

**Issues in Contemporary Security Policy**

**EMPA 8500**

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Mondays, 6:10-8:00 pm

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This course examines central issues in contemporary international security policy (American hegemony, multilateralism, civil and ethnic conflict, state-building, the promotion of democratization and human rights, the problem of Iraq, the rise of China, etc.) and key concepts in the academic study of international relations (e.g, realist and liberal approaches).

The assignments for this course are a take-home midterm exam and a ten-page policy paper or take-home final exam. Each assignment counts for 40% of your grade. Class participation accounts for the remaining 20%.

Students should purchase the following books at the Labyrinth bookstore:

Karen Mingst and Jack Snyder, eds., Essential Readings in World Politics. [hereafter ER]  
G. John Ikenberry, After Victory

**Week 1.** *Theories of International Relations in Policy Debates on American Foreign Policy*

Stephen M. Walt, "International Relations: One World, Many Theories," *Foreign Policy* No. 110 (Spring 1998), 29-47, in ER.

Robert Jervis, "The Compulsive Empire," *Foreign Policy* No. 137 (July/August 2003) in ER.

Charles Krauthammer, *Democratic Realism: An American Foreign Policy for a Unipolar World*, The 2004 Irving Kristol Lecture, the American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC.

Francis Fukuyama, "The Neoconservative Moment," *The National Interest* 76 (Summer 2004), 57-68.

Charles Krauthammer, "In Defense of Democratic Realism," *The National Interest* (Fall 2004).

**Week 2. *Realism, Liberalism, and Critical Perspectives on International Relations***

John J. Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* (New York: Norton, 2001) in ER.

M. Doyle, "Liberalism and World Politics," American Political Science Review, December 1986, in ER.

J. Ann Tickner, Gender in International Relations, in ER.

**Week 3. *American Hegemonic Leadership***

G. John Ikenberry, After Victory. Democracies are more effective at establishing a hegemonic order, because they can credibly commit to following their own rules.

Randall Schweller, "The Problem of International Order Revisited," International Security, summer 2001, critical review of Ikenberry

J. A. Gallagher and R. E. Robinson, "The Imperialism of Free Trade," Economic History Review, vol. 6 (1953), pp. 1-15. The British strategy of informal empire and indirect control.

John Mearsheimer, "The False Promise of International Institutions," *International Security*, in ER.

**Week 4. *The Debate on the War in Iraq***

Chaim Kaufmann, "Threat Inflation and the Failure of the Marketplace of Ideas: The Selling of the Iraq War," International Security, summer 2004.

Daniel Byman, "Constructing a Democratic Iraq: Challenges and Opportunities," *International Security* 28:1 (Summer 2003), 47-78.

David Edelstein, "Occupational Hazards: Why Military Occupations Succeed or Fail," *International Security*, summer 2004.

**Week 5. *Strategies of Terror and Counterterror***

Robert Pape, "The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism," *American Political Science Review* 97:3 (August 2003), 343-362, in ER.

Audrey Kurth Cronin, "Behind the Curve: Globalization and International Terrorism," *International Security*, winter 2002/03, in ER.

**Week 6. Ethnic conflict.**

Barry Posen, "The Security Dilemma and Ethnic Conflict, *Survival* 35:1 (spring 1993), 27-47, in ER.

Arend Lipjhart, "The Powersharing Approach" in (ed.) J. Montville, *Conflict and Peacemaking in Multiethnic Societies*

Chaim Kaufman, "When All Else Fails: Ethnic Population Transfers and Partitions in the 20th Century," *International Security*, Fall 1998.

R. Kumar, "The Troubled History of Partition," Foreign Affairs, January/February 1997.

Daniel Byman, "Forever enemies? The Manipulation of Ethnic Identities to End Ethnic Wars," Security Studies, spring 2000, or Byman, Keeping the Peace, ch. 3-5. Middle Eastern cases.

**Week 7. Genocide.**

Samantha Power, "Bystanders to Genocide: Why the United States Let the Rwandan Genocide Happen," *The Atlantic Monthly*, September 2001, in ER.

Benjamin Valentino, Paul Huth, and Dylan Balch-Lindsay, "'Draining the Sea': Mass Killing and Guerrilla Warfare," *International Organization*, spring 2004.

