

Political Science 578: International Conflict: Theory and History

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Purpose: This is a course intended to provide graduate students with a survey of the history of international conflict, focusing on European and U.S. diplomatic history from 1763 to 1989.

Requirements:

- Students are expected to come to class prepared to discuss the assigned material and participate actively.
- Each student will write a three-page (<750 word) paper on the readings for each week. These are meant to be analytical arguments, NOT summaries.
- Final exam.
- Optional: Students may elect to write a longer, historical research paper in addition to the regular requirements.

Grading: 50% average of the short papers; 25% class participation; 25% final exam. If a longer paper is elected, the grade will be based 25% on the average of the short papers and 25% on the long paper.

Readings: The course readings will be drawn from a number of sources. Most of the books that we will read in their entirety or in substantial part are available at the bookstore.

- John Lewis Gaddis. *We Now Know*. Oxford.
- Raymond Garthoff. *Détente and Confrontation*. Brookings.
- Paul Kennedy. *The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers*. Random House.
- Henry Kissinger. *Diplomacy*. Touchstone.
- Paul Schroeder. *Transformation of European Politics, 1763-1848*. Oxford. **This one is not available at the bookstore, so you'll have to order it directly.**
- A.J.P. Taylor. 1954. *The Struggle for Master in Europe, 1848-1918*
- A.J.P. Taylor. 1961. *The Origins of the Second World War*.

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Overview **1/22**

2. Brief Overview of International Relations Theory **1/29**

David A. Baldwin, ed., *Neorealism and Neoliberalism*, Chpt. 1.

Hans J. Morgenthau, *Politics Amongst Nations*, Fourth Edition, Chpts. 1-3

Kenneth N. Waltz, *Theory of International Politics*, Chpts. 1, 4-6. (Reprinted as Chpts. 2-5 of Keohane, ed., *Neorealism and Its Critics*).

Robert O. Keohane and Joseph S. Nye, *Power and Interdependence*, 2nd Edition (1989), Chpts. 1-2, Afterword (pp. 245-67).

John M. Owen. "How Liberalism Produces Democratic Peace," *International Security* 19 (2) (Fall 1994): 87-125 (JSTOR).

3. From Balance to Revolution, 1763-1800 **2/5**

Schroeder, Chpts 1-4.

Kennedy, Chpt. 3 (pp. 115-26)

Kissinger, Chpt. 3

4. The Napoleonic Wars, 1801-1815 **2/12**

Schroeder, Chpts. 5-11.

Kennedy, Chpt. 3 (pp. 126-39)

Katja Weber. *Hierarchy Amidst Anarchy: Transaction Costs and Institutional Choice*. (Albany: SUNY Press, 2000), Chpt. 3 (pp. 31-48).

No class 2/19

5. The Concert of Europe, 1815-1848 **2/26**

Robert Jervis. "From Balance to Concert: A Study of International Security

Cooperation." *World Politics* Vol. 38, No. 1. (Oct., 1985), pp. 58-79. (JSTOR)

Schroeder, Chpts. 12-17

Kissinger, Chpt. 4

Kennedy, Chpt. 4

6. From Revolution to Reunification, 1848-1871 **3/5**

A.J.P. Taylor, *The Struggle for the Mastery of Europe*, Chpts. 1-10.

Kissinger, Chpt. 5.

Kennedy, Chpt. 4.

Spring break

7. Realignment, 1871-1905 **3/19**

A.J.P. Taylor, *The Struggle for the Mastery of Europe*, Chpts. 11-18.
Kissinger, Chpt. 6.
George F. Kennan. *The Decline of Bismarck's European Order: Franco-Russian Relations, 1875-1890*. (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 1979), Prologue, Chpts. 18-22, and Conclusions (pp. 11-26, 331-424.)

International Studies Association Meeting

8. The Great War, 1905-1918 **4/2**

Stephen Van Evera, "The Cult of the Offensive and the Origins of the First World War" *International Security*, Vol. 9, No. 1. (Summer, 1984), pp. 58-107. (JSTOR)
A.J.P. Taylor, *The Struggle for the Mastery of Europe*, Chpts. 19-23.
Kissinger, Chpt. 7-8.
Kennedy, Chpt. 5.

9. The Origins of the Second World War, 1918-39 **4/9**

A.J.P. Taylor. *The Origins of the Second World War*.
George F. Kennan, *Russia and the West under Lenin and Stalin*, Chapters 21-23 (pp. 314-69).
Adam Ulam, *Expansion and Coexistence*, Chapters V-VI (pp. 209-313).
E.H. Carr, *The Twenty Years' Crisis*, selected chapters.

10. The Origins of the Cold War **4/16**

Stanley Hoffmann, *Janus and Minerva*, Chpt. 10.
John Lewis Gaddis. *We Now Know*, Chpts. 1-5
Adam Ulam, *Expansion and Coexistence*, Chpts VIII.2-IX (pp. 408-95).

11. From Stalin to Khrushchev **4/23**

Gaddis, chpts. 6-10.
Daniel Yergin, *The Prize*, Chpt. 24.
Alfred Grosser, *The Western Alliance: European-American Relations Since 1945*, (New York: Random House, 1980), Chpts. 5, 7.
Zbigniew Brzezinski, *The Soviet Bloc: Unity and Conflict* (Cambridge: Harvard Univ. Press, 1960, 1967), Chpts. 10 (Hungary), 16 (Sino-Soviet split).

12. The Rise and Decline of Détente **4/30**

Raymond L. Garthoff, *Detente and Confrontation*, Chpts. 2, 3, 11, 26, 27, 29 .
Henry Kissinger, *Years of Upheaval*, Chpts. 7, 12 (pp. 228-301, 545-613.)
Zbigniew Brzezinski, *Power and Principle: Memoirs of the National Security Adviser, 1977-1981*, (New York: Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 1983), Chpt. 12.
Stanley Hoffmann, *Primacy or World Order: American Foreign Policy Since the Cold War*, (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1978), Chpt. 2 (pp. 33-100).