

**Political Science 372/572: Field Seminar in International Relations
Friday 9:30-12:00, Fenno Room (Harkness 329)**

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Purpose of the course: This is an advanced course intended to prepare Ph.D. students for comprehensive exams in international relations. The course conducts a broad survey of major works in the field and current research into the causes of international conflict and cooperation.

Course Requirements: This is a seminar with a heavy reading load, and it is essential to complete the required reading. Students are expected to write short (no more than 2-page) papers critiquing the assigned readings for each week, due Thursday at noon. Students have the option of skipping one paper; alternatively, the lowest grade will be dropped. There will be a 24-hour take-home final exam, due Friday, May 1 at 5:00 pm. Grading will be as follows: 1/3 class participation, 1/3 the average of the papers, and 1/3 final.

Readings: The papers and some book chapters will be in folders in the cubby hole on the third floor, if they aren't available through JSTOR. The books below have been ordered at the bookstore, and I recommend purchasing them.

Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce, and David Lalman. *War and Reason: Domestic and International Imperatives*. (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1992).

Downs, George W., and David M. Rocke. *Optimal Imperfection? Domestic Uncertainty and Institutions in International Relations*. (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 1995)

Keohane, Robert O. *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy*. (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 1984).

Powell, Robert. *In the Shadow of Power: States and Strategies in International Politics*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1999).

Schelling, Thomas. *The Strategy of Conflict*. (Cambridge: Harvard Univ. Press, 1960).

Schultz, Kenneth. *Democracy and Coercive Diplomacy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001.

Stone, Randall W. *Satellites and Commissars: Strategy and Conflict in the Politics of Soviet-Bloc Trade*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1996.

Stone, Randall W. *Lending Credibility: The International Monetary Fund and the Post-Communist Transition*. (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 2002).

Waltz, Kenneth. *A Theory of International Politics*. (Reading, Mass.: Addison-Wesley, 1979).

Course Outline:

Week One

Friday, Jan. 16: Orientation and Overview

Week Two

Friday, Jan. 23: Balance of Power

Thucydides. *The Peloponnesian War*. (New York: Modern Library ed., 1982). Book I, vs. 24-146 (pp. 14-86).

Morgenthau, Hans J. *Politics Among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace*. (New York: Knopf, 1948, Fourth Edition, 1967). Chpts. 1-3, 11-14 (pp. 3-35, 161-215. Note: chapter and page numbers vary with editions.)

Waltz, Kenneth. *A Theory of International Politics*. (Reading, Mass.: Addison-Wesley, 1979).

Friday, Jan. 30: No class

Week Three

Friday, Feb. 6: Power

Baldwin, David. Power Analysis and World Politics: New Trends versus Old Tendencies *World Politics*, Vol. 31, No. 2 (Jan., 1979), pp. 161-194.

Kirshner, Jonathan. *Currency and Coercion: The Political Economy of International Monetary Power*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1995. Chpts. 3-5 (pp. 45-215.)

Keohane, Robert and Joseph Nye. *Power and Interdependence: World Politics in Transition*. (Boston: Little, Brown and Co., 1977, 2nd. ed., 1989). Parts I and V (pp. 3-60, 245-82).

Week Four

Friday, Feb. 13: Open Economy Politics

Gourevitch, Peter. "The Second Image Reversed: The International Sources of Domestic Politics." *International Organization* 32 (Autumn 1978): 881-912.

Rogowski, Ronald. *Commerce and Coalitions: How Trade Affects Domestic Political Alignments*. Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 1989.

Grossman, Gene M., and Elhanan Helpman. "Protection for Sale." *The American Economic Review*, 84 (4) (Sept., 1994), pp. 833-850.

Frieden, Jeffrey A., and Ronald Rogowski. "The Impact of the International Economy on National Policies: An Analytical Overview." In Robert O. Keohane and Helen V. Milner, eds., *Internationalization and Domestic Politics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996.

Week Five

Friday, Feb. 20: Institutions & Transaction Costs

Keohane, Robert O. *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy*. (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 1984).

Koremenos, Barbara, Charles Lipson and Duncan Snidal. The Rational Design of International Institutions. *International Organization* 55 (4) (Autumn 2001).

Stone, Randall W. Institutions, Power and Interdependence. In Helen Milner and Andrew Moravcsik, eds. *Power, Interdependence and Non-State Actors in World Politics: Research Frontiers*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2009.

Gilligan, Michael J. A Defense of the Transactions Costs Approach to Understanding International Institutions. In Milner and Moravcsik, eds., *Power, Interdependence and Non-State Actors*, Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press.

Stone, Randall W., Branislav Slantchev and Tamar London. Choosing How to Cooperate. *International Studies Quarterly*. 52 (2) (June 2008): 335-62.

Week Six

Friday, Feb. 27: Delegation & Principal-Agent Problems

Hawkins, Darren G., David A. Lake, Daniel L. Nielson, and Michael J. Tierney. Delegation under Anarchy.... In Hawkins et al., eds. *Delegation and Agency in International Organizations*. Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press, 2006.

Stone, Randall. *Satellites and Commissars: Strategy and Conflict in the Politics of Soviet-Bloc Trade*. (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 1996).

Nielson, Daniel L. and Michael J. Tierney. 2003. Delegation to International Organizations: Agency Theory and World Bank Environmental Reform. *International Organization* 57 (2) (Spring): 241-76.