**Week 8. Economics of civil war** (possible guest instructor: Karen Ballentine)

Paul Collier, "The Market for Civil War," as excerpted in Robert Art and R. Jervis, *International Politics*.

Michael Ross, "Oil, Drugs, and Diamonds: The Varying Roles of Natural Resources in War," in Karen Ballentine and Jake Sherman, eds., *The Political Economy of Armed Conflict* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2003).

James Fearon and David Laitin, "Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War," *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 97, No. 1 (February 2003), pp. 75-90.

William Reno, Warlord Politics in African States (Lynne Rienner, 1998), chapters 1 and 4, on Sierra Leone and the decentralized world economy.

**Week 9.** *Military Intervention, Peace Keeping, and Peace Settlements* (possible guest instructor: Susan Woodward)

Martha Finnemore, "Constructing Norms of Humanitarian Intervention," in Peter Katzenstein, ed., *The Culture of National Security*, in ER.

Michael Doyle, "International Intervention," from Doyle, *Ways of War*, in ER.

Richard Betts, "The Delusion of Impartial Intervention," *Foreign Affairs*, Nov./Dec. 1994.

Page Fortna, *Peace Time*, excerpts, or article.

Barbara Walter, *Committing to Peace*, excerpts, or article.

Stephen John Stedman, "Spoiler Problems in Peace Processes," *International Security*, Vol. 22, No. 2 (Fall 1997), pp. 5-53.

**Week 10.** *Democracy, democratization, and violence.*

F. Zakaria, "The Rise of Illiberal Democracy," *Foreign Affairs*, Nov. 1997.

Jack Snyder, *From Voting to Violence: Democratization and Nationalist Conflict*, chapter 1.

Adam Przeworski and Fernando Limongi, "Modernization: Theories and Facts," *World Politics* 49, no. 2 (January 1997): 155-83.

Thomas Carothers, *Aiding Democracy Abroad*, ch. 2, 5, 10, 11. US strategies of democracy assistance and how to evaluate their impact.

**Week 11.** *Human rights and transnational activism.* (possible guest instructor: Kenneth Roth)

Margaret Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, *Activists beyond Borders: Transnational Advocacy Networks in International Politics* (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1998), excerpts in ER.

Richard Price, "Reversing the Gun Sights: Transnational Civil Society Targets Land Mines," *International Organization*, summer 1998, 613-44.

Sarah Kenyon Lischer, "Collateral Damage: Humanitarian Assistance as a Cause of Conflict," *International Security*, summer 2003.

Amartya Sen, "Universal Truths: Human Rights and the Westernizing Illusion," in ER.

**Week 12.** *International justice.*

Henry Kissinger, "The Pitfalls of Universal Jurisdiction," *Foreign Affairs* 80:4 (July/August 2001), 86-96, in ER.

Kenneth Roth, director of Human Rights Watch, "The Case for Universal Jurisdiction," *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 80, No. 5 (September 2001), in ER.

Jack Snyder and Leslie Vinjamuri, "Trials and Errors: Principle and Pragmatism in International Justice," *International Security*, winter 2003-04

**Week 13.** *China: regional hegemon? emerging peer competitor?* (possible guest instructor: Thomas Christensen)

David Kang, "Getting Asia Wrong," *International Security*, spring 2003

Amitav Acharya, "Will Asia's Past Be Its Future?" *International Security*, winter 2003-04.

David Kang, "Hierarchy, Balancing, and empirical Puzzles in Asian International Relations," *International Security*, winter 2003-04.

David Bachman, "China's Democratization: What Difference Would It Make for U.S.-China Relations," in Edward Friedman and Barrett McCarmick, eds., *What If China Doesn't Democratize?*

**Week 14.** Nuclear proliferation and nuclear deterrence.

Readings from ER:

Thomas Schelling, "The Diplomacy of Violence, from *Arms and Influence*.

Robert Jervis, "Cooperation under the Security Dilemma."

Scott Sagan and Kenneth Waltz, "Indian and Pakistani Nuclear Weapons: For Better or Worse?" from *Spread of Nuclear Weapons*.

John Mueller, "The Essential Irrelevance of Nuclear Weapons."

Also:

Current, journalistic articles on Iranian and/or North Korean nuclear proliferation, to be selected later.