

**GVPT 708A – Seminar in International Relations Theory**  
**Fall 2009**  
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This seminar introduces students to the key theoretical, methodological, and substantive concerns in international relations scholarship. We begin the course with an overview of the major paradigms and approaches as exemplified by key scholars. We then examine specific substantive issues and empirical applications. We will examine enduring debates in the field of international relations, and contemporary advances in scholarship. The goal is to convey how the field has evolved, and how scholars frame questions and conduct empirical research. The course is designed as the core seminar for Ph.D. students enrolled in the Government and Politics graduate program who have chosen international relations as one of their areas of specialization.

**Course Requirements:**

Participation (25%)—Contribute to discussion each week in class, lead class discussions on a couple of occasions, and present your research design proposal; everyone is expected everyone to come to class with questions to ask and comments to make.

Research Design Paper (50%)—Prepare a research design, due December 4, with a 2-3 page preliminary summary due on October 20; I will discuss this assignment in more detail to make sure you understand the nature of a research design and our expectations of you.

Final Exam (25%)—An in-class final exam will be given at the last meeting of the class, December 8, that covers the central concepts, theories, and empirical findings presented in the course.

**Readings:**

I have ordered a number of books that you can buy from the University Book Center and Maryland Book Exchange. All books, however, have been put on reserve at McKeldin Library so it is not essential to purchase the books if costs are prohibitive. The journal articles are available through the Library's databases, searchable via Research Port. Also, students are strongly encouraged to work together in creating an informal coursepack of weekly readings. Professor Huth has copies of all the weekly readings that can be used by the students to create the coursepack.

Books Ordered for Purchase:

Lake and Powell eds., *Strategic Choice and International Relations*.

Powell, *In the Shadow of Power*.

Keohane, *After Hegemony*.

Huth and Allee, *The Democratic Peace and Territorial Conflict in the Twentieth Century*.

Guzman, *How International Law Works*.

### **Schedule:**

September 1: Introduction

#### **Section I: Alternative Theoretical Approaches to the Study of World Politics**

September 8: Building Blocks for IR Theory -- Rational Choice and Psychology

1. David Lake and Robert Powell eds., *Strategic Choice and International Relations*, chs.1-3.
2. J.M. Goldgeier and P.E. Tetlock, "Psychology and International Relations Theory" *Annual Review of Political Science* 4, 2001.
3. Jack Levy, "Loss Aversion, Framing Effects, and International Conflict" in M. Midlarsky ed., *Handbook of War Studies II*, 2000.
4. Jonathan Mercer, "Rationality and Psychology in International Politics" *International Organization* 59,1 2005.
5. Bruce Bueno de Mesquita and Rose McDermott, "Crossing No Man's Land" *Political Psychology* 25,2 2004.

Sept. 15: Realism

1. Kenneth Waltz, *Theory of International Politics* chs. 5-6.
2. John Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* chs. 1-3.
3. Charles Glaser, "The Security Dilemma Revisited," *World Politics* 50, 1 1997.
4. Robert Powell, *In the Shadow of Power* chs. 2-3,5.

Sept. 22: Liberalism and International Institutions

1. Andrew Moravcsik, "Taking Preferences Seriously: A Liberal Theory of International Politics," *International Organization (IO)* 51,4 1997.
2. Etel Solingen, "Mapping Internationalization" *International Studies Quarterly* 45,4 2001.
3. Fionna McGillivray and Alastair Smith, *Punishing the Prince*, chs.2-3.
4. Robert Keohane *After Hegemony*, chs.4-6.
5. Robert Keohane and Joseph Nye, *Power and Interdependence* chs. 1-2 and Afterward.

6. Kenneth Abbott and Duncan Snidal, "Why States Act through Formal International Organizations," *The Journal of Conflict Resolution* 42, 1 1998.

Sept. 29: Constructivism

1. Alexander Wendt, "Anarchy is What States Make of it: The Social Construction of Power Politics," *International organization* 46,2 1992.
2. Alastair Iain Johnston, *Social States*, ch.1.
3. Jeffrey Legro, *Rethinking the World*, ch.2.
4. Martha Finnemore and Kathryn Sikkink, "Taking Stock: The Constructivist Research Program in International Relations and Comparative Politics" *Annual Review of Political Science* 4, 2001.
5. Michael Barnett and Raymond Duvall, "Power in International Politics" *International Organization* 59,1 2005.

## **Section II: The Study of War and Peace**

October 6: Territory and War

1. John Vasquez, *The War Puzzle* ch.4.
2. Paul Huth, "Territory: Why Are Territorial Disputes between States a Central Cause of International Conflict" in John Vasquez ed., *What Do We Know About War*, 2000.
3. Ron Hassner, "The Path to Intractability" *International Security* 31,3 2006/07.
4. M. Taylor Fravel, "Regime Insecurity and International Security" *International Security* 30,2 2005.
5. Tanisha Fazal, *State Death*, chs.3,7.
6. Boaz Atzili, "When Good Fences Make Bad Neighbors" *International Security* 31,3 2006/07.

