

*University of Georgia*  
***International Relations 3200, Fall 2003***  
**Introduction to International Relations**

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**Class**

Tuesday & Thursday, 2-3:15 pm  
Location: 201 Baldwin  
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**Course description**

This course presents an introductory survey of international relations theory and practice. It is assumed that you have a basic exposure to world affairs, such as that which would be provided through INTL 1100, *Introduction to Global Issues*. This course builds on this basic background by presenting in much more detail the theories and concepts that help us analyze international relations.

One way to think about the study of international relations is to see it as examining the following question: “How do states manage their exposure to the rest of the world in such a way as to make themselves better off?” In terms of security, this question raises issues of war and peace, of international alliances, offensive and defensive strategies, and so on. In economic terms, it prompts us to look at way in which international cooperation and exchange benefits (or hurts) states and actors within those states.

More generally, the question highlights the importance of analyzing how *states* behave in world politics, and thus, by implication, of analyzing how it is that foreign policy decisions are made within states. Simultaneously, it makes it clear that international interaction needs to be *managed* since states cannot decide upon their actions without taking into account the international environment they face and the actions taken by other states (as well as non-state actors).

This is an exciting time to study world affairs, as events over the past few years have made it clear that the future of the world political system is far from settled. Over the course of the semester, we will have occasion to consider the implications of different theoretical models as well as of past historical experiences for our understanding of current events such as terrorism, superpower unilateralism, nuclear proliferation, and similar issues that find themselves on the front pages of our newspapers with striking frequency.

Over the course of the semester, we will follow a two-track approach. The first track will concentrate on providing the theoretical framework and the empirical context for the various topics listed above, while the second track will focus on analyzing contemporary events in each of these areas. You will find that the two tracks reinforce each other and that your ability to analyze current events will grow considerably over the course of the term.

## Course policies & requirements

Although you may find some of the reading hard going at first, you will find that doing the reading before class will increase what you get out of the lectures and class discussions immeasurably. Moreover, you should be prepared to ask and answer questions about the reading in lecture.

Course requirements are a mid-term exam, a final exam, and two paper assignments, about 3 pages and 7 pages in length, respectively. The mid-term will be given in class, on Tuesday, October 9th. It will include some identification questions as well as one essay. Date and location of the final exam will be announced later. The first paper will be an analysis of one of two movies to be shown during the second week of class. For the second paper, you will have a choice of addressing one of several questions related to the material covered in sections III and IV on the syllabus.

## Grading

Your final grade will be calculated as follows:

- Paper 1: 10%
- Mid-term: 25%
- Paper 2: 25%
- Final: 40%

Written work submitted after the announced deadlines will be penalized one third of a grade per day, unless there are **pre-approved** reasons for the delay.

## Office hours &c

My office hours are Wednesdays, 2-4pm and by appointment. Please do come see me if you have any questions on or problems with the reading material, the writing assignments, or the course in general. If you need to reach me to make an appointment, I am most easily reached by e-mail.

## Readings

The following books will be available for purchase at the UGA Bookstore:

- Art, Robert J., and Robert Jervis. 2003. *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues*, 6<sup>th</sup> edition. New York: Longman.
- Ikenberry, G. John. 2001. *After Victory: Institutions, Strategic Restraint, and the Rebuilding of Order after Major Wars*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Nye, Joseph S. 2003. *Understanding International Conflicts*. 4<sup>th</sup> edition. New York: Longman.

Additional readings will be available in a coursepack from Beljean's Copy Center. Readings in the coursepack are marked with an asterisk (\*). Readings marked with a bullet (•) are in one of the three books.

## Calendar

### I. Introduction

Tue. Aug. 19 *Introduction; overview of course*

Thu. Aug. 21 *Why do states go to war?*

**Paper 1 assigned**

- Nye, chapter 1: "Is there an enduring logic of conflict in world politics?"
- \* Stoessinger, John G. "Why Nations Go To War" Chapter 9 in *Why Nations Go To War*, 8<sup>th</sup> edition, pp. 251-265 (handed out in class).

Tue. Aug. 26 *Movie: Dr. Strangelove* (location TBA)

Thu. Aug. 28 *Movie: Wag the Dog* (location TBA)

### II. Theories of International Relations

Tue. Sep. 2 *Basic building blocks*

**Paper 1 due**

- Art & Jervis, "Anarchy and its Consequences" pp. 1-6 in Art & Jervis.
- Nye, chapter 2: "Origins of the Great Twentieth-Century Conflicts." pp. 32-56.
- Morgenthau, Hans J. "The Future of Diplomacy." pp. 116-125 in Art & Jervis.

Thu. Sep. 4 *Anarchy*

- Waltz, Kenneth N. "The Anarchic Structure of World Politics." pp. 47-67 in Art & Jervis.
- Grieco, Joseph M. "Anarchy and the Limits of Cooperation." pp. 68-72 in Art & Jervis.
- Oye, Kenneth A. "The Conditions for Cooperation in World Politics." pp. 81-94 in Art & Jervis.

