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### PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL THEORY

Books to be bought: *Waltz, Theory of International Politics (1979)* and *Sagan and Waltz The Spread of Nuclear Weapons (2002)*.

Other required readings, marked with double asterisks, are on reserve in Lehman Library and are available electronically.

#### Part I Theory

2 weeks

- \* 1. K. Waltz, *Theory of International Politics* (1979), ch.1.
- \*\* 2. K. Waltz, "Realist Thought and Neorealist Theory," *Journal of International Affairs*, 44 (Spring/Summer 1990).
- 3. A. Stinchcombe, *Constructing Social Theories* (1968).
- \*\* 4. R. Rogowski and S. Tarrow, and G. King, R. Keohane, and S. Verba, *American Political Science Review*, 89 (June 1995), 467-81.
- 5. G. King, R. Keohane, and S. Verba, *Designing Social Inquiry*, ch. 1.
- \*\* 6. I. Lakatos, "Falsification and the Methodology of Scientific Research Programmes," in I. Lakatos and A. Musgrave, eds., *Criticism and the Growth of Knowledge* (1970), 100-3, 115-22, 173-80.
- \*\* 7. K. Waltz, "Assaying Theories: Reflections on Imre Lakatos," in Elmans, eds., *Progress in IR Theory* (2003).
- 8. A. Danto and S. Morgenbesser, eds., *Philosophy of Science* (1960).

#### Part II Reductionist Theories of International Relations

2 weeks

- \* 1. K. Waltz, *Theory of International Politics*, ch. 2.
- 2. K. Waltz, *Man, The State, and War* (1959), chs. 2, 4.
- \*\*3. J. Hobson, *Imperialism* (1902, 3<sup>rd</sup> rev. ed., 1938), Introduction and Part I
- 4. V.I. Lenin, *Imperialism* (1917).
- 5. E. Staley, *War and the Private Investor* (1935), 40-62, 195-203, 455-66.
- 6. H. Magdoff, *The Age of Imperialism* (1969), chs. 1, 2, 5.
- \*\* 7. J. Schumpeter, "The Sociology of Imperialism," in *Imperialism and Social*

*Classes* (1955).

- \*\* 8. M. Greene, "Schumpeter's Imperialism," *Social Research*, XIX (December 1952, 453-63).
- 9. R. Aron, "War and Industrial Society," in L. Bramson and G. Goethals, eds., *War* (1968).
- 10. R. Robinson and J. Gallagher, *Africa and the Victorians* (1961).

Part III Systemic Theories of International Relations

3 weeks

- 1. Thucydides, *Complete Writings*.
- \* 2. Machiavelli, *The Prince* and *The Discourses*.
- 3. F. Meinecke, *Machiavellism* (1924), Introduction.
- \*\* 4. Hobbes, *Leviathan*, chs. 13-26.
- \*\* 5. R. Jervis, "Cooperation Under The Security Dilemma," *World Politics*, 30 (January 1978).
- 6. G. Allison, *Essence of Decision* (1971), ch. 1.
- \*\* 7. R. Jervis, *Perception and Misperception in International Politics* (1976), ch. 1.
- \*\* 8. A. Kahn, "The Tyranny of Small Decisions," in B. Russett, ed., *Economic Theories of International Politics* (1968).
- 9. M. G. Smith, "A Structural Approach to Comparative Politics," in D. Easton, ed., *Varieties of Political Theory* (1966). Or Smith, "On Segmentary Lineage Systems," *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*, LXXXVI, Part 2 (July/December 1955/56).
- \*\* 10. S. Nadel, *The Theory of Social Structure* (1957), chs. I, VI (1-19, 125-52).
- 11. A. Rapoport, "Foreward," and A. Rapoport and W. Horvath, "Thoughts on Organization Theory," in W. Buckley, ed., *Modern Systems Research for the Behavioral Scientist* (1968), xiii-xxii, 71-80. Also see Bertalanffy (11-30), Hall and Fagen (81-92), and Ashby (108-18).
- \*\* 12. R. Park, "The Social Function of War," in Bramson and Goethals, eds., *War*.
- 13. H. Bull, *The Anarchical Society* (1977).
- \* 14. K. Waltz, *Theory of International Politics*, chs. 4-6.
- \*\* 15. J. Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics*, (2001) ch. 2.
- 16. H. Morgenthau, *Politics Among Nations* (1954, 1960, or 1967 eds.), chs. 11-14.

