

Political Science V 1601y  
International Politics

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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

of the Cold War," pp. 369-76.

"Memorandum of Conversation [between Kennedy and Khrushchev]," Foreign Relations of the US, 1961-1964, vol. V, The Soviet Union, pp. 172-97, 229-30.  
Larry Rohter, "Word for Word: Kissinger on Pinochet," New York Times, Dec. 28, 2003, Section 4, p. 7.  
Stephen Rabe, U.S. Intervention in British Guiana: A Cold War Story, pp.75-96.

February 25: first quiz; first mid-term handed out--due at start of class on March 3.

## II. Foreign Policy

### 4. Assessing Adversaries (Feb. 27-March 3)

"White House Tapes and Minutes of the Cuban Missile Crisis," International Security, vol. 10, Summer 1985, pp. 164-203 (skim).  
Nikita Khrushchev, Khrushchev Remembers (translated and edited by Strobe Talbott), pp. 488-505.  
E.L. Woodward, Rohan Butler and Margaret Lambert, eds., Documents on British Foreign Policy, 1919-1939, third series, vol. 2, 1938, pp. 2, 10-12, 83-87, 131-35, 306-7, 360-61, 373-99.  
Foreign Relations of the U.S., 1952-1954, vol. II, National Security Affairs, part I, pp. 367-370, 491-534, 578-597.  
"Soviet Strategic Nuclear Forces as Perceived by NIE's, 1962-1975," declassified report (skim).  
Ralph White, "Why Aggressors Lose," Political Psychology, vol. 11, June 1990, pp. 227-42.  
Raymond Garthoff, "Berlin, 1961: The Record Corrected," Foreign Policy, No. 84 (Fall 1991) pp. 142-156.  
"1983 Politburo Session on KAL-007 Incident," Foreign Broadcast Information Service, Soviet Union (27 August 1992), pp. 7-10.  
Stephen Twigge and Len Scott, "Strategic Defense by Deception," Intelligence and National Security, vol. 16, Summer 2001, pp. 152-57.  
Department of State, "Estimate of Damage to U.S. Foreign Policy Interests," Foreign Relations of the US, 1964-1968, vol. XIV, The Soviet Union, pp. 111-14  
Thomas Fleming, "George Washington, Spymaster," American Heritage, Feb./March 2000, pp. 45-51.  
National Intelligence Council, "National Intelligence Estimate, Iran: Nuclear Intentions and Capabilities," November 2007.

### 5. Domestic Politics and Decision-Making (March 5-12)

Foreign Relations of the U.S., 1950, vol. VII, pp. 157-161, 1242-1249, 1323-1334 (Korean War decisions).

Josiah Ober, "Classical Greek Times," in Michael Howard, et al., eds., The Laws of War, pp. 12-26.

Michael Armacost, The Foreign Relations of the U.S., ch. 6.

Leo Ribuffo, "Religion and American Foreign Policy," The National Interest, No. 52, Summer 1998, pp. 36-51 (skim) or Walter Russell Mead, "God's Country?" Foreign Affairs, vol. 85, Sept./Oct. 2006, pp. 24-43.

Robert Pastor, Whirlpool: US Foreign Policy toward Latin America and the Caribbean, ch. 6.

Terry Deibel, "The Death of a Treaty," Foreign Affairs, vol. 81, Sept./Oct. 2002, pp. 142-61.

Supreme Court of the US, "Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. et al. v. Sawyer".

Gary Sick, All Fall Down, ch. 6.

Carroll McKibbin, "Presidential Initiative and Bureaucratic Response: Delivering the Mariner IV Pictures of Mars," Presidential Studies Quarterly, vol. 23, Fall 1993, pp. 727-37.

Austin Burt and Robert Trivers, Genes in Conflict: The Biology of Selfish Genetic Elements, pp. 1-9.

6. The Goals of Foreign Policy (March 24-26)

Arnold Wolfers, Discord and Collaboration, ch. 5.

