

PSC 326
War and International Security
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This course addresses the causes of war and the primary strategies scholars have offered to prevent it. The course is broken up into four parts. The first section of the course seeks to demystify the scientific study of international politics. The second section focuses on realpolitik strategies states can pursue to acquire security. The third section addresses strategies often associated with neoliberalism. We will conclude the course by examining research that relaxes the focus on the pursuit of security by states, focusing instead on non-state actors and non-traditional conflict, consistent with liberalism.

Grading	Grade distributions:	B- = 80 – 82.5
	A = 92.5+	C+ = 77.5 – 80
Exams – 60%	A- = 90 – 92.5	C = 70 – 77.5
Homework – 30%	B+ = 87.5 – 90	D = 60 – 70
Quizzes – 10%	B = 82.5 – 87.5	F = 0 – 60

There will be 4 exams, each with the same format. You will be asked to answer 12 of 15 multiple choice questions and 1 out of 2 short answer questions, with 1 additional short answer available for extra credit. I will drop your lowest exam grade. You will have 3 homework assignments, one for each of the sections of the course starting with Part Two (Realist Strategies). Further details will be provided in class. Finally, 6 pop quizzes will comprise the remainder of your grade. I will drop the lowest quiz grade.

I will not discuss changes in grades on exams or homework for 24 hours after they have been handed back. If you feel that I missed an important point that you made, after 24 hours you may submit an appeal. Appeals will only be accepted up to one week after the exam/assignment is handed back. Your appeal should be a typed argument for why your grade should be changed, no longer than 1 page in length.

A written request is required for any makeup exam. Makeup exams will only be considered in the event of prior approval, appropriate medical excuses, and other truly extenuating circumstances. The request for a makeup should include any relevant documentation of the excuse provided.

There are two texts for this course. The remaining readings will be made available on the course website.*

Morgan, Patrick. 2006. *International Security Problems and Solutions*.
Stoessinger, John. 2008. *Why Nations Go to War*, 10th edition.

*Note that some titles and author names are abbreviated below for the sake of space.

Monday, August 31: Puzzle of War
Bargaining Models of War, pp 1 – 11.

Wednesday, September 2: Scientific Method
Explaining International Politics, pp 1 – 23.

Friday, September 4: NO CLASS (APSA CONFERENCE)

Monday, September 7: NO CLASS (LABOR DAY)

Wednesday, September 9: Logical Validity
Explaining International Politics, pp 24 – 35.

Friday, September 11 – Monday, September 14: Intro to Game Theory
Explaining International Politics, pp 36 – 50.

Wednesday, September 16: Explaining War
Bargaining Models of War, pp 12 – 31.

Friday, September 18: Evaluating the Explanation
Reed, William et al. 2008. “War, Power and Bargaining.”
Slantchev, Branislav. 2004. “How Initiators End Their Wars.”

Monday, September 21 – Wednesday, September 23: Review and EXAM ONE

PART TWO: REALIST STRATEGIES FOR SECURITY

Friday, September 25: Overview: Realist Strategies
Morgan Chapters 3 – 5.

Monday, September 28: NO CLASS (YOM KIPPUR)

Wednesday, September 30: War as an Investment
Chadefaux, Thomas. Draft. “War as an Investment.”
Carter, David. Draft. “The Strategy of Territorial Conflict.”

Friday, October 2: External Balancing
Leeds, Brett Ashley. 2003. “Do Alliances Deter Aggression?”
Werner, Suzanne. 2000. “Deterring Intervention: The Stakes of War and Third Party Involvement.”

Monday, October 5: Internal Balancing
Kydd, Andrew. 2000. “Arms Races and Arms Control: Modeling the Hawk Perspective.”
Slantchev, Branislav. 2005. “Military Coercion in International Crises.”

Wednesday, October 7: Cases: World Wars
Stoessinger, chapters 1 – 2.

Friday October 9: Deterrence

Signorino, Curtis and Ahmer Tarar. 2006. "A Unified Theory and Test of Extended Immediate Deterrence."

