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**Political Science 106**  
**Introduction to International Relations**

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**Course Info:**  
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12:00-12:50 MW  
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This course provides students with the background and conceptual tools they need to understand contemporary international relations. The course will introduce students to the wide range of issues involved in the study of international relations including the workings of the state system, the causes of international conflict and violence, and international economic relations. Students will be introduced to the literature in a broad way, to make them familiar with the main theoretical traditions in the field. Students will be asked, as much as possible, to read original texts, rather than from a textbook. Time permitting, we will also examine topics of particular current interest such as the evolving nature of power in the post Cold War environment as well as special global challenges like nation-building and ongoing conflict(s) in the Middle East.

This course is organized around the metaphor of Chinese food. In the beginning, students will examine the basic ingredients of the study of international relations. We will consider the actors, goals, means, and consequences of state interaction — IR's soy sauce, ginger root, garlic, and MSG. The rest of the course is designed to give an overview of the breadth and scope of the wide-ranging field of international relations. Along the way, students will get a taste of follow-on courses they might choose to take in international security, international political economy, international law, American foreign policy, and so on.

***Course Requirements***

Participation in recitation (Friday 12:00-12:50, for most) comprises 30% of your grade; your teaching fellow has nearly absolute autonomy in determining the requirements and assessing how well or poorly you have met them.

A midterm exam counts for 30% of your grade, and a final exam counts for 40%. The final exam is given during the period scheduled by the University. The exam is not given early — check the schedule published by the University and make your holiday travel plans accordingly.

### ***Academic Integrity***

Be familiar with the University's policies on academic integrity and disciplinary action (<http://www.rochester.edu/College/honesty/students.html>). Violators of University regulations on academic integrity will be dealt with severely, which means that your grade will suffer, and I will forward your case to the Chair of the College Board on Academic Honesty.

Remember that the same technology that has made plagiarism easier to accomplish has also made it easier to detect. If you do not cite a source, it is plagiarism. If you do cite it, it is scholarship.

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### ***Texts***

The following books are required:

Karen A. Mingst. (2008) *Essentials of International Relations*. W.W. Norton & Company, Fourth Edition; listed below as Mingst EIR.

Robert Art & Robert Jervis. (2007) *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues*. Addison-Wesley, Eighth Edition; listed below as Art IPECCI.

These books are optional:

Colin McEvedy, David Woodroffe. *The New Penguin Atlas of Recent History: Europe Since 1815*. Penguin, Reissue edition, 2003.

Dan Smith, *The Penguin Atlas of War and Peace: Completely Revised and Updated*. Penguin, Reissue edition, 2003

John L. Allen, *Student Atlas of World Politics*, Fourth Edition, New York: McGraw Hill, 2008

Readings not included in one of the texts can be found through one of the online databases. These readings are listed in the syllabus in italics. Compared to previous years, the reading load has been streamlined and it is expected that every student will do all the readings. That said, there is something of a priority in the readings. The articles from Art & Jervis and the other online articles are the most important and students should make every effort to master them. The Mingst book does not really function as a traditional textbook; it is not the primary reader. It is useful for providing background, especially for the initial part of the course on theory and concepts. Remember that on your exams both sets of readings

are fair game. You have to know about the background and substance of International Relations to appreciate and weigh the usefulness of contending theories.

In addition, I **expect** students to read one of the following newspapers: the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, or the *Financial Times*, the *Frankfurter Allgemeine*, *Die Zeit*, *Le Monde diplomatique* or a comparable international paper.

## Course Outline

Wednesday January 14

### 1. Introduction

Monday January 19

**Class canceled to observe Martin Luther King Day**

Wednesday January 21

### 2. Anarchy: Domestic versus International Politics

- Mingst, EIR. *Approaches to International Relations* 1-14
- Art, *Anarchy and Its Consequences*, IPECCI. 1-6.
- Art, IPECCI. Kenneth N. Waltz, *The Anarchic Structure of World Politics* 29-49
- Art, IPECCI. John J. Mearsheimer, *Anarchy and the Struggle for Power* 50-60

Monday January 26

### 3. Levels of Analysis: Three Images-Three levels?

- Mingst, EIR. *Contending Perspectives: How to Think About International Relations Theoretically* 55-82
- J. David Singer, "The Level-of-Analysis Problem in International Relations," in *World Politics*, Vol. 14, no. 1 (October 1961): 77-92.  
Search <http://www.jstor.org>
- William B. Moul, "The Level of Analysis Problem Revisited," in *Canadian Journal of Political Science* Vol. 6, No. 3 (September 1973): 494-513.  
Search <http://www.jstor.org>

