

INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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[COURSE INFORMATION]

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| COURSE DESCRIPTION & GOALS | <p>Course description:</p> <p>This course provides an introduction to the systematic study of international politics. It introduces students to the major theoretical approaches to the analysis of international relations and applies them to various historical and contemporary issues. The first section of the course surveys key concepts and theories. The second section explores the causes and consequences of international conflict and war. The third section turns to important issues in global economic relations, such as the politics of free trade, globalization, development and inequality. The final section addresses the question of change in the current international system by critically examining newly emerging topics, including nuclear proliferation, international intervention, the role of transnational actors, and terrorism.</p> <p>Course objectives:</p> <p>Through the completion of this course, students are expected to have achieved the following learning outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify and distinguish between the different types of explanations of international politics; • evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of theoretical arguments through the logical examination of evidence; • think critically about world events and develop clearly articulated arguments; and apply theoretical knowledge to various policy issues in international relations. |
| PREREQUISITE | None |
| COURSE REQUIREMENTS | |
| GRADING POLICY | <p>Mid-term exam (30%)</p> <p>Final exam (30%)</p> <p>Current events analysis (15%)</p> <p>Policy analysis assignment (15%)</p> <p>Class attendance and participation (10%)</p> |
| TEXTS & NOTES | <p>□ Henry R. Nau, <i>Perspectives on International Relations</i>, Sixth Edition (Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2018).</p> |

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| | <p>□ Scott D. Sagan and Kenneth N. Waltz, <i>The Spread of Nuclear Weapons: An Enduring Debate</i>, Third Edition (New York: W.W. Norton, 2013).</p> |
| INSTRUCTOR'S PROFILE | <p>Seo-Hyun Park is an Associate Professor in the Department of Government and Law and Chair of the Asian Studies Program at Lafayette College. Her research interests include national identity politics, state sovereignty, regional orders, and history and international relations, with a regional focus on East Asia. She is the author of <i>Sovereignty and Status in East Asian International Relations</i> (Cambridge University Press, 2017). Her work has appeared in the <i>Review of International Studies</i>, <i>International Relations</i>, <i>Journal of East Asian Studies</i>, <i>Strategic Studies Quarterly</i>, and <i>Chinese Journal of International Politics</i>. Park has received research fellowships from the Japan Foundation as well as Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC) and the Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center (APARC) at Stanford University.</p> |

[WEEKLY SCHEDULE]

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| 1 | <p>June 29: Introduction</p> <p>June 30: Overview of International Relations Theories</p> <p>July 1 & 5: Realism</p> | <p>□ Richard Haass, "The Pandemic Will Accelerate History Rather than Reshape It," <i>Foreign Affairs</i>, April 7, 2020.</p> <p>□ Nau, <i>Perspectives on International Relations</i>, pp. 1-19; 42-84.</p> <p>□ Kenneth N. Waltz, <i>Theory of International Politics</i> (Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley, 1979), pp. 79-101.</p> <p>□ John J. Mearsheimer, <i>The Tragedy of Great Power Politics</i> (New York: W. W. Norton, 2003), chapter 2 ("Anarchy and the Struggle for Power"), pp. 29-54.</p> <p>□ Charles Glaser, "Will China's Rise Lead to War?" <i>Foreign Affairs</i> 90, 2 (March/April 2011).</p> | |
| 2 | <p>July 6 & 7: Liberalism</p> <p>July 8: Constructivism</p> | <p>□ Michael W. Doyle, "Kant, Liberal Legacies and Foreign Affairs," <i>Philosophy and Public Affairs</i> 12, 3 (Summer 1983): 205-235.</p> <p>□ Edward Mansfield and Jack Snyder, "Democratization and War," <i>Foreign Affairs</i> 74, 3 (May/June 1995): 79-97.</p> <p>□ Anne Applebaum, "War and McPeace," <i>Slate</i>, April 4, 2014.</p> <p>□ Thomas U. Berger, "Norms, Identity, and National Security in Germany and Japan," in Peter J. Katzenstein, ed., <i>The Culture of National Security</i> (New York: Columbia University Press, 1996), only pp. 317-338.</p> <p>□ Samuel P. Huntington, "The Clash of</p> | |