Vaubel, Roland. A Public Choice Approach to International Organization. *Public Choice* 51 (1986): 39-57.

Week Seven

Friday, March 6: Credibility

Martin, Lisa L. Credibility, Costs, and Institutions: Cooperation on Economic Sanctions. *World Politics*, Vol. 45, No. 3 (Apr., 1993), pp. 406-432.

Stone, Randall W. *Lending Credibility: The International Monetary Fund and the Post-Communist Transition* (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 2002).

Friday, Mar. 13: SPRING BREAK No class

Week Eight

Friday, Mar 20: Bargaining

Schelling, Thomas. *The Strategy of Conflict*. Cambridge: Harvard Univ. Press, 1960. Chpts. 1-3.

Fearon, James D. "Rationalist Explanations for War." *International Organization* 49, No. 3 (Summer 1995): 379-414.

Powell, Robert. *In the Shadow of Power: States and Strategies in International Politics*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1999.

Slantchev, Branislav L. The Principle of Convergence in Wartime Negotiations. *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 97, No. 4, pp. 621-32, November, 2003.

Fey, Mark, and Kristopher Ramsay. Mutual Optimism and War. *American Journal of Political Science*. 51(4) (2007): 738-754.

Week Nine

Friday, Mar. 27: Deterrence

Schelling, *The Strategy of Conflict*, Chpts. 8, 10.

Jervis, Robert. *Perception and Misperception in International Politics*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1976). Part I (pp. 3-113).

Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce, and David Lalman. *War and Reason: Domestic and International Imperatives*. (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1992), Chapters 1-3, 5.

Powell, Robert. "Crisis Bargaining, Escalation, and MAD." *American Political Science Review* 81, No. 3 (September 1987): 717-37.

Slantchev, Branislav L. Military Coercion in Interstate Crises. *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 99, No. 4, pp. 533-547, November, 2005.

Sartori, Anne. "The Might of the Pen; A Reputational Theory of Communication in International Disputes." *International Organization* 56:1 (Winter 2002) 123-151.

Week Ten

Friday, April 3: Democratic Politics and International Bargaining

Putnam, Robert D. "Diplomacy and Domestic Politics." *International Organization* 42 (3) (Summer 1988): 427-61.

Downs and Rocke, Chpts. 4, 5 (pp. 76-129).

Schultz, Kenneth. *Democracy and Coercive Diplomacy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001.

Mansfield, Edward D., Helen V. Milner, and B. Peter Rosendorff. Free to Trade: Democracies, Autocracies and International Trade. *American Political Science Review* 94 (2) (June 2000): 305-22.

Leventoğlu, Bahar, and Ahmer Tarar. 2005. "Prenegotiation Public Commitment in Domestic and International Bargaining." *American Political Science Review* 99 (3):419-433.

Week Eleven

Friday, April 10: The Leader as the Unit of Analysis

Downs & Rocke, Chapter 3 (pp. 56-75).

Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce, James D. Morrow, Randolph M. Siverson, and Alastair Smith. An Institutional Explanation of the Democratic Peace. *American Political Science Review* 93 (4) (December 1999): 791-808.

Clarke, Kevin, and Randall W. Stone. Democracy and the Logic of Political Survival. *American Political Science Review* 102 (3) (August 2008).

Goemans, Hein. *War and Punishment: The Causes of War Termination and the First World War*, Princeton, N. J.: Princeton University Press, 2000. Chapters 1, 2 and 4.

Goemans, Hein, and Giacomo Chiozza. International Conflict and the Tenure of Leaders: Is War Still *Ex Post* Inefficient?" *American Journal of Political Science*. Volume 48 No. 3 (July) 2004: 604-619.

Week Twelve

Friday, Apr. 17: Work in Progress

Stone, Randall W. *Informal Governance: International Organizations and the Limits of U.S. Power*. Manuscript.

Week Thirteen

Friday, Apr. 24: Global Domestic Politics

Kelley, Judith. "Who Keeps International Commitments and Why? The International Criminal Court and Bilateral Non-surrender Agreements." *American Political Science Review* 101.3 (August, 2007): 573-589.

Kydd, Andrew, and Barbara Walter. "Sabotaging the Peace: The Politics of Extremist Violence," with Andrew Kydd. *International Organization*. Vol. 55, No. 2 (Spring 2002).

Walter, Barbara. "Building Reputation: Why Governments Fight Some Separatists But Not Others." *American Journal of Political Science*. (Spring 2006).

Abbott, Kenneth, and Duncan Snidal. "Hard and Soft Law in International Governance." *International Organization* 54 (3) (Summer 2000): 421-56.

Hafner-Burton, Emilie. "Sticks and Stones: Naming and Shaming the Human Rights Enforcement Problem." *International Organization* 62 (Fall 2008): 689-716.

Voeten, Eric. "The Impartiality of International Judges: Evidence from the European Court of Human Rights." *American Political Science Review* 102(4) (November 2008): 417-433.

Voeten, Eric. "The Political Origins of the Legitimacy of the United Nations Security Council." *International Organization* 59 (3) (Fall 2005):527-57.

Pevehouse, John C. "With a Little Help from My Friends? Regional Organizations and the Consolidation of Democracy." *American Journal of Political Science*. 46 (3) (July 2002): 611-26.

Monday, May 4, 5:00 pm: Final Exam Due