

Political Science 142M: Regional Security (Fall 2009)

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Office Hours: Mondays 530 to 630 (please confirm)

Course Description: This course explores the security dimension of comparative politics and international relations. We spend two to three weeks in each of four regions: Europe, East Asia, Latin America, and the broader Middle East. We examine security concepts like diplomacy, conventional and nuclear weapons, organized crime, terrorism, energy and the environment, among others. The course is conducted primarily in lecture format, with occasional guest speakers from outside academia; student participation is not only welcome but adds to the pleasure of the course.

Grades: Grades are based on two exams. (A paper option might be offered.) The exams will each count 50 percent of the course grade (or 37.5 percent each with the optional paper counting 25 percent.) Students with legitimate and documented emergencies can take a make up midterm Sunday finals week.

Readings: The readings are either on *UCSD Electronic Reserve* or are in four books: Therese Delpech, *Savage Century*; Funabashi, *The Peninsula Question*; Mark Bowden, *Killing Pablo*; and Ahmed Rashid, *Descent into Chaos*.

Reading Schedule:

Week One (September 24): Introduction

Delpech, Chapters 12 and 13, *Savage Century*.

Funabashi, Chapter 3, "HEU," *The Peninsula Question*.

Mark Bowden, Part One, "The Rise of El Doctor," in *Killing Pablo*.

Rashid, "Introduction," *Descent into Chaos*.

Recommended Movie: *The Lives of Others*

Week Two (October 1): United Kingdom

*Freedman, "The Special Relationship," Foreign Affairs (May/June 2006.)

*Kramer, "Letter from Europe," New Yorker (January 14, 1991.)

Delpech, Part Two, 1905.

Rashid, Chapter 17, "The Taliban Offensive," Descent into Chaos.

Recommended Movie: District 9

Week Three (October 8): France

*Gordon and Shapiro, Chapter 5, "The Transatlantic Split," Allies at War.

*Shapiro and Suzan, "French Counterterrorism," Survival (Spring 2003.)

Delpech, Chapters 16 and 17, Savage Century.

Recommended Movie: Hate

Week Four (October 15): China

*Whiting, "China's Use of Force," International Security (Fall 2001.)

Funabashi, Chapters 1 and 9, The Peninsula Question.

Delpech, Chapter 14.

Recommended Movie: Fearless

Week Five (October 22): Korea

*Pollack and Reiss, "South Korea," in Campbell, et al, The Nuclear Tipping Point.

Delpech, Chapter 15.

Funabashi, Chapter 7, The Peninsula Question.

*Campbell and Sunohara, "Japan," in Campbell, et al, The Nuclear Tipping Point.

Recommended Movie: Shiri

Week Six (October 29): Midterm, tentative date, could move up or back

Week Seven (November 5): Mexico

*Dunkerley, "The US and Latin America in the Long Run," in Bulmer-Thomas and Dunkerley, eds., *The US and Latin America: The New Agenda*.

*Luis Astorga, "Organized Crime and the Organization of Crime," in Bailey and Godson, eds., *Organized Crime and Democratic Governability*.

Bowden, Part 2.

Recommended Movie: *El Violin*

Week Eight (November 12): Latin America

Bowden, Parts 3 and 4, *Killing Pablo*.

*Forrest Hylton, *Evil Hour in Colombia*, pages 97 to 128.

Rashid, Chapter 15, "Drugs and Thugs," *Descent into Chaos*.

Recommended Movie: *Sin Nombre*

Week Nine (November 19): Pakistan and Afghanistan

Rashid, Chapters 5, 7, and 13 *Descent into Chaos*.

Brookings Index on Afghanistan (spend 90 minutes.)

Recommended Movie: *Kandahar*

Week Ten (December 3): Conclusion

Delpech, Part Three and Chapter 18.

Bowden, Part 5.

Rashid, Chapter 18, "Conclusion," *Descent into Chaos*.

Recommended Movie: *Slumdog Millionaire*

Week Eleven (TBA): Second Exam