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POLI 145C: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AFTER THE COLD WAR: THEORY AND PROSPECT

Course Description: The nature of international politics appears to have changed dramatically since the end of the Cold War in 1989. This course applies different theoretical approaches to enhance our understanding of the new international environment, the future prospects for peace and war, and current problems of foreign policy. Although this course expects no prior knowledge in the fields of international relations or foreign policy, familiarity with concepts presented in POLI 12 (Introduction to International Relations) or POLI 142A (United States Foreign Policy) will be useful.

Course Objectives: This course will integrate theoretical material from the field of international relations and comparative foreign policy so that students will be able to:

1. Evaluate the extent to which conceptions of security (human security vs. national security) and threat have changed in the aftermath of the Cold War.
2. Compare, contrast, and evaluate state responses to current international challenges, particularly as it relates to conceptions of power and security.
3. Identify the extent to which non-state actors are relevant in the post Cold War discourse.
4. Determine whether (or how) international relations is fundamentally different in the post-Cold War era.
5. Become more discerning consumers of media as it relates to international relations.
6. Improve their oral and written communication skills.

Course Grading/Assignments: The grade for this course will be calculated as follows:

- Participation/Attendance: 10%
- Midterm: 45%
- Final Examination: 45%

Participation: Students are expected to attend lecture having completed the assigned reading and able to participate in course discussions. Current events discussion will occur at the beginning of each lecture, so students are strongly encouraged to be on time and ready to participate. Students are particularly encouraged to read the Economist or another reputable news source on a regular basis. Please note that this list is not exhaustive:

- Economist Online (http://www.economist.com)
- Financial Times (http://www.ft.com)
CNN (http://www.cnn.com)  
BBC News (http://news.bbc.co.uk)  
Al Jazeera English (http://english.aljazeera.net)  

Course Papers: The midterm and final examination will be 6-8 pages in length. Materials relating to format of the midterm and final examinations will be placed on the course website and will also be discussed in class. A handout for writing social sciences papers will be made available.

Late Assignments/Academic Integrity: Barring documented emergencies, no late assignments will be accepted. Additionally, a hard copy of each paper is required; e-mail attachments will not be accepted. All assignments in this course require both a hard copy and an electronic copy to be submitted into turnitin.com before the deadline. Under NO circumstances will we grade an assignment which does not include both a hard copy and an electronic submission. Subsequently, if you do not submit both you will receive a zero on the assignment and you will fail the course. Please be advised that it is your responsibility to submit both submissions and that issues of fairness preclude us from deviating from this policy. While issues of plagiarism are not expected, course assignments are to be completed on an individual basis. Incidents of plagiarism will be dealt with according to department and university procedures. Please be advised that credit will NOT be given for any work found to violate university policies on academic integrity.

Course Conduct: We are aware that students face a variety of pressures during their academic careers. While we are sympathetic to the frustrations which arise from time to time we will NOT tolerate threatening, disrespectful or violent behavior aimed at the teaching staff, departmental staff, and/or other students. Please be aware that ANY behavior which violates university policy will be forwarded to relevant administrator or campus police for investigation.

Reading List (required):
- Beasley et al. Foreign Policy in Comparative Perspective 2nd edition
- Nye. The Future of Power
- Gelb. Power Rules
- Reserve/online readings (denoted by *)

Course Readings: As this is an upper division course, required readings for the course are extensive. As course examinations will draw heavily from course readings and lecture material, students are strongly discouraged from depending solely on lecture material for course assignments as course assignments that show little evidence of familiarity with course readings will be penalized. Strategies for tackling academic readings can be found at: http://www.si.umich.edu/~pne/PDF/howtoread.pdf. Electronic versions of all readings from Foreign Affairs can be obtained via ROGER using the following URL: http://uclinks.cdlib.org:8888/sfx_local?sid=SCP:SCP&genre=article&char_set=utf8&issn=0015-7120. Please be advised that electronic versions of courses readings must be accessed from a UC location or through a proxy network. Please refer any questions regarding electronic access to Geisel articles via ROGER to library staff.
UNIT ONE: DEFINING SECURITY

