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Overview and Objectives

This course explores major concepts and key research approaches in the field of international relations. Course requirements:

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1. Three (3) five-page papers (each 25% of grade). Each paper will analyze critically one or more of the readings assigned for the week. Students select the readings for each paper. Papers are due the night before the class in which the readings are assigned.

2. Class participation (25% of grade): All students are expected to attend every seminar, be prepared to discuss all the readings for that week, and participate in the discussion.

Administrative Issues

- Plagiarism: You are encouraged you to study and learn together. All assignments must be the sole product of the person submitting the work. Don’t cheat and don’t plagiarize. If you have any questions about what constitutes a violation of academic integrity, see me.

- Disabilities/life issues: It is your responsibility to apprise me of factors that may interfere with your performance in class well in advance of scheduled assignments. Appropriate measures for disabilities, acts of God, etc. will be taken in accordance with UCSD policies.

- Grading/appeals: All attempts to discuss grading decisions must be made in writing.

Required Texts

Journal articles are available online through several sources. It may make sense to distribute the process of collecting articles. Some articles from special issues of journals are also available as edited books; in these cases, either version will be fine. We read enough of the following books to make purchasing them worthwhile. You may want them for your library in any event.


**Week 1 (April 5): Paradigms, Progress, and International Relations**


- Miles Kahler, “Inventing International Relations: International Relations Theory after 1945,” in Michael W. Doyle and G.


Week 2 (April 12): The Anarchy Problematique


• David A. Lake, Hierarchy in International Relations (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2009), as much as possible.


Week 3 (April 19): Preferences and perceptions: individuals, groups and beliefs

• Jeffry Frieden, “Actors and Preferences in International Relations,” in Lake and Powell, eds., Strategic Choice, pp.39-76.


• Risse, and Beth Simmons, Handbook of International Relations (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2002), pp.52-72. [Note, this is the first edition of the handbook, the essay is not reprinted in the second edition.]


• Emilie M. Hafner-Burton, Stephan Haggard, David A. Lake, and David G. Victor, “The Behavioral Revolution and the Study of International Relations.” Manuscript (will be distributed by email).


Week 4 (April 26): Domestic institutions and international behavior


• Helen V. Milner, Interests, Institutions, and Information: Domestic Politics and International Relations (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1997), chapters 1-4 and one of the empirical chapters (5-8).


Week 5 (May 3): Relations among units: strategic interaction


Week 6 (May 10): Relations among units: international institutions


**Week 7 (May 17): Evolution, Networks, and Diffusion**


Week 8 (May 24): Transnational Political Violence


Week 9 (May 31): International Normative Change


Week 10 (June 7): New Frontiers: The “Individual” Turn in International Relations