Wednesday January 28

**4. Actors: The Nation-State et al.**

- Mingst, EIR. *The Historical Context of Contemporary International Relations* 15-53
- Mingst, EIR. *The State* 101-135
- Art, IPECCI. Alexander Wendt, *Anarchy is What States Make of It* 61-68
- Robert Keohane and Joseph Nye, "Transgovernmental Relations and International Organization," in *World Politics* 27(1) October 1974: 39-62. **Search JSTOR with (authors) Keohane, Nye, and (journal) World Politics.**  
<http://www.jstor.org>

Monday February 2

**5. Actors: Individuals: Leaders and Elites**

- Mingst, EIR. *The Individual* 139-161
- Art, IPECCI. Margaret E. Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, *Transnational Activist Networks* 532-538
- Art, IPECCI. Rhoda E. Howard and Jack Donnelly, *Human Rights in World Politics* 546-557
- Bruce Bueno de Mesquita and Randolph Siverson, *War and the Survival of Political Leaders: A Comparative Study of Regime Types and Political Accountability*, American Political Science Review, Vol. 89, No. 4, December 1995: 841-855. (Don't get wrapped around the axle on the formal model, try to follow the logic and the empirical evidence.) **Search JSTOR with (authors) Siverson, and (journal) American Political Science Review.**  
<http://www.jstor.org>

Wednesday February 4

**6. System versus State versus Leader**

- *re-read* Art, IPECCI. Kenneth N. Waltz, *The Anarchic Structure of World Politics* 47-67
- *re-read* Mingst, EIR. *The International System, The State, and The Individual*, 83-157

Monday February 9

**7. Three Images and the Causes of War**

- Mingst, EIR. *War and Strife* 209-246.
- James Fearon, *Rationalist Explanations for War*, International Organization, Vol. 49, No.3, Summer 1995: 379-414. Get through JSTOR.

Wednesday February 11

**8. Instruments: Power**

- Art, IPECCI. Robert J. Art, *The Four Functions of Force*, 141-148.
- Art, IPECCI. Thomas C. Schelling, *The Diplomacy of Violence*, 149-168
- Art, IPECCI. Robert J. Art, *The Fungibility of Force*, 205-220.
- Joseph S. Nye Jr., "Soft Power," *Foreign Policy* 80 (Fall 1990): 153-171. **Available through the Library site for electronic journals.**

Monday February 16

**9. Security Dilemma and power management**

- Art, IPECCI. Robert Jervis, *Offense, Defense, and the Security Dilemma* 178-198. If interested, you can find the whole article as "Cooperation Under the Security Dilemma," *World Politics*, Vol. 30, No.2 (Jan. 1978): 167-214 on [www.jstor.org](http://www.jstor.org).
- John H. Herz, "Idealist Internationalism and the Security Dilemma," *World Politics*; Vol. 2, No. 2, January 1950: 157-180.

Wednesday February 18

**10. Shaping Forces: Nationalism**

- Mingst, EIR. *The Historical Context of Contemporary International Relations*, 17-54.
- Amitai Etzioni, "The Evils of Self-Determination," *Foreign Policy*. No. 89 (Winter 1992/3): 21-35. **Available through the Library site for electronic journals.**
- Peter van Ham, "The Rise of the Brand State," *Foreign Affairs* 80 (5) (September/October 2001): 2-6. **Available through the Library site for electronic journals.**

Monday February 23

**11. What is International Political Economy?**

- Mingst, EIR. *International Political Economy* 249-285.
- Art, IPECCI. *Perspectives on Political Economy*, 261-265.
- Art, IPECCI. Robert Gilpin, *The Nature of Political Economy* 267-282.
- Art, IPECCI. Robert O. Keohane, *Hegemony in the World Political Economy* 283-295.

Wednesday February 25

**12. Globalization**

- Art, IPECCI. Jeffrey Frankel, *Globalization of the Economy*, 309-325
- Art, IPECCI. Kenneth N. Waltz, *Globalization and Governance*, 335-346.

- Art, IPECCI. Geoffrey Garrett, *Globalization's Missing Middle*, 355–360.
- Art, IPECCI. Dani Rodrik, *Trading in Illusions* 365–373.
- Art, IPECCI. John Micklethwait and Adrian Woolridge, *Why the Globalization Backlash is Stupid* 374–380.
- Art, IPECCI. Moisés Naím, *The Five Wars of Globalization*, 558–566.

Monday March 2

### 13. Regimes and International Cooperation

- Art, IPECCI. Robert O. Keohane *International Institutions: Can Interdependence Work?*, 119–126.
- Mingst, EIR. *Intergovernmental Organizations* 163–186.
- Mingst, EIR. *Nongovernmental Organizations* 187–192.