Week 1 (5-9 January): Is “Human Security” National Security?
Fukuyama (End of History): http://bit.ly/1zPLdL

Week 2 (12-16 January): Military Power and State Security
Nye: CH 1 and 2
Gelb: CH 1 and 8

Global Challenges: Power Diffusion and Terrorism
Nye: CH 5
Gelb: CH 4
Reveron and Mahoney-Norris*
Pape (Logic of Suicide Terrorism): http://bit.ly/4MsXJ7

Week 3 (19-25 January): Terrorism and United States Foreign Policy
Bush (National Security Strategy): http://1.usa.gov/1uPrnbZ
Obama (National Security Strategy): http://1.usa.gov/aZrfUd
Zakaria (Why do they Hate Us?): http://bit.ly/oLobTa
Huntington (Foreign Affairs-Summer 1993)

Israeli Foreign Policy and the Two State Solution
Drake*
Walt (What if Two State Solution Collapses?): http://bit.ly/iLa3f
Byman (Foreign Affairs September/October 2010)
Danin (Foreign Affairs January/February 2011)
Yaari (Foreign Affairs March/April 2010)

NO CLASS 19 January: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Week 4 (26-30 January): Nuclear Containment and Iranian Foreign Policy
Beasley: CH 10
Edelman et al. (Foreign Affairs-January/February 2011)
Lindsay and Takeyh (Foreign Affairs-March/April 2010)
Ganji (Foreign Affairs-September/October 2013)

UNIT TWO: ECONOMIC POWER AND SECURITY

Nye: CH 3-4
Gelb: CH 9-10
Week 5 (2-6 February): Explaining the Eurozone Crisis

This American Life (audio): http://bit.ly/zCnp3E
Economist “Is “Grexit” Good…?”: http://econ.st/LN1CG2
Economist “The Merkel Memorandum”: http://econ.st/QiDkTm
BBC News “Cyprus: Q&A”: http://goo.gl/2dcht

Foreign Policy and the European Union
Beasley CH 2-4
Leonard and Kundnani (Think Again): http://atfp.co/17bNHbK
Alesina and Giavazzi (Reform or Decline)*

UNIT THREE: ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY

Week 6 (9-13 February): Environmental Security and Global Warming
Sandler*
Levi (Foreign Affairs September/October 2009)
Singer and Avery*

MIDTERM DUE

UNIT FOUR: SMART POWER AND SECURITY

Week 7 (16-20 February): The Return of History?
Gat (Foreign Affairs-July/August 2007)
Arquilla: http://bit.ly/x4hSo8

NO CLASS 16 February: Presidents Day

Week 8 (23-27 February): Smart Power and Post Cold War Security
Nye: CH 7
Gelb: CH 3
Resetting US/Russian Relations: Creating a New Cold War?
Beasley: CH 5
Simes (Foreign Affairs-November/December 2007)
King (Foreign Affairs-November/December 2008)
Sestanovich (Foreign Affairs-November/December 2008)
Trenin (Foreign Affairs-November/December 2009)
Week 9 (2-6 March): US/Chinese Relations: Battle for Hegemony?
Beasley: CH 6
Scissors (Foreign Affairs-May/June 2009)
Economy and Segal (Foreign Affairs-May/June 2009)
Pei (Think Again): http://bit.ly/q1w3J
Leonard (Foreign Affairs-September/October 2013)

UNIT FIVE: PROSPECTS

Week 10 (9-13 March): US Hegemony and the “Rise of the Rest”
Nye: CH 6
Gelb: CH 13
Ferguson (Colossus)*
Bacevich (Limits of Power)*
Joffe (Foreign Affairs-September/October 2009)
Kagan (Not Fade Away): http://on.tnr.com/UDXSMB

FINAL EXAMINATION DUE: 11:30am and 2:30pm on 18 March 2015

Disclaimer: This syllabus is intended to provide an overview of the course. You cannot claim any rights from it. While the information included within the syllabus should be a reliable guide for the course, scheduling and dates may change. Official announcements are always those made in lecture.