

GVPT 708A – Seminar in International Relations Theory
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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.

Participation in discussion is a key element of a graduate seminar—intellectual debate sharpens your understanding and enhances learning. We expect everyone to do all the readings in advance of class, and regularly contribute to discussions in class.

The course will be co-taught by Professors Haufler and Kastner, and all sections will be held at the time and place listed above. However, students will be registered for separate sections and evaluated by only one professor.

Course Requirements:

Research Design Paper (50%)—The main requirement will be a written research design/ research proposal. A 2-3 page summary/ outline will be due October 14, and the final paper will be due December 9. We will discuss this assignment in more detail during class to make sure you understand the nature of a research design and our expectations.

Response Papers (20%)—These are 2-3 page papers that respond to the readings for a particular week; you will be required to do three of these, and on the days when you do these papers you will be expected to assist in leading class discussion.

Participation (20%)—Contribute to discussion each week in class. We expect everyone to come to class each week with questions to ask and comments to make, and be willing to engage the ideas presented by fellow students.

Presentation (10%)—Every student will present to the class a brief summary of their research design. This will be well in advance of the due date for the papers, in order to give you time to revise them in response to comments.

Readings:

We have ordered key texts for you to buy from the University Book Center and Maryland Book Exchange. All books have been put on reserve at McKeldin Library. The journal articles are available through online databases via the University library's Research Port.

We also recommend the following supplementary books which address research design issues:

Stephen Van Evera, *Guide to Methods for Students of Political Science*

Gary King, Robert Keohane, Sidney Verba, *Designing Social Inquiry*

Alexander George and Andrew Bennett, *Case Studies and Theory Development*

In the Social Sciences

Detlev Sprinz and Yael Wolinsky-Nahmias, *Models, Numbers and Cases*

Audie Klotz and Cecelia Lynch, *Strategies for Research in Constructivist International Relations*

Schedule:

Sept. 2: Introduction

Miles Kahler, "Inventing International Relations," in *New Thinking in International Relations* eds. Michael Doyle and John G. Ikenberry

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

Sept. 9: Realism: Anarchy, Balancing, and Power

Kenneth Waltz, *Theory of International Politics* chs. 5-6

John Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* chs. 1-3

Charles Glaser, "The Security Dilemma Revisited," *World Politics* 50, 1 1997

Randall Schweller, "Unanswered Threats: A Neoclassical Realist Theory of

Underbalancing," *International Security (IS hereafter)* 29,2 2004

T.V. Paul, "Soft Balancing in the Age of US Primacy," *IS* 2005 30,1 2005

Sept. 16: Liberalism: Individuals, Institutions and Interdependence

Andrew Moravcsik, "Taking Preferences Seriously: A Liberal Theory of International Politics," *International Organization (IO hereafter)* 51,4 1997

G. John Ikenberry, *After Victory*, chs.1-3 and 6

Robert Putnam, "Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two-Level Games," *IO* 42,1 1988

Robert Keohane *After Hegemony*, chs.4-6

Sept. 23: Constructivism: Ideas, Identity and Relations

Alexander Wendt, "Anarchy is What States Make of it: The Social Construction of Power Politics," *IO* 46,2 1992

Peter Katzenstein, ed. *The Culture of National Security* chs. 1-2 and 5

Jennifer Sterling-Folger, "Realism and the Constructivist Challenge," *International Studies Review* 4,1 2002

Jeffrey Legro, *Rethinking the World*, chs. 1-3

J. Anne Tickner, "What is Your Research Program? Some Feminist Answers to International Relations Methodological Questions," *International Studies Quarterly (ISQ hereafter)* 49,1 2005

Sept. 30: Rationalist and Cognitive Approaches

David Lake and Robert Powell, *Strategic Choice and International Relations*, chs.1-3

Jeffrey Checkel, "International Norms and Domestic Politics: Bridging the Rationalist-Constructivist Divide," *European Journal of International Relations* 3,4 1997

Robert Jervis, "Hypotheses on Misperception," *World Politics* 20,3 1968

Jack S. Levy, "Prospect Theory, Rational Choice, and International Relations," *ISQ* 41,1 1997

Section II: The Study of War and Peace

Oct. 7: War and Deterrence

Thomas Schelling, *Arms and Influence*, chs.2-3

James Fearon, "Rationalist Explanations for War," *IO* 49,3 1995

Anne Sartori, "The Might of the Pen: A Reputational Theory of Communication in International Disputes," *IO* 56,1 2002

Robert Pape, "The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism," *APSR* 97,3 2003

