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

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**Course Info:**  
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2:00–2:50 PM MW  
Section TBD Friday  
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This course provides students with the background and conceptual tools they need to understand contemporary international relations. We will dig into the origins and workings of the state system, the causes of international conflict and violence, and international economic relations. The introduction is deliberately broad, although we go into some depth on some issues, to make them familiar with the main theoretical traditions in the field. While we will rely on a core textbook, students will be asked, as much as possible, to read original texts. Time permitting, we will also examine topics of particular current interest such as the ongoing war in Ukraine and the future of international institutions.

*Course Requirements*

Participation in recitation (Friday at one of three allotted time slots,) comprises 20% 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 If you do not cite a source, it is plagiarism.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.

### *Texts*

The following book is required:

Jeffrey A. Frieden, David A. Lake & Kenneth A. Schultz. *World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions*. 4th Edition. New York: W. W. Norton, 2018. Referred to throughout as **FLS**.

Optional:

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

Readings not included in one of the texts can be found through one of the online databases, or in a Dropbox folder: <https://>. The optional readings are useful for providing background, especially for the initial part of the course on theory and concepts. 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 *Guardian* (which is free), the *Frankfurter Allgemeine*, *Die Zeit*, *Le Monde diplomatique* or a **comparable international paper**. It is entirely likely that questions on the mid-term and the final will require you to be up-to-date on current events.

## Course Outline

Monday August 26

### 1. Introduction and overview

- “How to Read Political Science: A Guide in Four Steps;” Memo. Amelia Hoover Green, Drexel University.
- As a helpful basic primer on the current world:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5p0FKmk7ytU>. Which countries did Yako miss?
- Steve Walt, 1998. “International Relations: One World, Many Theories”, in *Foreign Policy*, No. 110, Special Edition, Frontiers of Knowledge. Spring, pp.29-32, 34-46.  
<http://www.jstor.org/stable/1149275?seq=9>

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### 2. Where the Modern Territorial System Came From

- FLS: Introduction and Chapter 1
- R. Harrison Wagner, *War and the State*, Chapter 1.
- Hein Goemans and David B. Carter, “Re-imaging Territorial Conflict.” forthcoming in the *American Review of Political Science*.

Monday September 2

LABOR DAY—no classes

Wednesday September 4

### 3. The ‘modern’ era after 1945

- G. John Ikenberry, *After Victory: Institutions, Strategic Restraint, and the Rebuilding of Order after Major Wars*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2001: Chapter 6, pp. 163–214.
- R. Harrison Wagner, “What was Bipolarity?” *International Organization* 47 (1): 77–106, Winter 1993.

Monday September 9

4. An Analytical Perspective on The State and the Modern Territorial Order

- Diego Gambetta, *The Sicilian Mafia*, Oxford University Press, Chapter 1–3: 15-71.
- Mancur Olson, 1993. “Dictatorship, Democracy and Development,” in *The American Political Science Review*, Vol 87(3), (September): 567-577.
- Beth Simmons & Hein Goemans, “Built on Borders: Tensions with the Institution Liberalism (Thought It) Left Behind”. *International Organization*, Vol. 75(2).
- Claire Vergerio, 2021. <http://bostonreview.net/politics/claire-vergerio-beyond-nation-state#.YLJHT4aDexQ.twitter>.

Wednesday September 11

5. The analytical framework: interests, interactions & institutions

- FLS: Chapter 2.
- Play this game: <http://ncase.me/trust/>
- Watch this: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=98TQv5IAtY8>

Monday September 16

6. Interests and actors

- Arnold Wolfers, 1952. ““National Security” as an Ambiguous Symbol,” in *Political Science Quarterly*. Vol. 67, No. 4, December 1952: 481–502.
- Kenneth A. Schultz, 1999. “Do Democratic Institutions Constrain or Inform?: Contrasting Two Institutional Perspectives on Democracy and War,” *International Organization* 53(2) (Spring 1999), pp. 233-66.
- Michael C. Horowitz and Matthew Fuhrman, 2018 “Studying Leaders and Military Conflict: Conceptual Framework and Research Agenda.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* Vol 62(10): 2072–2086.

Wednesday September 18

7. Interactions: The bargaining model of peace

- PSC 270 Class Notes: chapter 11.
- James D. Fearon, 1995. “Rationalist Explanations for War”. *International Organization*. Vol. 49, No.3, Summer 1995: 379–414.

Monday September 23

8. War and bargaining

- FLS: chapter 3

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9. Domestic Politics and War

- FLS: Chapter 4
- Giacomo Chiozza and H. E. Goemans, *Leaders and International Conflict*, Chapters 1 and 6.

Monday September 30

10. International Institutions and War

- FLS: Chapter 5
- Virginia Page Fortna, "Interstate Peacekeeping: Causal Mechanisms and Empirical Effects." *World Politics*, 56 (2004): 481-519
- Daniel Krmaric, "Should I Stay or Should I Go? Leaders, Exile, and the Dilemmas of International Justice." 2018. *American Journal of Political Science* 62(2): 486-498.

