INR 6007.001: Seminar in International Politics

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Class Meetings: Wednesdays, 6:00-8:50 in Howard Philips Hall 305G
Office Hours: Monday, 11:30-12:30, Wednesday 11:30-12:30, and Wednesday 3:00-5:00 and by appt.
Credit: 3 Hours

This course focuses on two major objectives. First, students will become familiar with the most commonly used and known theoretical approaches to international relations scholarship. In doing so, students will become familiar with major concepts and arguments used in international relations scholarship. Second, students will improve their ability to develop and use theory in their own research. By understanding the existing literature, students will recognize the implications for theory construction and research design of different theoretical approaches and improve their ability to make well-grounded theoretical choices.

Goals

- Students will become conversant with the best known theoretical approaches to international relations, ranging from classic texts to more recent scholarship.
- Students will develop awareness of alternative approaches to theory, and the implications for theory building associated with these alternatives.
- Students will come to understand the role of theory in research
- Students will improve their ability to craft theoretical arguments in the context of their own work.
- Students will improve oral and written communication skills.

Design of the Course

The course has two major elements: a set of readings that will be discussed and analyzed in seminars and a research design process. Through reading and seminars, students will be introduced to current trends in theory and research and learn how to recognize solid research. Success in this endeavor necessitates careful reading, thorough preparation for class, and active dialogue in the seminar room. By engaging in the research design process, students will develop their ability to do research themselves. Part of this involves the preparation of their own research design, but part of it will also involve working with and supporting others in their efforts to design and conduct research.

Assignments & Grades

Each student will complete the following assignments:

First Week Academic Activity

All faculty members are required to document students' academic activity at the beginning of each course. In order to document that you began this course, please complete the following academic activity by the end of the first week of classes, or as soon as possible after adding the course, but no later than January 10. Failure to do so will result in a delay in the disbursement of your financial aid. To complete the assignment (it's simple, based on the first reading), go to the webcourses webpage, select quizzes, and complete the 1-question quiz.

Course Participation—10%
Students are expected to have completed reading, be able to identify and explain arguments from the texts, and effectively critique them. Students are expected to talk in ways that make clear their knowledge of the reading in every seminar.

Literature Review—20%. Due 11 February
About 8 pages. Students will select a topic related to war and review the literature addressing it. At least twenty social scientific sources must be used.

Theory Essay—10%. Due 7 March
About 4 double-spaced pages. Students will write an essay in response to a prompt, demonstrating their mastery of the theoretical literature. Students will receive the prompt on 21 February and have two weeks to complete the essay.

Research Design—40%. Due 22 April
About 15 pages, double-spaced. Students should identify a social scientific question, review relevant literature, articulate a theoretical intuition and derive hypotheses from it, and explain how they would test the hypotheses.

- First draft is due to assigned readers by 23:59 PM on 14 April. Final draft is due 23 April

Research Design Critiques—5% each (2)
Precisely 2 pages double-spaced. Due 18 April (in class) to instructor and paper author. Students will review two other students' first drafts. Students should explain the argument of the paper, as they understand it, critique the paper, and provide concrete and constructive suggestions for improvement.

Research Design Presentation –10%. 18 April.

- Presentation to last precisely 5 minutes, then about 2 minutes for questions.

Students will formally present their research design to their colleagues.

Miscellaneous Policies

Grading
Grades are assigned to both individual pieces of work and cumulatively. The grade scale I use for both is below (note that "g" refers to the numerical grade you receive). I do not usually curve grades, but reserve the right to do so if I deem it necessary. All material is graded on its own terms, rather than through comparison with other students' work. For the cumulative grades, I do not round: what you get is what you get.

