April 8 Research Presentations

April 15 Research Presentations

April 22

Implications of 9/11 on Diplomacy

How has terrorism impacted statecraft? Has diplomacy become more or less important in international relations? Negotiating with terrorists.

Craig and George, Force and Statecraft, ch. 6.

Andrew Kydd and Barbara Walter, "The Strategies of Terrorism," International Security, vol. 56 (Summer, 2006), pp. 49-79.

Martha Crenshaw, "Coercive Diplomacy and the Response to Terrorism," in The United States and Coercive Diplomacy, ch. 8.

http://iisdb.stanford.edu/pubs/22499/Crenshaw_Coercive_Diplomacy_and_the_Response_to_Terrorism.pdf

Condoleeza Rice, Transformational Diplomacy, Remarks delivered at Georgetown University (January 18, 2006) (<http://www.actfl.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=4260>).

April 29

Emerging Diplomatic issues: Uprising in the Middle, East, the Evolving EU and Asia's Resurgence

(Papers due)

Efraim Inbar, "The Arab Uprisings' Impact," Middle East Quarterly, Vol. 19, No. 1 (Winter 2012).

Giles Merritt, "Where is Europe's Foreign Policy," Project Syndicate <http://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/where-is-europe-s-foreign-policy->

European Union, New York Times (13 December 2012)

http://topics.nytimes.com/top/reference/timestopics/organizations/e/european_union/index.html

May 6

The Future of Diplomacy

Overview and consideration of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for diplomacy and understanding the effect of modern technology on foreign relations.

Janice Stein, ed., Diplomacy in the Digital Era (McClelland, 2011), pp. 1-12, 255-270.

Clay Shirky, "The Political Power of Social Media," Foreign Affairs, vol. 90

(January/February, 2011).