

**Political Science 5020-101**  
**PRO-SEMINAR IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORY**  
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 OLC 1131

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Course Description

This course provides an in-depth examination of International Relations Theory (I.R. Theory) as it has evolved over the past century. International Relations is an inherently interdisciplinary field that seeks to answer fundamental questions regarding war and peace, security and political economy, and conflict and cooperation in global politics. As such, many schools of thought have developed over the years -- the two mainstream schools being Realism and Liberalism. This class, however, will not be restricted to conventional I.R. theory alone, but rather will start from the most mainstream perspectives, and thereafter move on to look at alternative approaches to I.R. theory – from Neo-Marxism, to Feminism, to Constructivism.

The class operates on a seminar format, meaning that it is entirely discussion-based. You are expected to have read the assigned readings before each class, and come to the session with questions, ideas, and topics to discuss. The readings comprise a core set of landmark works in the field including Thucydides, Morgenthau, Carr, Waltz, Keohane, Nye, Marx, Tickner, Enloe, Finnemore, and Keck and Sikkink, among many others.

Required Texts

Robert Art and Robert Jervis, eds., *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues*, 6<sup>th</sup> edition (Longman 2003)

Edward Hallett Carr, *The Twenty Years' Crisis, 1919-1939: An Introduction to the Study of International Relations* (Harper 1939 [and multiple later editions])

Richard A. Clarke, *Against all Enemies: Inside America's War on Terror* (Free Press, 2004).

Cynthia Enloe, *Bananas, Beaches, and Bases: Making Feminist Sense of International Politics* (University of California Press 1989)

Martha Finnemore, *National Interests and International Society* (Cornell University Press 1996)

J. Ann Tickner, *Gender in International Relations: Feminist Perspectives on Achieving Global Security* (Columbia University Press 1992).

### Class Requirements

- Active and constructive participation in class discussions (25%);
- Two 5- page papers providing a critical analysis of one week's readings (10% each);
- 5 page critical book review of one additional major text in I.R. theory;
- 10 page research paper in applied I.R. theory (25%);
- Final exam (30%).

### **Schedule of Readings and Discussion Topics**

Aug. 21

#### International Relations Theory

Aug. 28

#### Idealism and Realism

Wilson, "Fourteen Points" (e-article)  
Carr, *The Twenty Years Crisis*, chs. 1-7 & 14

Sep. 4

#### Power and Morality: Realism v. Liberalism

Morganthau, "The moral blindness of scientific man" (A&J: 7-16)  
Morganthau, "The future of diplomacy" (A&J: 116-125)  
Hoffmann, "Liberalism and international affairs" (handout)  
Thucydides, "The Melian Dialogue" (e-article)

Sep. 11

#### Neorealism

K. Waltz, "The anarchic structure of world politics" (A&J: 47-71)  
Grieco, "Anarchy and the limits of cooperation" (A&J: 68-71)  
S. Walt, "Alliances: balancing and bandwagoning" (A&J: 108-115)  
K. Waltz, "Balancing power: not today but tomorrow" (A&J: 484-492)

Sep. 18

Liberalism and Neoliberalism

Bull, *The Anarchical Society*, ch. 2 (handout)

Keohane and Nye, "Complex interdependence and the role of force"  
(A&J: 231-245)

Doyle, "Kant, Liberal legacies, and foreign affairs" (A&J: 95-103)

Keohane, "A functional theory of regimes" (A&J: 131-137)

Sep. 25

I.R. Theory and the Question of the U.S. War on Iraq

Walt and Mearsheimer, "Keeping Saddam in a box" (e-articles)

Layne, "The cost of empire"

Keohane, "Iraq's hard-won lessons for the future"

McConnell, "Realists rebuffed"

Wallerstein, "Mr. Bush's War"

+ Other readings TBA

Oct. 2

Marxism and Neo-Marxism

Marx, *The Communist Manifesto* (e-article)

Wallerstein, *The Modern World System* (e-article)

Cox, "Social forces, states and world orders: Beyond international relations theory" (in Keohane, *Neorealism and its Critics*, ch. 8)

Oct. 9

Feminist I. R. Theory, 1

Tickner, *Gender in International Relations*

Fall Break: Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

Oct. 16

Feminist I. R. Theory, 2

Enloe, *Bananas, Beaches, and Bases*

Oct. 23

Constructivism

Wendt, "Anarchy is what states make of it" (A&J: 73-80)

Keck and Sikkink, "Transnational activist networks" (A&J: 557-563)