Grades in my MA courses can be interpreted in the following way:

A 93 or better	Professional quality work; student may be able to do research that can be published in a respectable journal
A- 90-92.99	Near professional quality work; student may be approaching readiness to ready to do work that could be published peer-reviewed journals
B+ 88-89.99	Quality is good for an MA student, but further development needed before the student will be ready to produce journal publishable work
B 83-86.99	Quality is acceptable for an MA student; considerable development is needed before the author will be ready to produce journal-publishable work

B- 80-82.99	Quality is marginally acceptable
C 70-79.99	Quality is problematic. According to UCF's Graduate Policies, ""C" grades (C, C+, C-), as well as D, D+, D-, F, and U grades, are all considered unsatisfactory grades."
D 60-69.99	Quality is not acceptable for graduate work
F 59.99 or below	Fail

Late Papers
Assignments are to be turned in by class time on the day they are due. They should be in hardcopy unless unforeseen circumstances prevent printing them in or handing them in a timely manner. For every 24 hours that pass thereafter, 5% of credit is lost, to a maximum of 40% lost. <u>This policy does not apply to rough draft reviews, which must be turned in by the time they are due</u>.

Academic Integrity
As reflected in the UCF creed, integrity and scholarship are core values that should guide our conduct and decisions as members of the UCF community. Plagiarism and cheating contradict these values, and so are very serious academic offenses. Penalties can include a failing grade in an assignment or in the course, or suspension or expulsion from the university. Students are expected to familiarize themselves with and follow the University's Rules of Conduct (see http://www.osc.sdes.ucf.edu/).

Plagiarism and Cheating of any kind on an examination, quiz, or assignment will result at least in an "F" for that assignment (and may, depending on the severity of the case, lead to an "F" for the entire course) and may be subject to appropriate referral to the Office of Student Conduct for further action. See the UCF Golden Rule for further information. I will assume for this course that you will adhere to the academic creed of this University and will maintain the highest standards of academic integrity. In other words, don't cheat by giving answers to others or taking them from anyone else. I will also adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity, so please do not ask me to change (or expect me to change) your grade illegitimately or to bend or break rules for one person that will not apply to everyone.

Changes to the Syllabus
In the event that there is a need for there to be any changes to the syllabus, an e-mail will be sent to all students' knights-mail accounts (as maintained by the registrar), and will be mentioned in class meetings. Changes become effective immediately after their mention in class, or the sending of the e-mail, whichever comes last.

Cancellation of Class
In the event that the instructor needs to cancel class, an e-mail will be sent to all students' knights-mail accounts (as maintained by the registrar) prior to class time.

Readings
Each student should obtain the following books:
Kenneth Waltz, Theory of International Politics. McGraw-Hill 1979 OR Waveland Press 2010.
Hein Goemans, War and Punishment, Princeton, 2000.
Joshua Kertzer, Resolve in International Politics, Princeton, 2016.
The remaining readings are available through the INR 6007.001 webcourses site and library databases.

Schedule

10 January
Science, Theory, and Research
Imre Lakotos, "Falsification and the Methodology of Scientific Research Programs," in *Criticism and the Growth of Knowledge*.
Kenneth Waltz, *Theory of International Politics*. Chapter 1
Recommended:
David Lake and Robert Powell, "International Relations, a Strategic Choice Approach," in Lake and Powell, *Strategic Choice in International Relations*, 1999.
Kathleen M. McGraw, "Why and How Psychology Matters," *Ox Hb on CPA*, Chapter 7.
Mac Donald, P. K. 2003. Useful fiction or miracle maker: the competing epistemological foundations of rational choice theory. *American Political Science Review,* 97: 551–65
Gary King, Robert Keohane, and Sidney Verba, *Designing Social Inquiry*, Princeton, 1994
Henry Brady and David Collier, *Rethinking Social Inquiry,* Rowman and Littlefield, 2004
Jack S. Levy, "Counterfactuals and Case Studies," *Ox Hb on Pol Meth*, Chapter 27
John Gerring , "Case Selection for Case-Study Analysis: Qualitative and Quantitative Techniques," *Ox Hb on Pol Meth,* Chapter 28.
Catherine Langolois. Are Complex Game Models Empirically Relevant? *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 2017.
Kevin Clarke and David Primo, "Modernizing Political Science: A Model-Based Approach," *Perspectives on Politics*, 2007.
Special Issue: The End of International Relations Theory? *European Journal of International Relations*. 19:3, 2013