Peter Katzenstein, *The Culture of National Security* Ch.4

Oct. 14: Democratic Peace

Paul Huth and Todd Allee, *The Democratic Peace and Territorial Conflict in the Twentieth Century*, chs.4-5,7,9

Edward Mansfield and Jack Snyder, *Electing To Fight* chs.2-3,5

Erik Gartzke, "The Capitalist Peace," *American Journal of Political Science* 51,1 2007

Kenneth A. Schultz, "Do Democratic Institutions Constrain or Inform? Contrasting Two Institutional Perspectives on Democracy and War," *IO* 53,2 1999

Oct. 21: Peace and Intervention

Kimberly Zisk Martin, *Enforcing the Peace* Chs. 1-4

Virginia Page Fortna, "Scraps of Paper: Agreements and the Durability of Peace,"

- IO* 57,2 2003
 Roland Paris, "Peacebuilding and the Limits of Liberal Internationalism," *International Security* 22, 1987
 Suzanne Werner and Amy Yuen, "Making and Keeping Peace," *IO* 59,2 2005
 Scott Gartner and Jacob Bercovitch, "Overcoming Obstacles to Peace: The Contributions of Mediation to Short-lived Conflict Settlements," *ISQ* 50,4 2006

Section III: International Political Economy and Authority

Oct. 28: Domestic Sources of Foreign Economic Policy and Liberalization

- Ronald Rogowski, "Political Cleavage and Changing Exposure to Trade," *American Political Science Review (APSR)* 81,4 1987
 Jeffrey A. Frieden, "Invested Interests," *IO* 45, 4 1991
 Susanne Lohmann and Sharyn O'Halloran, "Divided Government and US Trade Policy: Theory and Evidence," *IO* 48,4 1994
 Helen V. Milner and Keiko Kubota, "Why the Move to Free Trade? Democracy and Trade Policy in the Developing Countries," *IO* 59,1 2005
 Etel Solingen, "Mapping Internationalization: Domestic and Regional Impacts," *ISQ* 45,4 2001

Nov. 4: Globalization

- Jan Aart Scholte, *Globalization: A Critical Introduction* Chs. 1-2
 Beth Simmons and Zachary Elkins, "The Globalization of Liberalization: Policy Diffusion in the International Political Economy," *APSR* 98,1 2004
 Margit Bussmann and Gerald Schneider, "When Globalization Discontent Turns Violent," *ISQ* 51,1 2007
 Nita Rudra, "Globalization and the Strengthening of Democracy in the Developing World," *American Journal of Political Science* 49,4 2005
 Daniel Drezner, *All Politics is Global* Chs. 1-3

Nov. 11 & 18: Student Presentations

Nov. 25: Law, Organization, and Compliance

- James Morrow, "When Do States Follow the Laws of War?" *APSR* 101,3 2007
 Miles Kahler, "Legalization as Strategy: The Asia Pacific Case," *IO* 54,3 2000
 Ian Hurd, "Legitimacy and Authority in International Politics," *IO* 53,2 1999
 Michael Barnett and Martha Finnemore, "The Politics, Power and Pathologies of International Organizations," *IO* 53,4 1999
 Alastair Iain Johnston, "Treating Institutions as Social Environments," *ISQ* 45,4 2001 487-515
 George Downs, David Rocke, Peter Barsoom, "Is the Good News about Compliance Good News about Cooperation?" *IO* 50,3 1996

Dec. 2: Sovereignty and Authority

Stephen Krasner, *Sovereignty: Organized Hypocrisy* Chs. 1,2, 4

David Lake, *Entangling Alliances: American Foreign Policy in its Century* Chs. 1-3

Sidney Tarrow, *The New Transnational Activism* Chs.1-3

Margaret Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, *Activists Beyond Borders* chs. 1,3

Dec. 9: International Relations and the Environment

Indra de Soysa and Eric Neumayer, "False Prophet or Genuine Savior? Assessing the Effects of Economic Openness on Sustainable Development, 1980-99" *IO* 59, 3 2005

Ken Conca, Fengshi Wu and Ciqi Mei, "Global Regime Formation or Complex Institution Building? The Principled Content of International River Agreements," *ISQ* 50,2 2006

Oran Young, "The Politics of International Regime Formation: Managing Natural Resources and the Environment," *IO* 43,3 1989

Aseem Prakash and Mathew Potoski, "Racing to the Bottom? Trade, Environmental Governance, and ISO 14001," *American Journal of Political Science* 50, 2 2006