Finnemore, *National Interests and International Society*

Oct. 30

International Security, Conflict, and the Use of Force

- Art, "The four functions of force" (A&J: 153-165)  
 Schelling, "The diplomacy of violence" (A&J: 166-179)  
 Jervis, "Offense, defense, and the security dilemma" (A&J: 180-199)  
 Thomas, "Third world security" (A&J: 263-273)

Nov. 6

WMD, Deterrence, and Terrorism

- Jenkins, "International terrorism" (A&J: 200-206)  
 Mueller, "The irrelevance of nuclear weapons" (A&J: 207-220)  
 Jervis, "The utility of nuclear deterrence" (A&J: 221-229)  
 Waltz, "Peace, stability, and nuclear weapons" (A&J: 448-462)  
 Falkenrath et. al., "The non-state NBC threat" (A&J: 463-468)

Nov. 13

Issues in International Political Economy

- Gilpin, "The nature of political economy" (A&J: 281-297)  
 Keohane, "Hegemony in the world political economy" (A&J: 298-309)  
 Rosecrance, "The trading state – then and now" (A&J: 344-353)  
 K. Waltz, "Globalization and governance" (A&J: 354-363)

Nov. 20

No Class Meeting

*Research papers due: Friday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> – by noon in my office mailbox.*

Thanksgiving Holiday: Wednesday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> -- Sunday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>

Nov. 27

International Relations and U.S. Policy, Part I

Clarke, *Against all Enemies*, pp. 1-154

Dec. 4

International Relations and U.S. Policy, Part I

*Critical book reviews due*

Clarke, *Against all Enemies*, pp. 155-291

*Final Exam: Tuesday,, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:15 p.m.*

## **Additional Readings and Key Works in I. R. Theory:**

### Key collections of essays:

- David Baldwin, ed., *Neorealism and Neoliberalism* (Columbia U Pr 1993)  
 Michael Doyle and John Ikenberry, eds., *New Thinking in International Relations Theory* (Westview Pr 1997)  
 Peter Katzenstein, Robert Keohane, and Stephen Krasner, eds.,  
*Exploration and Contestation in the Study of World Politics*  
 (MIT Pr 2002)  
 Robert Keohane, ed., *Neorealism and its Critics* (Columbia U Pr 1986)  
 Kenneth Oye, ed., *Cooperation Under Anarchy* (Princeton U Pr 1986)

### Further reading in Neorealism and International Security:

- Robert Jervis, *Perception and Misperception in International Politics*  
 (Princeton U Pr 1976)  
 Robert Gilpin, *War and Change in World Politics* (Cambridge U Pr 1981)  
 John Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* (Norton 2001)  
 Glenn H. Snyder, *Alliance Politics* (Cornell U Pr 1998)  
 Stephen Walt, *The Origins of Alliances* (Princeton 1987)  
 Kenneth Waltz, *Man, the State, and War* (Columbia U Pr 1959)  
 Kenneth Waltz, *Theory of International Politics* (Random House 1979)

### Further reading in Neoliberalism and International Political Economy:

- Robert Keohane and Joseph Nye, *Power and Interdependence* (Addison Wesley Longman, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition 2001 [1977])  
 Robert Keohane, *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy* (Princeton U Pr 1984)  
 Stephen Krasner, ed., *International Regimes* (Cornell U Pr 1983)  
 Joseph Nye, *The Paradox of American Power: Why the World's Only Superpower Can't go it alone* (Oxford U Pr 2002)

### Further reading in Marxist I.R. theory:

- Robert Cox, *Production, Power, and World Order* (Columbia U Pr 1987)  
 Immanuel Wallerstein, *The Modern World System* (Academic Pr 1974, 1980)

Further reading in Feminist I.R. theory:

- Rebecca Grant and Kathleen Newland, eds., *Gender and International Relations* (Indiana U Pr 1991)  
Spike Peterson and Anne Runyan, *Global Gender Issues*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (Westview 1999)  
Spike Peterson, *Gendered States: Feminist (Re)visions of International Relations Theory* (Lynne Rienner 1992)

Further reading in Constructivism:

- Margaret Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, *Activists Beyond Borders: Advocacy Networks in International Politics* (Columbia U Pr 1998)  
Marc Lynch, *State Interests and Public Spheres: The International Politics of Jordan's Identity* (Columbia U Pr 1999)  
John Ruggie, *Constructing the World Polity* (Routledge 1998)  
Alexander Wendt, *Social Theory of International Politics* (Cambridge U Pr)