Theories

17 January
Realism
Hans Morgenthau, *Politics Among Nations,* Chapter 1.
Kenneth Waltz, *Theory of International Politics*. Chapter 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.
Randall Schweller, "Bandwagoning for Profit: Bringing the Revisionist State Back in," *International Security*, 1994
William Wohlforth, "Stability of A Unipolar World," *International Security,* 1999
Reccomended:
Robert Jervis, *System Effects*
Wolfers, From *Discord and Collaboration*, Chapters 8 and 10
E. V. Gulick, Europe's Classical Balance of Power
Henry Kissinger, *A World Restored: Castlereagh, Metternich and the Restoration of Peace, 1812-1822*
Stephen Walt, "Alliance Formation and the Balance of World Power," *International Security,* 1985
John Mearsheimer, *Tragedy of Great Power Politics*
Glenn Snyder, The Security Dilemma in Alliance Politics, *World Politics,* 1984
Charles L. Glaser and Chaim Kaufmann, "What is the Offense-Defense Balance and Can We Measure it?" *International Security*, 1998
Stephen Biddle, "Rebuilding the Foundations of Offense-Defense Theory" *Journal of Politics*, 2001
Joanne Gowa and Kristopher Ramsay, Gulliver Untied: Entry Deterrence under Unipolarity*, International Organization*, 2017.
Kevin Narizny. On Systemic Paradigms and Domestic Politics, *International Security*, 2017.

24 January
Hegemonic Stability Theory/Power Transition Theory
Robert Gilpin, *War and Change in World Politics* (Selections)
David Lake, "Escape from the State of Nature," *International Security*, 2007.
Rovner, Joshua, and Caitlin Talmadge, "Hegemony, Force Posture, and the Provision of Public Goods: The Once and Future Role of Outside Powers in Securing Persian Gulf Oil," Security Studies, Vol. 23, No. 3 (Summer 2014), pp. 548–581.
Recommended:
Organski and Kugler, *The War Ledger*
Charles Kindleberger, "Dominance and Leadership in the International Economy: Exploitation, Public Goods, and Free Rides," *International Studies Quarterly*, 1981.
Alfred Thayer Mahan, *The Influence of Sea Power on History*, Introduction and Chapter 1.
Joshua Goldstein, "Kondratieff Waves as War Cycles," *International Studies Quarterly*, 1985 ***and*** Richard Rosecrance, "Long Cycle Theory and International Relations," *International Organization*, 1987.
Kang, Kyungkook and Jacek Kugler, 2015. "Assessment of Deterrence and Missile Defense in East Asia: A Power Transition Perspective." *International Area Studies Review*, 18 (3): 280-296.

31 January
Institutionalism and Cooperation
Robert Keohane, *After Hegemony* (selections)
James D. Fearon, "Bargaining, Enforcement, and International Cooperation," *International Organization*, 1998
Recommended
Robert Axelrod, *The Evolution of Cooperatio*n*,* 1985
Joseph M. Grieco, "Anarchy and the Limits of Cooperation: A Realist Critique of the Newest Liberal Institutionalism," *International Organization*, 1988
John Mearsheimer, "False Promise of International Institutions," *International Security*, 1994
Charles Glaser, "Realists as Optimists: Cooperation as Self-Help," International Security 1994-95
G. J. Ikenberry, *After Victory*, 2001

7 February
Systemic Constructivism
Alexander Wendt, "The Agent-Structure Problem in International Relations Theory," *IO*, 1987
Alexander Wendt, "Anarchy is What States Make of It," *IO*, 1992
Nina Tannenwald, "The Nuclear Taboo," *International Organization*, 1999.
Schmidt, Sebastian, "Foreign Military Presence and the Changing Practice of Sovereignty: A Pragmatist Explanation of Norm Change," *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 108, No. 4 (November 2014), pp. 817–829.
Recommended
Hedley Bull *The Anarchical Society,*
Karl W. Deutsch, *Political Community and the North Atlantic Area*
Kowert and Legro, "Norms, Identity, and their Limits," in *Culture of National Security*, 1998
Alastair Iain Johnston, *Cultural Realism: Strategic Culture and Grand Strategy in Chinese History*.
Margaret Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, *Activists Beyond Borders*. Cornell.
Ward Thomas, "Norms and Security: The Case of International Assassination," *International Security*, 2000