Wednesday March 4

**MID-TERM**

Monday March 9 & Wednesday March 11

**Spring Break**

Monday March 16

### 14. Ethics and International Relations

- James H. Tufts, “Ethics and International Relations,” *International Journal of Ethics* Vol. 28, No. 3 (April 1918): 299-313. Search [www.jstor.org](http://www.jstor.org)
- Mingst, EIR. *Human Rights* 309–320

Wednesday March 18

### 15. International Law

- Art, IPECCI. Stanley Hoffman, *The Uses and Limits of International Law* 114–118.
- Art, IPECCI. Steven Ratner, *International Law: The Trials of Global Norms* 581-586.
- Anne-Marie Slaughter, Andrew S. Tulumello, Stepan Wood, “International Law and International Relations Theory: A New Generation of Interdisciplinary Scholarship,” in *The American Journal of International Law*, Vol. 92, No. 3 (July 1998): 367–397. Search [www.jstor.org](http://www.jstor.org)
- Mingst, EIR. *International Law* 193–205.

Monday March 23

**16. International Government**

- Art, IPECCI. Adam Roberts, *The United Nations and International Security* 127-135.
- Gerald B. Helman and Steven R. Ratner. "Saving Failed States," *Foreign Policy* No. 89, Winter 1992-93: 3-20. **Available through the Library site for electronic journals.**

Wednesday March 25

**17. The Cold War as History**

- Mingst, EIR. *The Cold War* 37-52.
- Zbigniew Brzezinski, "The Cold War and Its Aftermath," *Foreign Affairs* 71(4) (Fall 1992): 31-49. **Available through the Library site for electronic journals; search through ProQuest.**
- R. Harrison Wagner, "What was Bipolarity?" *International Organization* 47 (1): 77-106, Winter 1993. **Available through the Library site for electronic journals.**

Monday March 30

**18. Failed States and Nation Building**

- Art, IPECCI. Robert I. Rotberg, "Failed States, Collapsed States, Weak States: Causes and Indicators," 451-458
- Art, IPECCI. James Dobbins, "Nation-Building: UN Surpasses US on Learning Curve" 518-524.
- Sebastian Mallaby, "The Reluctant Imperialist: Terrorism, Failed States, and the Case for American Empire," *Foreign Affairs* 81(2) (March/April 2002): 2-7. **Available through the Library site for electronic journals.**

Wednesday April 1

**19. The Nuclear Revolution**

- Art, IPECCI. Scott D. Sagan, "Nuclear Instability in South Asia," 239-249.
- Art, IPECCI. Kenneth N. Waltz, "Nuclear Stability in South Asia," 250-260.
- Nina Tannenwald, "Stigmatizing the Bomb: Origins of the Nuclear Taboo," *International Security* 29, no. 4 (Spring 2005): 5-49. **Available through the Library site for electronic journals.**

Monday April 6

20. **The Environment**

- Art, IPECCI. Garrett Hardin, "The Tragedy of the Commons," 495-500
- Art, IPECCI. Thomas Homer-Dixon, "Environmental Changes as Causes of Acute Conflict" 501-507
- Art, IPECCI. John Browne, *Beyond Kyoto*, 508-516.
- Mingst EIR, *The Environment*, 295-308.

Wednesday April 8

21. **Ethnic Conflicts**

- Art, IPECCI. Chaim Kaufmann, *Possible and Impossible Solutions to Ethnic Civil Wars*, 459-480.
- Charles King, "The Myth of Ethnic Warfare: Understanding Conflict in the Post-Cold War World," *Foreign Affairs* 80(6) (November/December 2001): 165-170. **Available through the Library site for electronic journals.**
- Edward N. Luttwak, "Give War a Chance," *Foreign Affairs* 78(4) (July/August 1999): 36-44. **Available through the Library site for electronic journals.**
- James D. Fearon and David D. Laitin, "Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War." *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 97, No. 1, February 2003: 75-90. **Available through the Library site for electronic journals.**
- Art, IPECCI. Paul Collier and Nicholas Sambanis, "Understanding Civil War; A New Agenda," *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol. 46, No.1, February 2002: 3-10.

Monday April 13

22. **Wielding Economic Power**

- Jesse Helms, "What Sanctions Epidemic," *Foreign Affairs* 78(1) (January/February 1999): 2-8. **Available through the Library site for electronic journals.**
- John & Karl Mueller, "Sanctions of Mass Destruction," *Foreign Affairs* 78(3) (May/June 1999): 43-53. **Available through the Library site for electronic journals.**

Wednesday April 15

23. **Clash of Civilizations**

- Art, IPECCI. Samuel P. Huntington, *The Clash of Civilizations?* 391-406.
- Art, IPECCI. Fareed Zakaria, *Why Do They Hate Us?* 406-416.
- Robert Kaplan, "Anarchy," *Atlantic Monthly*, February 1994, 44-76. Located on the Web at: <http://www.theatlantic.com/election/connection/foreign/anarchy.htm>.

