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Fall Quarter 2011
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POLI 145C: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AFTER THE COLD WAR: THEORY AND PROSPECT

Course Catalog 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.

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 and threat have changed in the aftermath of the Cold War.
2. Compare, contrast, and evaluate state responses to current international challenges.
3. Identify the extent to which non-state actors are relevant in the post Cold War discourse.
4. Determine whether (or how) international relations fundamentally differs in the post Cold War era.

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

Course Participation: 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:

New York Times Online (<http://www.nytimes.com>)
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. 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.

Reading List (required):

Beasley et al. Foreign Policy in Comparative Perspective
Carter, R. Contemporary Cases in US Foreign Policy 4th Edition
Reveron, D and K. Mahoney-Norris. Human Security in a Borderless World
Reserve/online readings

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://ucelinks.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.

Introduction (23 September):

Course Logistics
Defining Security in the Post Cold War Era
Reveron and Mahoney-Norris: CH 1
Paris: <http://bit.ly/pSJeHJ>

Week 1 (26-30 September):

International Challenge: Civic Security and Terrorism
Reveron and Mahoney-Norris: CH 2
Fukuyama (End of History): <http://bit.ly/jvgFGd>
Lake (Rational Extremism): <http://bit.ly/re9UhU>
Pape (Logic of Suicide Terrorism): <http://bit.ly/4MsXJ7>

Week 2 (3-7 October):

Evaluating State Response: United States Foreign Policy and Terrorism
Case Study: Carter CH 1
Zakaria (Why do they Hate?): <http://bit.ly/oLobTa>
Huntington (Foreign Affairs-Summer 1993)

International Challenge: The Middle East Peace Process/Two State Solution
Case Study: Arieff (online reserves)

Week 3 (10-14 October):

Evaluating State Response: Israeli Foreign Policy and the Peace Process

Beasley: CH 9

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)

International Challenge: Nuclear Containment

Case Study: Carter CH 4

Week 4 (17-21 October):

Evaluating State Response: Iranian Foreign Policy and Nuclear Proliferation

Beasley: CH 10

Ganji (Foreign Affairs-November/December 2008)

Nasr and Takeyh (Foreign Affairs-January/February 2008)

Edelman et al. (Foreign Affairs-January/February 2011)

Lindsay and Takeyh (Foreign Affairs-March/April 2010)

Week 5 (24-28 October):

International Challenge: The Limits of Hard Power

Case Study: Carter CH 14

Gelb (Foreign Affairs-May/June 2009)

Nye: (Foreign Affairs-November/December 2010)

Evaluating State Responses: British, German, and French Foreign Policy and Soft Power

Beasley CH 2-4

Kagan (Power and Weakness): <http://bit.ly/oLYeTD>

Moravcsik (Foreign Affairs-July/August 2003)

Moïsi (Foreign Affairs-November/December 2003)

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Week 6 (31 October-4 November):

International Challenge: Economic Security and Globalization

Case Study: Carter CH 10

Reveron and Mahoney CH 3

Rodrik (online reserves)

Week 7 (7-9 November):

Evaluating State Response: Chinese Foreign Policy and US Relations

Beasley: CH 6

Scissors (Foreign Affairs-May/June 2009)

Economy and Segal (Foreign Affairs-May/June 2009)

Pei (Think Again): <http://bit.ly/q1w3J>

MIDTERM DUE

NO CLASS ON 11 NOVEMBER: VETERANS DAY

Week 8 (14-18 November):

International Challenge: Environmental Security and Global Warming

Case Study: Carter CH 13

Reveron and Mahoney CH 4

Sandler (online reserves)

Levi (Foreign Affairs September/October 2009)

Singer and Avery (online reserves)

FINAL DISTRIBUTED

Week 9 (21-23 November):

International Challenges: The Return of History? US/Russian Relations

Case Study: Carter CH 6

Beasley CH 5

Simes (Foreign Affairs-November/December 2007)

King (Foreign Affairs-November/December 2008)

Sestanovich (Foreign Affairs-November/December 2008)

Kagan (End of Dreams): <http://bit.ly/9Hvofl>

NO CLASS ON 25 NOVEMBER: THANKSGIVING

Week 10 (28 November-2 December)

International Challenges: US Hegemony and the “Rise of the Rest”

Reveron and Mahoney CH 11

Ferguson TBA-Reserves

Bacevich TBA-Reserves

Zakaria (Rise of the Rest): <http://bit.ly/pPN0uL>

Joffe (Foreign Affairs-September/October 2009)

FINAL EXAMINATION DUE: 11:30-2:29pm 5 DECEMBER 2011

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