14 February

Liberal Theory

Andrew Moravcsik, "Taking Preferences Seriously: A Liberal Theory of International Politics," *IO*, 1997.
Zeev Maoz and Bruce Russett, "Normative and Structural Causes of Democratic Peace, 1946-1986," *APSR*, 1994
Bruce Bueno de Mesquita et al., "An Institutional Explanation for the Democratic Peace," *American Political Science Review*, 1999
Jessica Weeks, Strongmen and Straw Men: Authoritarian Regimes and the Initiation of International Conflict. *American Political Science Review*, 2012.

Recommended:

Robert Putnam, "Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two Level Games," *IO*, 1988
Sebastian Rosato, "The Flawed Logic of Democratic Peace Theory," *APSR*, 2003
Jeffrey Legro and Andrew Moravcsik, "Is Anybody Still a Realist?" *IS,* 1999
Peter Feaver, et al. "Brother, Can You Spare a Paradigm? (Or, Was Anybody Ever a Realist?)" *IS*, 2000
Mark Peceny, Caroline C. Beer and Shannon Sanchez-Terry, "Dictatorial Peace?" *APSR*, 2002
Michael D. Ward, Randolph M. Siverson and Xun Cao, "Disputes, Democracies, and Dependencies: A Reexamination of the Kantian Peace," *APSR*, 2007.
Edward D. Mansfield and Jack Snyder, "Democratization and the Danger of War," *International Security*, 1995
George Tsebelis, *Veto Players*
Sarah Croco and Jessica Weeks, "War Outcomes and Leader Tenure," *World Politics*, 2016.
Erik Gartzke. The Capitalist Peace. *American Political Science Review*, 2007.
Michael Mousseau. "Grasping the Scientific Evidence: The Contracturalist Peace Supercedes the Democratic Peace," *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 2016.

21 February

Psychological Approaches

Joshua Kertzer, *Resolve in International Politics*, Princeton, 2016.
Thomas M. Dolan, Emotion and Strategic Learning in War, *Foreign Policy Analysis* 2016.
Mark Schafer, and Scott Crichlow. 2002. "The *Process-Outcome* Connection in Foreign Policy Decision Making: A Quantitative Study Building on Groupthink." *International Studies Quarterly* 2002.
Rose McDermott, *Risk Taking in International Politics*, 2001. Selection.

Recommended:

Jacques Hymans, *Psychology of Nuclear Proliferation*, Cambridge, 2006. Graham Allison and Philip Zellikow, *Essence of Decision*
Margaret G. Hermann, "Explaining Foreign Policy Behavior Using the Personal Characteristics of Political Leaders," *ISQ*, 1980
Paul Kowert and Margaret Hermann," Who Takes Risks? Daring and Caution in Foreign Policy Making," *JCR*, 1997.
Stanley Renshon, "George W. Bush's Cowboy Politics: An Inquiry." *Political Psychology*, 2005.
Daniel Kahneman and Amos Tversky, "Prospect Theory: An Analysis of Decision under Risk," *Econometrica*, 1979.
Stephen G. Walker, Mark Schafer and Michael D. Young, "Systematic Procedures for Operational Code Analysis: Measuring and Modeling Jimmy Carter's Operational Code," *ISQ*, 1998.
Y. F. Khong, *Analogies at War,* 1992
Robert Jervis, *Perception and Misperception in International Politics*. 1976

