

Syllabus for Political Science 142: Regional Security (Fall 2016)

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Office Hours: Thursdays 1100 to 1200 (by appointment)

Course Description: This course examines contemporary security challenges in four regions of the world--Europe, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. We explore a variety of security topics, including domestic politics, diplomatic history, conventional weapons, drug trafficking, terrorism and insurgency, nuclear technology, and energy security. Grades are based on quizzes, two exams, and one literature review.

Schedule:

Week	Tues Thurs	
1	9/22	Intro
2	9/27 and 29	Intro
3	10/4 and 10/6	Europe
4	10/11 and 10/13	Europe
5	10/18 and 10/20	Asia
6	10/25 and 10/27	First Exam and Asia
7	11/1 and 11/3	Latin America
8	11/8 and 11/10	Latin America
9	11/15 and 11/17	Middle East
10	11/22	Second Exam
11	11/29 and 12/1	Middle East
12	12/8	Final Papers Due

Grades: Grades are based on quizzes throughout the quarter (around 30 to 37.5 percent of the grade,) two exams (around 37.5 to 45 per cent) and one paper (25 per cent.) Quizzes are intended to help student success by reducing the amount of material that needs to be reviewed for the exams (since quiz material will not be retested) and by raising the average grade for the class (writing about one topic for 12 minutes is less challenging than slicing and dicing several topics over 80 minutes.) There are no make up quizzes, but the lowest quiz score for the semester will be dropped, so one quiz can be missed or bombed without a grade penalty.

Students should always be prepared to summarize one of the readings in 12 minutes at the start of a class session; normally I will let you know which one(s) but as a default, review the first and second readings for a particular week for the Tuesday class and the third and fourth readings for the Thursday class. There should be a total of around 10 to 12 quizzes during the semester and around 5 to 6 questions on each of the two exams, such that quizzes and exam questions should have roughly the same weight. If fewer quizzes are given than exam questions, then the weights will be adjusted accordingly. Exams will be scheduled around week five and week ten (the Tuesday morning of Thanksgiving week.)

Papers: Students will write one paper drawing on a selection of four course readings, each reading from a different section of the syllabus. Papers will run six or more pages (excluding cover page,) contain three thematic sections, and conduct an integrated discussion of at least two of the authors in each section. Do not simply offer a series of author summaries. All papers should be typed and double spaced with normal font (unless requested otherwise.) They should be organized with subheadings for the themes, and should have a visual aid and bibliography on the cover page. More guidance on papers and power points will be provided. They can be submitted in any class session but no later than the final exam time and place. They must be submitted hard copy during a class or final exam session, not electronically and not to the Political Science Department.

Readings: All of the readings should be free and available full text either in the UCSD library's electronic collection or by a simple google search (Carnegie Endowment and NPEC readings are on their respective websites.) There are no required books for the course, unless you who would like to jumpstart reading for the course over the summer and/or would like some literature in your reading package. In that case, you can order and read Houellebecq's *Submission*, a provocative and racy best seller in France about a showdown between National Front and Muslim Brothers in the 2022 elections. Houellebecq runs around 250 easy pages in five sections, and you can substitute it for five readings from the syllabus (the first reading in sections 1, 3, 4, 9, 11.) It would be one of your literature review authors, and its five parts would be the subject of quizzes on any of the corresponding readings.

Reading Schedule:

Week One (September 22): Introduction

Applebaum, "Obama and Europe," *Foreign Affairs* (Sept/October 2015.)

Harries, "Brexit and Political Malpractice," *Survival* (June July 2016.)

Johnson and Jonson, "Ending the Forever War," *Survival* (February March 2013.)

Reid, "Obama and Latin America," *Foreign Affairs* (Sept/October 2015.)

Recommended Movie: *Imitation Game*

Week Two (September 27 and 29): Introduction

Tellis, "Dogfight," *Carnegie Endowment for Intl Peace* (2011,) pages 1 to 39.