K.J. Holsti, International Politics, 5th ed., ch. 5.

7. Means (March 31-April 2)

K.J. Holsti, International Politics, ch. 9.

David Baldwin, Paradoxes of Power, pp. 10-44.

George Orwell, "Shooting an Elephant".

Stuart Banner, How the Indians Lost Their Land: Law and Power on the Frontier, pp. 49-56, 82-84,

Art and Jervis, pp. 104-18.

8. The Use of Force (April 7)

Art and Jervis, pp. 137-76, 198-238.

Robert Jervis, The Meaning of the Nuclear Revolution, ch. 1.

April 7: second quiz; second mid-term handed out--due at start of class, April 14.

### III. International Systems

#### 9. Economic Forces and Imperialism (April 9-14)

Theotonio Dos Santos, "The Structure of Dependence."  
Benjamin Cohen, The Question of Imperialism, ch. 2.  
Jeffrey Herbst, States and Power in Africa, chapter 1.  
Franklin Foer, "Soccer vs. McWorld," Foreign Policy,  
January/February 2004, pp. 32-40.

#### 10. Current International Economic Problems (April 16-21)

David Balaam and Michael Veseth, Introduction to  
International Political Economy, chapters 1, 6-8.  
Art and Jervis, pp. 261-368.  
David Dollar and Aart Kraay, "Spreading the Wealth,"  
Foreign Affairs, vol. 81, January/February 2002,  
pp. 120-133.  
Andrew Rice, "Why is Africa Still Poor?" The Nation,  
October 24, 2005, pp. 33-38.  
Theodore Dalrymple, "Out of Africa," The American  
Conservative, January 16, 2006, pp. 20-23.

#### 11. 9/11 and After (April 23-28)

Art and Jervis, pp. 239-260, 451-94.  
Richard Clarke, Against All Enemies, ch. 9 ("Millennium  
Alert").  
Richard Betts, "The Soft Underbelly of American  
Primacy: Tactical Advantages of Terrorism,"  
Political Science Quarterly, vol. 117, Spring  
2002, pp. 19-36.  
George W. Bush, "Remarks by President on Iraq,"  
Cincinnati, October 7, 2002.  
Franklin D. Roosevelt, "On Maintaining Freedom of the  
Seas," September 11, 1941.  
<http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/091141.html>  
John Bolton, "Should We Take Global Governance  
Seriously?" Chicago Journal of International Law,  
vol. 1, Fall 2000, pp. 205-21.  
Michael Williams, "What is the National Interest? The  
Neoconservative Challenge in IR Theory," European  
Journal of International Relations, vol. 11,  
September 2005, pp. 307-37.

#### 12. The Future of World Politics (April 30-May 5).

Art and Jervis, pp. 369-450, 495-525, 532-66, 581-86.  
Clifford Bob, "Merchants of Morality," Foreign Policy,  
March/April 2002, pp. 36-45.  
Daphne Eviatas, "Profits at Gunpoint," The Nation, June

- 30, 2003, pp. 16-17.
- Jonathan Steele, "Ukraine's Untold Story," *ibid*,  
December 20, 2004, pp. 4-6.
- Nicholas Thompson, "Africa's Expat Politics," Foreign  
Policy, September/October 2003, p. 91.
- Azar Gat, "The Return of Authoritarian Capitalism,"  
Foreign Affairs, vol 86, July/August 2007, pp. 59-  
70.
- Charles Kupchan and Peter Trubowitz, "Grand Strategy  
for a Divided America," Foreign Affairs, vol. 86,  
July/August 2007, pp. 71-85.
- Victor Cha, "Winning Asia," Foreign Affairs, vol. 86,  
November/December 2007, pp. 98-113.
- Robert Chapman, "Reflections of Terrorism: A  
Sideline View," International Journal of  
Intelligence and Counterintelligence, vol. 12,  
Summer 1999, pp. 207-26.

May 5: third quiz; final handed out--due May 15, at 5:00 PM  
put under my door (1333 IAB).