Research Areas

28 February
Deterrence and Diplomacy
Jessica Weeks, "Autocratic Audience Costs," *International Organization*, 2008.
Anne Sartori, "The Might of the Pen," *International Organization*, 2002.
Daryl Press, "The Credibility of Power," *International Security*, 2005.
Yarhi-Milo, Keren, and Todd Hall. "The Personal Touch: Leaders' Impressions, Costly Signaling, and Assessments of Sincerity in International Affairs". *International Studies Quarterly* 56.3 (2012): 560-573.
Daniel Drezner, "Bargaining, Enforcement, and Multilateral Sanctions," *International Organization*, 2000
Miller, Nicholas L., "The Secret Success of Nonproliferation Sanctions," International Organization, Vol. 68, No. 4 (Fall 2014), pp. 913–944.
Recommended:
Thomas Schelling, *Arms and Influence* Harvard, 1966.
James Fearon, "Signaling Foreign Policy Interests," *JCR*, 41:1.
J. Mercer, *Reputation and International Politics,* Cornell, 1996.
Bratislav Slantchev, "Feigning Weakness," *International Organization*, 2010.
Lisa Martin, *Coercive Cooperation*, Princeton, 1998.
Alexander Thompson, "Coercion Through IO's: The Security Council and the Logic of Information Transmission," *International Organization*, 2006.
Krzysztof Pelc, 2010. "Constraining Coercion? Legitimacy and its Role in US Trade Policy*, International Organization*, 65-96.
Alex Downes and Todd Sechser. 2012. "The Illusion of Democratic Credibility," *International Organization*. 66:3, 457-89.
Daniel Drezner, "The Hidden Hand of Economic Coercion," *International Organization*, 2003.
Kenneth Shultz, "Domestic Opposition and Signaling in International Crises," *American Political Science Review* 92 (Dec. 1998), pp. 829-44.

7 March
War
J. Fearon. "Rationalist Expectations for War," *International Organization*, 1995.
H. Goemans, *War and Punishment*, Princeton, 2000. Ch 1-4.
Thomas M. Dolan, Demanding the Impossible. *Security Studies*, 2015.
Recommended:
A. Smith and A. Stam, "Bargaining and the Nature of War," *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 2004 [reviewer should also see Fey and Ramsey, "The Common Priors Assumption: A comment on `Bargaining and the Nature of War'," *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 50 (4), August 2006, pp. 607-613
R. Powell, "War as a Commitment Problem," *International Organization,* 2006.
Bratislav Slantchev, "The Principle of Convergence in Wartime Negotiations," *APSR*, 2003.
Barbara Walter, "The Critical Barrier to Civil War Settlement," *International Organization*.
John Keegan, *History of Warfare*, 1993, Chapter 1
Peter Liebermann, "Punitiveness and US Elite Support for the 1991 Persian Gulf War," *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 2007.
Clausewitz, *On War*, book 1. (Paret and Howard translation)
Alex Weisiger, "Learning from the Battlefield," *International Organization*, 2016.

21 March

Alliances

Srdjan Vucetic, 2011, *The Anglosphere*, Stanford University Press, selection.

Brett V. Benson, 2011, Unpacking Alliances: Deterrent and Compellent Alliances and Their Relationship with Conflict, 1816–2000, *Journal of Politics* 73:4 1111-1127.

Leeds, Brett Ashley, Mattes, Michaela, Vogel, Jeremy S., 2009. "Interests, Institutions, and the Reliability of International Commitments," *American Journal of Political Science*, 53:2, 461-476

Matthew Fuhrmann and Todd Sechser. "Signaling Alliance Commitments," *American Journal of Political Science*, 2014.

Joseph Parent and Sebastian Rosato, "Balancing in Neorealism," *International Security* 2015.

Recommended:

Leeds, B. A. and Savun, B. (2007), Terminating Alliances: Why Do States Abrogate Agreements?. Journal of Politics, 69: 1118–1132.

Brett B. Benson. 2012. Constructing Security: Alliances, Deterrence, and Moral Hazard. Cambridge University Press.

Gregory D. Miller. 2012. The Shadow of the Past: Reputation and Military Alliances Before the First World War. Cornell University Press.

Long, Andrew and Brett Ashley Leeds. 2006. "Trading for Security: Military Alliances and Economic Agreements," *Journal of Peace Research,* 43:4, 433-451.