Tue. Sep. 9 *Power*

- Art, Robert J. "The Four Functions of Force." pp. 153-165 in Art & Jervis.
- Schelling, Thomas C. "The Diplomacy of Violence." pp. 166-179 in Art & Jervis.
- Jervis, Robert. "Offense, Defense, and the Security Dilemma." pp. 180-199 in Art & Jervis.

Thu. Sep. 11 ***Rationality & Interests***

- \* Snidal, Duncan. 1986. “The Game Theory of International Politics.” pp. 25-57 in Oye, Kenneth, ed. *Cooperation Under Anarchy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Oye, Kenneth. “The Conditions for Cooperation in World Politics.” pp. 81-94 in Art & Jervis.
- Keohane, Robert O., and Joseph S. Nye. “Complex Interdependence and the Role of Force.” pp. 231-246 in Art & Jervis.

Tue. Sep. 16 ***Institutions & International Law***

- Keohane, Robert O. “A Functional Theory of Regimes.” pp. 131-137 in Art & Jervis.
- Doyle, Michael W. “Kant, Liberal Legacies, and Foreign Affairs.” pp. 95-107 in Art & Jervis.
- Hoffmann, Stanley. “The Uses and Limits of International Law.” pp. 126-130 in Art & Jervis.
- \* Axelrod, Robert, and Robert O. Keohane. 1986. “Achieving Cooperation Under Anarchy: Strategies and Institutions.” pp. 226- in Oye, Kenneth, ed. *Cooperation Under Anarchy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Thu. Sep. 18 ***Ideas & Beliefs***

- Wendt, Alexander. “Anarchy is What States Make of It.” pp. 73-80 in Art & Jervis.
- Tickner, J. Ann. “A Critique of Morgenthau’s Principles of Political Realism.” pp. 17-28 in Art & Jervis.
- \* Goldstein, Judith, and Robert O. Keohane. 1993. “Ideas and Foreign Policy: An Analytical Framework.” in Goldstein and Keohane, eds. *Ideas and Foreign Policy* Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

### **III. Sources of Conflict**

Tue. Sep. 23 ***World War I***

- Nye, chapter 3: “Balance of Power and World War I” pp. 50-73.
- \* Trachtenberg, Marc . “The Coming of the First World War: A Reassessment.” pp. 47-99 in *History & Strategy*.

Thu. Sep. 25 ***Peace Settlements***

- Ikenberry, chapters 1 & 5: “The Problem of Order” and “The Settlement of 1919”.

Tue. Sep. 30 ***The Cold War & Deterrence***

- Ikenberry, chapter 6: “The Settlement of 1945”.
- Nye, chapter 5: “The Cold War” pp. 112-149.

Thu. Oct. 2 ***The Unipolar World***

- Ikenberry, chapter 7: “After the Cold War”.
- Huntington, Samuel P. “Why International Primacy Matters.” pp. 367-376 in Art & Jervis.
- Wohlforth, William C. “The Stability of a Unipolar World.” pp. 469-477 in Art & Jervis.

Tue. Oct. 7 ***Asymmetric Wars & Terrorism***

- Kaufmann, Chaim. “Possible and Impossible Solutions to Ethnic Civil Wars.” pp. 426-447 in Art & Jervis.
- Jenkins, Brian M. “International Terrorism.” pp. 200-206 in Art & Jervis.
- \* Pape, Robert A. “The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism.” *University of Chicago Magazine*, December 2002.
- \* Hoffman, Bruce. 2003. “The Logic of Suicide Terrorism.” *Atlantic Monthly*, June 2003.

Thu. Oct. 9 **Midterm exam**

**IV. Cooperation & Conflict in the International Economy**

Tue. Oct. 14 ***The International Political Economy***

- Gilpin, Robert. “The Nature of Political Economy.” pp. 281-297 in Art & Jervis.
- Nye, chapter 7: “Globalization and Interdependence.” pp. 185-213.

Thu. Oct. 16 ***Gold Standard, Dollarization, and the Euro***

- \* Krugman, Paul. 1999. “Monomoney Mania.” *Slate.com*, April 15.
- \* Hausmann, Ricardo. 1999. “Should there be five currencies or one hundred and five?” *Foreign Policy*, nr. 116 (Fall), pp. 65-79.
- \* McNamara, Kathleen. 1999. “Consensus and Constraint: Ideas and Capital Mobility in European Monetary Integration.” *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 37(3):455-476.

Tue. Oct. 21 ***Movie: The Wizard of Oz***

- \* Rockoff, Hugh. 1990. “The ‘Wizard of Oz’ as a Monetary Allegory.” *Journal of Political Economy*, 98(4):739-760.

Thu. Oct. 23 ***International Competitiveness***

- Krugman, Paul. “Competitiveness: A Dangerous Obsession.” pp. 377-386 in Art & Jervis.

- \* Christensen, Clayton, Thomas Craig, and Stuart Hart. 2001. “The Great Disruption.” *Foreign Affairs*, March/April.
- \* Reich, Robert B. 1990. “Who Is Us?” *Harvard Business Review*, 90:53-64.
- \* Kapstein, Ethan B. 1991 “We Are Us: The Myth of the Multinational.” *The National Interest* pp. 55-62.

