

Political Science V 1601y
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There will be two short take-home midterms (each counting for 1/5 of the course grade), 3 quizzes on the readings (1/5 of the grade), and a take-home final exam (2/5 of the grade).

All readings are required and are on reserve at Butler Library (also available on electronic reserves). Two assigned books are at Labyrinth Books (just re-named Book Culture) (512 W. 112th St.): Robert Art and Robert Jervis, eds., International Politics, 8th ed., and Martin Walker, The Cold War: A History. The other readings are in a packet at Village Copier (2872 Broadway). I strongly recommend that you read the international news stories in the New York Times, the International Herald Tribune, or the Financial Times.

I. The Nature of International Relations

1. The Anarchical Environment (Jan. 23-Feb. 4)

Art and Jervis, eds., International Politics, pp. 1-103, 119-35, 177-197.

Jervis, Perception and Misperception in International Politics, pp. 58-76.

Benjamin Fischer, "The Vilification and Vindication of Colonel Kuklinski," Studies in Intelligence, No. 9, Summer 2000, pp. 19-33.

2. Levels of Analysis and Explanations (Feb. 6-11)

Jervis, Perception and Misperception, pp. 13-31.

Alonzo Hamby, "An American Democrat: A Reevaluation of the Personality of Harry S Truman," Political Science Quarterly, vol. 106, Spring 1991, pp. 33-56.

Bruce Russett, Grasping the Democratic Peace, ch. 2.

William Stephens, Hypotheses and Evidence, pp. 168-79, 195-203.

Ernest May, American Imperialism, pp. 3-16.

Handout on errors of inference to be distributed.

3. The Cold War (Feb. 13-25)

Martin Walker, The Cold War.

McGeorge Bundy, Danger and Survival, ch. 9, "Cuban Missile Crisis."

Richard Ned Lebow and Janice Gross Stein, We All Lost the Cold War, postscript, "Deterrence and the End