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| | | Civilizations?" <i>Foreign Affairs</i> 72, 3 (Summer 1993): 22-49. | |
| 3 | <p>July 12: Domestic Politics</p> <p>July 13 & 14: World War I</p> <p>July 15: Midterm exam</p> | <p>□ Geoffrey Blainey, <i>The Causes of War</i> (Free Press, 1988), chapter 5 ("Death-Watch and Scapegoat Wars").</p> <p>□ Nau, <i>Perspectives on International Relations</i>, pp. 92-117.</p> <p>□ Jack Snyder, "Civil-Military Relations and the Cult of the Offensive, 1914 and 1984," <i>International Security</i> 9, 1 (Summer 1984), only pp. 108-129.</p> | |
| 4 | <p>July 19: World War II</p> <p>July 20 & 21: The Cold War</p> <p>July 22: International Trade, Economic Development and Global Inequality</p> | <p>□ Nau, <i>Perspectives on International Relations</i>, pp. 122-156.</p> <p>□ X, "The Sources of Soviet conduct," <i>Foreign Affairs</i>, XXV (July 1947): 575-576.</p> <p>□ Graham T. Allison, "Conceptual Models and the Cuban Missile Crisis," <i>American Political Science Review</i> 63, 3 (September 1969): 689-718.</p> <p>□ Stephen D. Krasner, "Are Bureaucrats Important? (Or Allison Wonderland)," <i>Foreign Policy</i> 7 (Summer 1972): 159-179.</p> <p>□ Steven G. Brooks and William C. Wohlforth, "Clarifying the End of the Cold War Debate," <i>Cold War History</i> 7, no. 3 (August 2007): 447-454.</p> <p>□ Michael J. Hiscox, "The Domestic Sources of Foreign Economic Policies," in John Ravenhill, ed., <i>Global Political Economy</i>, second edition (Oxford University Press, 2008), only pp. 50-55, 65-72.</p> <p>□ Chad P. Bown, "COVID-19 Could Bring Down the Trading System: How to Stop Protectionism From Running Amok," <i>Foreign Affairs</i>, April 28, 2020.</p> | |

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| 5 | <p>July 26: Global Institutions and Governance</p> <p>July 27: 9/11 and Terrorism</p> <p>July 28 & 29: Nuclear Proliferation</p> | <p>□ Nau, <i>Perspectives on International Relations</i>, pp. 273–307.</p> <p>□ Margaret E. Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, <i>Activists Beyond Borders: Advocacy Networks in International Politics</i> (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1998), chapter 1 (“Transnational Activists Networks”), pp. 8–24.</p> <p>□ Leah Farrall, “How al Qaeda Works,” <i>Foreign Affairs</i> 90, 2 (March/April 2011).</p> <p>□ Tamer El-Ghobashy, “How American Neglect Imperils the Victory Over ISIS,” <i>The Washington Post</i>, April 19, 2018.</p> <p>□ Scott D. Sagan and Kenneth N. Waltz, <i>The Spread of Nuclear Weapons: A Debate Renewed</i> (New York: W.W. Norton, 2003), pp. 3–81, 175–228.</p> <p>□ Daniel Wertz and Ali Vaez, “Sanctions and Nonproliferation in North Korea and Iran: A Comparative Analysis,” <i>Federation of American Scientists Issue Brief</i>, June 2012.</p> <p>□ Robert Einhorn, “Let’s Get Realistic on North Korea and Iran,” <i>Brookings Blogpost: Order from Chaos</i>, October 5, 2018.</p> | |
| 6 | <p>August 2: Policy Analysis Assignment</p> <p>August 3: Ethnic Conflict & Civil Wars</p> <p>August 4: International Intervention</p> <p>August 5: Final Exam</p> | <p>□ Jeffrey Gettleman, “The Global Elite’s Favorite Strongman,” <i>The New York Times Magazine</i>, September 4, 2013.</p> <p>□ Marc Lynch, “The Political Science of Syria’s War,” <i>Foreign Policy</i>, December 19, 2013.</p> <p>□ Jon Western and Joshua S. Goldstein, “Humanitarian Intervention Comes of Age: Lessons From Somalia to Libya,” <i>Foreign Affairs</i> 90, 6 (November/December 2011): 48–59.</p> | |