October 13: Deterrence and Coercive Bargaining

1. Paul Huth, "Deterrence and International Conflict" *Annual Review of Political Science* 2, 1999.
2. Robert Trager and Dessislava Zagorcheva, "Deterring Terrorism" *International Security* 30,3 2005/06.
3. James Fearon, "Rationalist Explanations for War," *International Organization* 49,3 1995.
4. Robert Powell, "War as a Commitment Problem" *International Organization* 60, 1 2006.
5. Bahar Leventoglu and Ahmer Tarar, "Does Private Information Lead to Delay or War in Crisis Bargaining?" *International Studies Quarterly* 52,3 2008.
6. Michael Tomz, "Domestic Audience Costs in International Relations" *International Organization* 61,4 2007.
7. Shuhei Kurizaki, "Efficient Secrecy" *American Political Science Review* 101,3 2007.

8. Christopher Gelpi, "Crime and Punishment: The Role of Norms in Crisis Bargaining," *American Political Science Review* 91,2, 1997.

October 20: Democracy and the Kantian Peace

1. Bruce Russett and John Oneal, *Triangulating Peace*, chs.2-3.
2. Havard Hegre, John Oneal, and Bruce Russett, "Trade Does Promote Peace" *Journal of Peace Research* forthcoming.
3. Paul Huth and Todd Allee, *The Democratic Peace and Territorial Conflict in the Twentieth Century*, chs.4-5,7,9.
4. Han Dorussen and Hugh Ward, "Intergovernmental Organizations and the Kantian Peace" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 52,2 2008.
5. Doug Gibler, "Bordering on Peace" *International Studies Quarterly* 51,3 2007.

### **Section III: The Study of International Political Economy and Globalization**

October 27: Politics and the Foreign Economic Policies of States

1. Michael Hiscox, "Inter-Industry Factor Mobility and the Politics of Trade" *International Organization* 55,1 2001.
2. Sean Ehrlich, "The Tariff and the Lobbyist" *International Studies Quarterly* 52,2 2008.
3. Susanne Lohmann and Sharyn O'Halloran, "Divided Government and US Trade Policy: Theory and Evidence," *International Organization* 48,4 1994.
4. Joseph Grieco, Christopher Gelpi, and T. Camber Warren, "When Preferences and Commitments Collide" *International Organization* 63,2 2009.
5. Jens Hainmueller and Michael J. Hiscox, "Learning to Love Globalization: Education and Individual Attitudes toward International Trade," *International Organization* 60,2 2006.
6. Tim Buthe and Helen Milner, "The Politics of Foreign Direct Investment into Developing Countries" *American Journal of Political Science* 52,4 2008.

November 3: Globalization and its Domestic and International Consequences

1. Beth Simmons and Zachary Elkins, "The Globalization of Liberalization" *American Political Science Review* 98,1 2004.
2. Nancy Brune and Geoffrey Garrett, "The Globalization Rorschach Test" *Annual Review of Political Science* 8, 2005.
3. Erik Wibbels, "Dependency Revisited: International Markets, Business Cycles, and Social Spending in the Developing World," *International Organization* 60,2 2006.
4. Indra de Soysa and Eric Neumayer, "False Prophet or Genuine Savior? Assessing the Effects of Economic Openness on Sustainable Development, 1980-99" *International Organization* 59,3 2005.
5. Helen Milner and Bumba Mukherjee, "Democratization and Economic Globalization" *Annual Review of Political Science* 12, 2009.

6. Margit Bussmann and Gerald Schneider, "When Globalization Discontent Turns Violent" *International Studies Quarterly* 51,1 2007.

#### **Section IV: International Law and World Politics**

November 10: Theorizing about International Law

1. Jack Goldsmith and Eric Posner, *The Limits of International Law*, chs.1,3.
2. Andrew Guzman, *How International Law Works*, chs.2,4-5.
3. Martha Finnemore and Stephen J. Toope, "Alternatives to "Legalization"" *International Organization* 55,3 2001.
4. Christian Reus-Smit, "Politics and International Legal Obligation" *European Journal of International Relations* 9,4 2003.

November 17: The Impact of International Law

1. George Downs, David Rocke, Peter Barsoom, "Is the Good News about Compliance Good News about Cooperation?" *International Organization* 50,3 1996.
2. Todd Allee and Paul Huth, "Legitimizing Dispute Settlement: International Legal Rulings as Domestic Political Cover," *American Political Science Review* 100,2 2006.
3. Jim Morrow, "When Do States Follow the Laws of War?" *American Political Science Review* 101,3 2007.
4. Judith Kelley, "Who Keeps International Commitments and Why?" *American Political Science Review* 101,3 2007.
5. Beth Simmons, "International Law and State Behavior" *American Political Science Review* 94,4 2000.
6. Bernhard Zangl, "Judicialization Matters! A Comparison of Dispute Settlement Under GATT and the WTO" *International Studies Quarterly* 52,4 2008.
7. Jeffrey Kucik and Eric Reinhardt, "Does Flexibility Promote Cooperation? An Application to the Global Trade Regime" *International Organization* 62,3 2008.
8. Judith Goldstein, Douglas Rivers, and Michael Tomz, "Institutions in International Relations" *International Organization* 61,1 2007.

November 24 & December 1: Student Presentations of Plans for Research Papers

December 8: Final In-Class Exam