Tue. Oct. 28 ***North-South Relations, development, and debt***

- Scott, Bruce R. “The Great Divide in the Global Village.” pp. 311-324 in Art & Jervis.
- \* Broad, Robin, John Cavanagh, and Walden Bello. “Development: The Market Is Not Enough.” pp. 392-404 in Frieden & Lake, *International Political Economy*.
- \* Thomas, M.A. 2001. “Getting Debt Relief Right.” *Foreign Affairs*, Sept./Oct., 36-45.
- \* Cooper, Richard N. 2002. “Chapter 11 for Countries?” *Foreign Affairs*, July/August.

Thu. Oct. 30 *No class (Fall Break)*

Tue. Nov. 4 ***The IMF and Global Capital***

**Paper assigned**

- \* Gilpin, Robert. 2001. “The International Financial System.” pp. 261-277 in Gilpin, *Global Political Economy*.
- \* Beddoes, Zanny Minton. 1999. “The International Financial System.” *Foreign Policy* 116, pp. 16-27.
- \* Kapur, Devesh. 1998. “The IMF: A Cure or a Curse.” *Foreign Policy* 111, pp. 114-129.
- \* Rogoff, Kenneth. 2003. “The IMF Strikes Back.” *Foreign Policy* 134, pp. 38-46.

**V. Living in a Global World**

Thu. Nov. 6 ***Globalization and its discontents***

- A.T. Kearney. “Measuring Globalization.” pp. 325-332 in Art & Jervis.
- Rodrik, Dani. “Trading in Illusions.” pp. 495-502 in Art & Jervis.
- Micklethwait, John, and Adrian Wooldridge. “Why the Globalization Backlash is Stupid.” pp. 503-509 in Art & Jervis.
- \* Drezner, Daniel W. 2000. “Bottom Feeders.” *Foreign Policy*, Nov./Dec., pp. 64-70.

Tue. Nov. 11 ***Movie: Life & Debt***

Thu. Nov. 13 ***A Clash of Civilizations & other interpretations of the near-future***

- Huntington, Samuel P. “The Clash of Civilizations?” pp. 411-425 in Art & Jervis.
- \* Barber, Benjamin R. 1992. “Jihad vs. McWorld.” *The Atlantic Monthly* (March), pp. 53-63.
- \* Fukuyama, Francis. 1989. “The End of History.” *National Interest*, 16:3-18.

Tue. Nov. 18 ***International Integration***

- van Oudenaren, John. “The European Union: E Pluribus Confusio.” pp. 564-576 in Art & Jervis.
- \* Cox, Ronald W. “Explaining Business Support for Regional Trade Agreements.” pp. 366-376 in Frieden & Lake, eds. *International Political Economy*.
- \* Philips, Nicola. 2003. “Hemispheric Integration and Subregionalism in the Americas.” *International Affairs* 79(2):327-349.
- \* Kapur, Devesh. 2000. “Who Gets to Run the World?” *Foreign Policy* 121, pp. 44-50.

Thu. Nov. 20 ***Weapons of Mass Destruction***

- Waltz, Kenneth N. “Peace, Stability, and Nuclear Weapons.” pp. 448-462 in Art & Jervis.
- Mueller, John. “The Irrelevance of Nuclear Weapons.” pp. 207-220 in Art & Jervis.
- \* Sagan, Scott. 2000. “The Commitment Trap: Why the United States Should Not Use Nuclear Threats to Deter Biological and Chemical Weapons Attacks.” *International Security*, 24(4), pp. 85-115.

Tue. Nov. 25 ***Environmental politics***

**Paper due**

- Harden, Garrett. “The Tragedy of the Commons.” pp. 511-516 in Art & Jervis.
- Simon, Julian L. “The Infinite Supply of Natural Resources.” pp. 517-524 in Art & Jervis.
- Bodansky, Daniel. “The Kyoto Protocol: Bonn Voyage.” pp. 528-538 in Art & Jervis.

Tue. Nov. 27 ***No class (Thanksgiving)***

Tue. Dec. 2 ***Human Rights & Humanitarianism***

- Howard, Rhoda E., and Jack Donnelly. “Human Rights and World Politics.” pp. 19-46 in Art & Jervis.
- \* Power, Samantha. 2001. “Bystanders to Genocide.” *Atlantic Monthly*, September, pp. 84-108.
- \* Gibbs, David N. 2000. “*Realpolitik* and Humanitarian Intervention: The Case of Somalia.” *International Politics* 37(1):41-55.

Thu. Dec. 4 ***The Future***

- Jervis, Robert. “The Era of Leading Power Peace.” pp. 395-410 in Art & Jervis.
- Rodrik, Dani. “The Global Fix.” pp. ?? in Art & Jervis.
- \* Wolf, Martin. 2001. “Will the Nation-State Survive Globalization?” *Foreign Affairs*, January/February, pp. 178-190.

Date TBA **Final exam**