Monday April 20

24. **Terrorism**

- Art, IPECCI. Robert A. Pape, *The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism*, 221-238. Alternatively, read the whole article: "The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism." *American Political Science Review*, 97 (3): 343-361. August, 2003. **Available through the Library site for electronic journals.**
- Art, IPECCI. Bruce Hoffmann, *What Is Terrorism?*, 198-204.
- Mia Bloom, "Palestinian Suicide Bombing: Public Support, Market Share, and Outbidding." *Political Science Quarterly*, 119 (1): 61-88; Spring 2004. **Available through the Library site for electronic journals.**
- Graham E. Fuller. "The Future of Political Islam," *Foreign Affairs* 81(2) (March/April 2002): 48-60. **Available through the Library site for electronic journals.**
- **Optional:** Louise Richardson, *What do Terrorists Want: Understanding the Enemy, Containing the Threat*. New York: Random House, 2006.

Wednesday April 22

25. **America the "Hyper-Power"?**

- Art, IPECCI. Robert Jervis, *Explaining the Bush Doctrine*, 417-431.
- Art, IPECCI. Stephen M. Walt. *Taming American Power*, 441-450
- Art, IPECCI. Richard K. Betts and Thomas J. Christensen, *The Rise of China: Getting the Questions Right*, 517-525.
- Michael Mandelbaum, "David's Friendly Goliath," *Foreign Policy*, January/February 2006. Available at: [http://foreignpolicy.com/story/cms.php?story\\_id=3331&print=1](http://foreignpolicy.com/story/cms.php?story_id=3331&print=1)

Monday April 27

26. **Iraq—Entry & Exit Strategies**

- John J. Mearsheimer & Stephen M. Walt, "An Unnecessary War," *Foreign Policy*, No. 134, (January-February, 2003): 50-59. Available from John Mearsheimer's Website at: <http://johnmearsheimer.uchicago.edu/recent.html>
- John J. Mearsheimer et al., "War with Iraq is Not in America's National Interest," *New York Times* paid advertisement, September 26, 2002. Available from John Mearsheimer's website. <http://johnmearsheimer.uchicago.edu/recent.html>
- Kenneth Pollack, "Next Stop Baghdad," *Foreign Affairs* 81(2) March/April 2002: 32-47 **Available through the Library site for electronic journals.**
- Barry R. Posen, "Exit Strategy: How do disengage from Iraq in 18 months", *Boston Review: A New Democracy Forum*; January/February 2006. <http://bostonreview.net/BR31.1/posen.html>

- Lawrence Korb and Brian Katulis, “The prolonged occupation is damaging our ground forces, particularly the volunteer army,” in *Boston Review: A New Democracy Forum*; January/February 2006.  
<http://bostonreview.net/BR31.1/korbkatulis.html>
- Lawrence Korb and Brian Katulis, “Strategic Redeployment 2.0: A progressive Strategy for Iraq,” Available at **The Project on Defense Alternatives**, “Iraq Withdrawal and Exit Plans,” December 2005, updated 27 December 2006.  
<http://www.comw.org/pda/0512exitplans.html>

Wednesday April 29

## 27. REVIEW



I'm asking you all to play a game called **Space Wars** on Facebook. Since the game more or less requires that you invite other players to join your fleet, you may want to set up a "spoof" account, under a pseudonym on Facebook.

Facebook is at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), as I'm pretty sure most if not all of you know. You can join the Space War application at: <http://apps.facebook.com/spacewarsgame/>. You should definitely follow the main forum board. (You get there by clicking the Applications link on the left-hand bottom of your screen, then click 'edit' (top right-hand corner of the pop-up) then click 'about' in the Space Wars row.)

We may take one Friday to collectively act and take out the biggest or nastiest players in the game. If so, we will be Spaceforce 106 of the Ick. (To read the story of the Ick, and their power .... it's on the forum board.)

To grow more powerful, you'll need to make investments and get money, and expand your fleet. To expand your fleet, you need to invite friends. The easiest way may be to ask friends to become friends on Facebook, and then follow the 'fleet' link on your Space Wars home page, and then invite friends. My account is under the name Erich Wichmann. (Please do not reveal my identity!) I will obviously accept all invites. You can also use the mass-add post(s) on the forum.

There will be a bonus question on the exam about this game and how it does or does not compare to IR.