Gartzke, Eric and Dong-Joon Jo. 2009. "Bargaining, Nuclear Proliferation and Interstate Disputes."

Monday, October 12: Reputations

Danilovic, Vesna. 2001. "The Sources of Threat Credibility in Extended Deterrence."

Sartori, Anne. 2002. "The Might of the Pen."

Wednesday, October 14: Cases: Cold War

Stoessinger, chapters 3 – 4.

Friday, October 16 – Monday, October 19: Review and EXAM TWO**Wednesday, October 21: Overview: Neoliberal Strategies**

Morgan, chapters 7 – 12.

Friday, October 23: Economic Interdependence

Oneal, John, Bruce Russett and Michael Berbaum. 2003. "Causes of Peace: Democracy, Interdependence, and International Organizations, 1885-1992."

Gartzke, Eric. 2007. "The Capitalist Peace."

Monday, October 26: International Institutions

Mitchell, Sara and Paul Hensel. 2007. "International Institutions and Compliance with Agreements."

Dorussen, Han and Hugh Ward. 2008. "Intergovernmental Organizations and the Kantian Peace."

Wednesday, October 28: Cases: Post Cold War Europe

Stoessinger, chapter 5.

Friday, October 30: Negotiation

Triesman, Daniel. 2004. "Rational Appeasement."

Chadefaux, Thomas. Draft. "Bargaining Over Power."

Monday, November 2: Mediation

Beber, Bernd. Draft. "A Theory of Initiation, Implementation of Mediation in Wars."

Beardsley, Kyle, et al. 2006. "Mediation Style and Crisis Outcomes."

Wednesday, November 4: Peacemaking and Peacekeeping

Fortna, Virginia Page. 2004. "Does Peacekeeping Keep Peace?"

Werner, Suzanne and Amy Yuen. 2005. "Making and Keeping Peace."

Friday, November 6: Cases: Indian Wars

Stoessinger, chapter 6.

Monday, November 9 – Wednesday, November 11: Review and EXAM THREE

Friday, November 13: Problem of Weak States

Bapat, Navin. Draft. “The Strategy of the Weak: State Support for Terrorism and Bargaining Power.”

Gleditsch, Kristian et al. 2008. “Fighting at Home, Fighting Abroad.”

Monday, November 16: Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Kydd, Andrew and Barbara Walter. 2006. “The Strategies of Terrorism.”

Bueno de Mesquita, Ethan. 2005. “Conciliation, Counterterrorism and Patterns of Terrorist Violence.”

Wednesday, November 18: Insurgency and Counterinsurgency

Humphreys, Macartan and Jeremy Weinstein. 2008. “Who Fights? The Determinants of Participation in Civil War.”

Lyall, Jason. 2009. “Rage Against the Machines: Explaining Outcomes in Counterinsurgency Wars.”

Friday, November 20 to Friday, November 27: NO CLASS (PEACE SCIENCE CONFERENCE and FALL RECESS)

Monday, November 30: Ethnic Identity

Kalyvas, Stathis. 2008. “Ethnic Defection in Civil War.”

Penn, Elizabeth Maggie. 2008. “Citizenship versus Ethnicity: The Role of Institutions in Shaping Identity Choice.”

Wednesday, December 2: Cases: Arab-Israeli Conflict

Stoessinger, chapter 6.

Friday, December 4: Democracies and Peace

Bueno de Mesquita et al. 1998. “An Institutional Explanation of the Democratic Peace.”

Schultz, Kenneth. 1998. “Domestic Opposition and Signaling in International Crises.”

Monday, December 7: Democracies and War

Bennett, D. Scott and Allan Stam. 1998. “The Declining Advantages of Democracy.”

Arena, Philip. Draft. “Domestic Opposition and Long Term Resolve.”

Wednesday, December 9: Cases: Iraq Wars

Stoessinger, chapters 8 – 9.

Friday, December 11: Wrapup/Review