Wednesday October 2

11. The War in Ukraine

- Hein Goemans and Branislav Slantchev, September 2023. "How Russia and Ukraine interpret and signal information will determine the course of the war." *The Economist*.
- Hein Goemans et. al. 24 March 2022. "The prospects for a negotiated peace in Ukraine are bleak." in *The Washington Post*, 24 March 2022, The Monkey Cage. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/03/24/prospects-negotiated-peace-ukraine-are-bleak/>
- Keith Gessen, "How the war in Ukraine might end." in *The New Yorker*, online 29 September 2022, <https://www.newyorker.com/culture/annals-of-inquiry/how-the-war-in-ukraine-might-end>.

Monday October 7

12. Gaza

This might be an uncomfortable class for some people. The point will be to employ our analytical framework, not to engage in discussions about history or facts.

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13. MID-TERM EXAM

Monday October 14

FALL BREAK

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14. **International Trade**

- **FLS:** Chapter 7
- On barriers to trade: <https://geneva-network.com/research/localisation-barriers-to-trade-in-the-biopharmaceutical-industry/>.  
(h/t Gabriela Rojas Bowe)

Monday October 21

15. **International Trade and International Institutions**

- Ronald Rogowski, "Political Cleavages and Changing Exposure to Trade," *American Political Science Review* 81, no. 4 (December 1987): pp. 1121-1137.
- Peter D. Sutherland, "Transforming Nations: How the WTO boosts Economies and Opens Societies," *Foreign Affairs*, 87 #2 (2008): 125-136
- Philip G. Cerny. 1995. "Globalization and the changing logic of collective action." *International Organization*, Vol. 49(4), Autumn: 595-625

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16. **International Trade and Globalization**

- Brexit. "How Brits view Brexit: Indifferent on many aspects, but divided on others." [http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europpblog/2017/08/17/study-how-britain-views-brexite/?fbclid=IwAR1DY8x8GcqpSbbQ\\_-aBn6ADiL-uaRpBgf1PC0AvjC7b0\\_Bh1-oyUkpRXE](http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europpblog/2017/08/17/study-how-britain-views-brexite/?fbclid=IwAR1DY8x8GcqpSbbQ_-aBn6ADiL-uaRpBgf1PC0AvjC7b0_Bh1-oyUkpRXE)
- <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/good-friday-agreement-what-is-it-northern-ireland-belfast-1998-sinn-fein-the-trout.html>
- The Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement: "Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ireland."

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17. **International Financial Relations**

- **FLS:** Chapter 8

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18. **Global Health**

- **FLS:** Chapter 10

- Laurie Garrett. “The Challenge of Global Health.” *Foreign Affairs* 86, # 1 (2007): 14-38.
- Lainie Rutkow, “Origins of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Path Forward. A Global Public Health Policy Perspective.” 2020. Chapter 5 in Hal Brands and Francis J. Gavin (eds.), *COVID-19 and World Order*. Johns Hopkins University Press. <https://muse.jhu.edu/chapter/2696556/pdf>.
- Sheena Greitens, “Surveillance, Security, and Liberal Democracy in the Post-COVID World.” *International Organization*. COVID-19 Online Supplemental Issue. <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/international-organization/information/io-covid-19-online-supplemental-issue/io-covid19-supplemental-articles>
- Tanisha Fazal, “Health Diplomacy in Pandemical Times.” 2020. *International Organization* COVID-19 Online Supplemental Issue. <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/international-organization/article/health-diplomacy-in-pandemical-times/A82469023B94AA29F23A52AFOC4B3F27>

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#### 19. International Regimes

- FLS, Chapter 11.

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#### 20. International Law

- 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, # 3 (July 1998): 367–397.
- Charli Carpenter, “The Laws of War Matter—Now More Than Ever,” in *World Politics Review*, Nov 7, 2023. <https://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/israel-hamas-war-international-law/?share-code=YTkMjDXBNJK2>
- K. P. Prakash, “International Criminal Court: A Review.” *Economic and Political Weekly* 37, # 4 (2002): 4113-4115.
- John R. Bolton, “The Risks and Weaknesses of the International Criminal Court from America’s Perspective.” *Law and Contemporary Problems* 64, # 1 (2001): 167-180.

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#### 21. Human Rights

- FLS: Chapter 12

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## 22. Terrorism

- FLS, Chapter 6.
- Mia Bloom, 2017. "Constructing Expertise: Terrorist Recruitment and "Talent Spotting" in the PIRA, Al Qaeda, and ISIS," *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, 40:7, 603-623, DOI: 10.1080/1057610X.2016.1237219
- Mia Bloom, 2015. "Cubs of the Caliphate; The CHildren of ISIS." *Foreign Affairs*, July 21, 2015.  
<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/2015-07-21/cubs-caliphate>
- Aisha Ahmad, 2021. "The Long Jihad: The Boom-Bust Cycle behind Jihadist Durability." *Journal of Global Security Studies*.