Christensen, "Obama and Asia," *Foreign Affairs* (Sept/October 2015.)

Hokayem, "Iran, the Gulf States, ... Syrian Civil War," *Survival* (Dec Jan 2015.)

Lynch, "Obama and the Middle East," *Foreign Affairs* (Sept/October 2015.)

Recommended Movie: *Slumdog Millionaire*

Week Three (October 4 and 6): France, UK, and Germany

Packer, "The Other France," *New Yorker* (August 31, 2015.)

Packer, "The Quiet German," *New Yorker* (December 1, 2014.)

Ash, "The Crisis in Europe," *Foreign Affairs* (September/October 2012.)

Heisbourg, "The Implications of the Refugee Crisis," *Survival* (Dec Jan 2016.)

Recommended Movie: *Hate*

Week Four: (October 11 and 13): Europe and NATO

Walker, "Trident Replacement and Survival of the UK," *Survival* (Oct Nov 2015.)

Freedman, "Ukraine and the Art of War," *Survival* (Dec Jan 2014 2015.)

Trenin, "The Revival of the Russian Military," *Foreign Affairs* (May/June 2016.)

Lasconjarias, "NATO ... and Kaliningrad Challenge," Survival (April May 2016.)

Recommended Movie: Lives of Others

Week Five: (October 18 and 20): China and Asia

Osnos, Born Red, New Yorker (April 6, 2015.)

Sokolski, Chapter 2, "Where We Are Headed," Underestimated (NPEC, 2015.)

Kaplan, Chapter 2, Asia's Cauldron.

Raine and Le Miere, Ch 3, Southeast Asia, South China Sea Disputes IISS (2013.)

Recommended Movie: Fearless

First Exam (Date TBA)

Week Six (October 25 and 27): India, Korea, and Japan

Kaplan, Chapter 7, Monsoon.

Roy, "Preparing for a North Korean Missile," Survival (June July 2016.)

Ferguson, "How South Korea Could Acquire... Nuclear Weapons," NPEC (2015.)

Easton, "Japanese Strategic Weapons Programs," pages 1 to 33, NPEC (2015.)

Recommended Movie: Shiri

Week Seven (November 1 and 3): Mexico

Davidow, "Mexico's Disputed Election," Foreign Affairs (Sept Oct 2006.)

Goldman, "The Missing Forty-Three," New Yorker (June 8, 2015.)

Finnegan, "Letter from Michoacan," New Yorker (May 31, 2010.)

Keefe, "The Hunt for El Chapo," New Yorker (May 5, 2014.)

Recommended Movie: Herod's Law

Week Eight: (November 8 and 10): Central and South America

Schwartz, "A Mission Gone Wrong," The New Yorker (January 6, 2014.)

Anderson, "The Comandantes Canal," New Yorker (March 10, 2014.)

Filkins, "Death of a Prosecutor," New Yorker (July 20, 2015.)

Recommended Movie: Dancer Upstairs

Week Nine (November 15 and 17): North Africa

Porter, "Algeria," Chapter 4 in Fishman, North Africa in Transition, IISS (2015.)

Kramer, "The Crusader," New Yorker (October 7, 2006.)

Packer, "Exporting Jihad," New Yorker (March 28, 2016.)

Fromson et al, "Dubious Paradise of Apocalypse Now," Survival (June July 2015.)

Recommended Movie: Battle of Algiers

Week Ten: (November 22): Second Exam

Week Eleven (November 29 and December 1): Turkey and Middle East

Filkins, "Letter from Turkey," New Yorker (March 12, 2012.)

Larrabee, "Turkey's New Kurdish Opening," Survival (Oct/Nov 2013.)

Tyler, Chapter 2, World of Trouble.

Gause, "The Future of US Saudi Relations," Foreign Affairs (July/August 2016.)

Recommended Movie: Gatekeeper (Israeli Shin Bet, not US Border Patrol)

Week Twelve (December 8): Final Paper