Leeds, Brett Ashley. 2003. "Do Alliances Deter Aggression?" *American Journal of Political Science*. 47:3, 427-39

Victor D. Cha. 2010. Powerplay: Origins of the U.S. Alliance System in Asia, *International Security*, 34:3, 158-196

Keren Yarhi-Milo, Alexander Lanoska, and Zack Cooper. To Army or to Ally? *International Security*. 2016.

28 March

International Organizations

Barbara Koremenos, Charles Lipson, and Duncan Snidal, "The Rational Design of International Institutions," *International Organization*. 2001.

Daniel Neilson and Michael Tierney, 2003. "Delegation to International Organizations," *International Organization*, 57:2

Randall Stone, *Controlling Institutions*, Cambridge, 2011, 2, 4, 7

Matthew Eagleton-Pierce, *Symbolic Power in the WTO*, Oxford University Press 2012, Chapters 2-4

Ranjit Lall. Beyond Institutional Design. *International Organization* 2017.

Recommended:

Andrew Moravcsik, *The Choice for Europe*, Cambridge 1998.

Lloyd Gruber, *Ruling the World*, Princeton, 2000.

Stephen Nelson, "Playing Favorites: How Shared Beliefs Shape the IMF's Lending Decisions," *International Organization*, 68:2, 2014

4 April
Trade
Nathan Jensen, "Democratic Governance and Multinational Corporations: Political Regimes and Inflows of Foreign Direct Investment," *International Organization*, 2003.
Michael Hiscox, Class Versus Industry Cleavages: Inter-Industry Factor Mobility and the Politics of Trade," *International Organization*, 2001.
Erica Owen and Noel Johnston. Occupation and the Political Economy of Trade. *International Organization*, 2017.
Leslie Johns and Rachel Wellhausen. "Under One Roof: Supply Chains and the Protection of Foreign Investment," *American Political Science Review* 2016.
Recommended:
Bumba Mukherjee, Dale Smith, and Quan Li, "Labor Immobility and the Politics of Trade Protection in Majoritarian Democracies," *Journal of Politics,* 2009.
Michael Hiscox, "Commerce, Coalitions, and Factor Mobility," *APSR*, 2002.
Jens Hainmueller and Michael Hiscox, Learning to Love Globalization: Education and Individual Attitudes Toward International Trade," *International Organization*, 2006.
Jeffry Frieden, "Real Sources of European Currency Policy," *International Organization,* 2002.
Richard K. Herrmann, Philip Tetlock, and Matthew Diascro, "How Americans Think About Trade," *International Studies Quarterly*, 45:2, 2001.
Stephen Nelosn and Peter Katzenstein, "Uncertainty, Risk, and the Financial Crisis of 2008," *International Organization,* 68:2, 2014
Edward Mansfield, Diana Mutz, and Laura Silver. "Men, Women, Trade, and Free Markets," *International Studies Quarterly*, 59:2, 2015.
Leslie Johns, Depth Versus Rigidity in the Design of International Trade Agreements. *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 2014.

11 April
Aid
Vincent Arel-Bundock, James Afkinson, and Rachel Potter, "The Limits of Foreign Aid Diplomacy: How Bureaucratic Design Shapes Aid Distribution," *International Studies Quarterly*, 59:3, 2015
Michael Bechtel, Jens Hainmueller, and Yotam Margalit. "Preferences for International Redistribution," *American Journal of Political Science*, 2014.
Andrew Boutton and David B. Carter. "Fair weather allies: Terrorism & the allocation of U.S. foreign aid" Journal of Conflict Resolution, *2014*
Desha Girod and Jennifer Tobin. "Take the Money and Run," *International Organization* 2016.
Alison Carnegie and Nikolay Marinov. Foreign Aid, Human Righrs,and Democracy Promotion, *American Journal of Political Science*, 2017.
Recommended:
Helen Milner and Dustin Tingley, "Who Supports Global Economic Engagement?" *International Organization*, 2011
Cesi Cruz and Christina Schneider, Foreign Aid and Undeserved Credit Claiming. *American Journal of Political Science*, 2017.

18 April
Presentations
Students will present their research designs.

Final Paper Due: 23 April