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## 23. Nuclear Weapons

- FLS, Chapter 14, pp.538-548
- Scott D. Sagan and Benjamin Valentino, "Living With a Nuclear North Korea". *The Wall Street Journal*, March 20, 2019. Available in readings under Scott and Valentino.
- Alexandre Debs and Nuno Monteiro, "The Strategic Logic of Nuclear Proliferation", *International Security*, Vol. 39, No. 2 (2014), pp. 7-51.
- Scott D. Sagan and Kenneth N. Waltz, 2003. Chapter 3, "Indian and Pakistani Nuclear Weapons: For Better or Worse?" In *The Spread of Nuclear Weapons; A Debate Renewed*. New York: W. W. Norton & Company,

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## 24. Cyber Warfare

- Joseph S. Nye, Jr., 2017. "Deterrence and Dissuasion in Cyberspace." *International Security* 41(3): 44-71.
- Erik Gartzke 2013, "The Myth of Cyberwar: Bringing War in Cyberspace Back Down to Earth," *International Security* 38(2): 41-73.
- Brandon Valeriano, Benjamin Jensen and Ryan C. Maness, 2018. *Cyber Strategy: The Evolving Character of Power and Coercion*, Oxford University Press. Chapters 1-4 89 Pages, and 1 case study of their choosing either Russia in Chapter 5 or China in Chapter 6
- Erica Borghard and Shawn W. Lonergan, 2019. "Cyber Operations as Imperfect Tools of Escalation," *Strategic Studies Quarterly*, 13(3): 122-145.

As you can imagine, there's a rapidly growing literature on this topic. In case you are interested. here are some more readings you might find worthwhile.

- Remco Zwetsloot and Alan Dafoe, "Thinking About Risks From AI: Accidents, Misuse and Structure". *Lawfare*, February 11, 2019.  
<https://www.lawfareblog.com/thinking-about-risks-ai-accidents-misuse-and-structure>



- Erica D. Borghard and Shawn W. Lonergan, 2017. “The Logic of Coercion in Cyberspace.” *Security Studies* 26(3): 452-481
- David Gompert and Martin Libicki, 2014. “Cyber warfare and Sino-American Crisis Stability,” *Survival* 56(4): 7-22
- Nadiya Kostyuk and Yuri Zhukov, 2019. “Invisible Digital Front: Can Cyber Attacks Shape Battlefield Events?” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 63(2) 317-347:
- Jon Lindsay, 2013. “Stuxnet and the limits of cyber warfare.” *Security Studies* 22(3): 365-404
- Thomas Rid, 2012. “Cyber war will not take place.” *Journal of Strategic Studies* 35(1): 5-32.
- Check out the RAND Corporation’s page on Cyber Warfare: <https://www.rand.org/topics/cyber-warfare.html>
- Tarah Wheeler, 2018. “In cyberwar, there are no rules; Why the world desperately needs digital Geneva Conventions.” *Foreign Policy*, September 12, 2018. <https://foreignpolicy.com/2018/09/12/in-cyberwar-there-are-no-rules-cybersecurity-war-defense/>

#### Wednesday November 27

THANKSGIVING RECESS

#### Monday December 2

#### 25. The Rise of China?

- FLS, Chapter 14, pp.548-556.

#### Wednesday December 4

#### 26. The decline of the Liberal International Order?

- Beth Simmons and Hein Goemans, “Built on Borders”, in the 75th Anniversary issue of *International Organization*, 75(2).
- Anne Appelbaum, 2018. “A Warning From Europe: The Worst Is Yet to Come.” *The Atlantic*, October 2018. <https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2018/10/poland-polarization/568324/>
- Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt. “This is how democracies die.” *The Guardian*, Sunday 21 January 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/commentisfree/2018/jan/21/this-is-how-democracies-die>
- Nancy Bermeo, 2016. On Democratic Backsliding. *Journal of Democracy*, 27(1): 5-19.
- Beda Magyar (a pseudonym), “Hungary is Lost.” *Die Zeit*. 9 April 2019. [https://www.zeit.de/amp/politik/ausland/2019-04/european-union-hungary-democracy-viktor-orban-english?\\_\\_twitter\\_impression=true](https://www.zeit.de/amp/politik/ausland/2019-04/european-union-hungary-democracy-viktor-orban-english?__twitter_impression=true)
- Optional: Watch Timothy Snyder’s talk: “On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century.” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j6bfzd0Nyhk>

Monday December 9

**27. Last Day of Classes**

We'll have time to go into some of the main international events of the last three months.

Please give me some information about yourself: Who are you? To that end, hand in one page bio on yourself:

1. Name, e-mail, year, major.
2. Why did you sign up for this course?
3. What are your interests, extra-curricular?
4. What is true about you and no one else?
5. Should the US withdraw from Iraq? If so, on what conditions?
6. What are your biggest expectations of a U of R Professor.

