

PS 145c: IR After the Cold War  
Winter 2007  
Tues & Thurs, 9:30am-10:50am  
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### **International Relations After the Cold War: Theory and Prospect Syllabus**

**Course description:** If politics is the study of “who gets what?”, then international politics studies how states divide resources through conflict and cooperation. This course examines this question since the end of the Cold War. The focus of this course will be on examining how the world we live in today is explained (or not) by the available theoretical perspectives. Two important cases, the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks and the US-led war and occupation of Iraq, provide a basis for examining the importance of changes in the international distribution of power, globalization, the proliferation of “weapons of mass destruction,” and terrorism.

**Requirements:** The requirements for this course consist of a mid-term (2/1) and a final exam (3/20). Both exams will include take-home and in-class (blue-book) components.

**Readings:** A reader will be available from AS Soft Reserves with most of the readings. The following books should be available for purchase at the Price Center bookstore:

- Robert J. Art and Robert Jervis, eds. *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues*, 6th ed. (New York, NY: Longman, 2005)
- Hersh, Seymour M. 2004. *Chain of Command: The Road From 9/11 to Abu Graib*

As you read the assigned materials for each session, please think about the following questions:

- What is the author’s main argument? What are the competing arguments?
- What evidence does the author present to support this argument?
- Do you agree or disagree with the argument?
- What other evidence support to the argument? Or support competing arguments?
- What are the policy prescriptions that follow? Do these make sense?

**Lectures.** Class attendance will be important for your performance on the exams. Much of the material covered in lectures may either not be in the readings or not be in easily digestible form. Taking notes will aid comprehension of the substance of the course. Lecture outlines will also be posted on-line at: “<http://www.polisci.ucsd.edu/ps145c/>”.

**Academic Dishonesty.** You are expected to do your own work. Students caught cheating on an exam or plagiarizing their essays will receive a failing grade for that exam and will be referred to the university administration for sanction.

**Grade Appeals.** You can expect to be graded on your academic performance. This includes clarity of thought, knowledge of the material, and ability to communicate (composition, spelling, and grammar). Students who believe to have received an incorrect grade or a grade based on non-academic criteria should submit a single typed page that identifies the problem and presents a reasoned argument that fits the criteria listed above.

## **Course outline and readings:**

### Week 1: The Cold War: History and IR Theory

Tues, 1/9: History of the Cold War

- Winston Churchill, "Iron Curtain speech", March 5, 1946
- Mr. X (George Keenan), "The Sources of Soviet Conduct" *Foreign Affairs*, July, 1947.

Thurs, 1/11: Rise of Realism, Fall of Idealism, Rise of Neo-Realism

- Art & Jervis, pp.29-60
- Gaddis, John Lewis. 1986. The Long Peace: Elements of Stability in the Postwar International System. *International Security* 10 (Spring 1986), 99-142.

### Week 2: Understanding the Cold War

Tues, 1/16: Nuclear Weapons and Deterrence

- Huth, Paul K. 1999. Deterrence and International Conflict: Empirical Findings and Theoretical Debates. *Annual Review of Political Science* 2:25-48.

Thurs, 1/18: The irrelevance of neo-realism? Rise of Institutionalism?

- Distribute Mid-Term Prompt
- Jack Snyder, "One World, Rival Theories," *Foreign Policy*, Nov/Dec 2004, pp. 53-62.
- Keohane, Robert O. & Joseph S. Nye. Power and Interdependence, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Glenview: Scott, Foresman & Co., 1989. Chapters 1-2.

### Week 3: The New World Order and IR theory

Tues, 1/23: Life after the Cold War, 1991-2001

Thurs, 1/15: Revisiting IR Theory?

- Art & Jervis, pp. 61-95, 114-126

### Week 4: Strategic Interactions and Domestic Politics

Tues, 1/30: Do "unit characteristics" matter?

- Graham Allison, "Conceptual Models and the Cuban Missile Crisis," *American Political Science Review* 63 (1969), pp. 689-718.

Thurs, 2/1: Midterm Exam

### Week 5: 9/11: Midterm & Globalization

Tues, 2/6: Strategic interaction and games

- Schelling, *Strategy of Conflict* Chapter 1 (pp.3-20)
- Lake & Powell, Chapter 1

Thurs, 2/8: The international economy

- Art & Jervis, pp.309-324, 283-308

### Week 6: Iraq, 1980-2001

Tues, 2/20: The Proliferation Threat

- Hammes, Thomas X. 2005. Insurgency: Modern Warfare Evolves into a Fourth Generation. In *Strategic Forum* #214. Washington, DC: National Defense University.
- Art & Jervis, pp. 239-249
- Hersh, pp. 203-247, 287-311

Thurs, 2/22: The Disarmament Problem

- Zunes, Stephen. 2005. Undermining the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty: it didn't start with the Bush administration. *Foreign Policy in Focus* (8 June 2005).
- Oudraat, Chantal de Jonge. 2002. UNSCOM: Between Iraq and a Hard Place. *European Journal of International Law* 13 (1):139-152.

#### Week 7: Terrorism

Tues, 2/13: The Rise of New International Terrorism

- Art & Jervis, pp. 391-406
- Mousseau, "Market Civilization and its Clash with Terror," *International Security* 27:3 (Winter 2002/03): 5-29.

Thurs, 2/15: Revising "Terrorism"

- Art & Jervis, pp. 221-238
- Hersh, pp.73-162

#### Week 8: Iraq, 2002-2003: The Reasons for War

Tues, 2/27: US Grand Strategy & The Case for War

- Art & Jervis, pp. 417-431
- Hersh, 163-202

Thurs, 3/1: But why war?

- Art & Jervis, pp. 205-220
- Fearon, James D. 1995. Rationalist Explanations for War. *International Organization* 49 (3):379-414.

#### Week 9: Iraq, 2004-2007: Fixing what is broken.

Tues, 3/6: Coping with civil war

- Distribute Final Exam Prompt
- Hersh, pp. 249-286
- Art & Jervis, pp. 459-480
- Fearon, James D. and David D. Laitin. Ethnicity, Insurgency and Civil War. *American Political Science Review* 97:1 (February 2003), pp. 75-90.

Thurs, 3/8: Building & Rebuilding States

- Art & Jervis, pp. 451-458

#### Week 10: The Bush Administration's Choices

Tues, 3/13: Human Security & The Environment

- Art & Jervis, pp.495-508
- Kaplan, Robert D. 1994. The Coming Anarchy. *The Atlantic Monthly*, February 1994, 44-76.

Thurs, 3/15: China, Russia & Iran

- Art & Jervis, pp. 517-525
- Hersch, pp. 342-350

Final Exam: Tuesday, March 20, 8am-11am (Location TBD)