17. M. Wight, "The Balance of Power," and H. Butterfield, "The Balance of Power," in Butterfield and Wight, eds., *Diplomatic Investigations* (1966).
- \*\* 18. G. Snyder, *Alliance Politics* (1997), 49-54, 136-44, 155-61.
19. M. Fischer, "Feudal Europe, 800-1300," *International Organization (IO)*, 46 (Spring 1992).
- \*\* 20. G. Blainey, *The Causes of War* (1973), ch. 8.
- \*\* 21. J.L. Gaddis, "International Relations Theory and the End of the Cold War," *International Security* 17 (Winter 1992/93), 5-18, 29-58.

Part IV Other Theories and Approaches

A. National Interdependence and Liberal Institutionalism

2 weeks

- \*\* 1. R. Keohane and J. Nye, *Power and Interdependence* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1989), Part I and Afterword.
2. D. Baldwin, "Interdependence and Power," *IO*, 30 (Spring 1980).
- \* 3. K. Waltz, *Theory of International Politics*, ch. 7.
4. J. Grieco, "Anarchy and the Limits of Cooperation," *IO*, 42 (Summer 1988), reprinted in D. Baldwin, ed., *Neorealism and Neoliberalism* (1993).
- \*\* 5. J. Mearsheimer, "The False Promise of International Institutions," *International Security* 19 (Winter 1994/95), 14-26.
- \*\* 6. R. Keohane and L. Martin, "The Promise of Institutional Theory," *International Security* 20 (Summer 1995).
- \*\* 7. J. Thomson and S. Krasner, "Global Transactions and the Consolidation of Sovereignty," in E. Czempiel and J. Rosenau, eds., *Global Changes and Theoretical Challenges* (1989).
8. R. Powell, "Anarchy in International Relations Theory: The Neorealist-Neoliberal Debate," *IO*, 48 (Spring 1994).
- \*\* 9. D. Deudney, and G. J. Ikenberry, "Realism, Structural Liberalism, and the Western Order," in Mastanduno and Kapstein, eds., *Unipolar Politics* (1999), ch. 4.

B. Constructivism and the Transformation of International Politics

2 weeks

- \*\* 1. J. Mearsheimer, "The False Promise of International Institutions," *International Security*, Vol. 19, No. 3. (Winter, 1994-1995), 37-47.
- \*\* 2. A. Wendt, *Social Theory of International Politics* (1999), ch. 7.

3. A. Wendt, "Anarchy Is What States Make Of It," *IO*, 46 (Spring 1992).
  - \*\* 4. D. Copeland, "The Constructivist Challenge to Structural Realism," *International Security* 25, 2 (Fall 2000).
  5. R. N. Lebow, "The Long Peace, the End of the Cold War, and the Failure of Realism," *IO*, 48 (Spring 1994).
  6. P. Katzenstein, *Cultural Norms and National Security* (1996), ch. 2.
  7. Jennifer Lind, "Pacifism or Passing the Buck," *International Security* , 29 (Summer 2004).
  - \*\*8. S. Sagan, "Culture, Strategy, and Selection in International Politics," unpublished paper.
  9. W. Wohlforth, "Realism and the End of the Cold War," *International Security*, 19 (Winter 1994/95).
  10. S. Strange, *Retreat of the State* (1996).
- C. War and Peace in the New Millenium  
2 weeks
- \*\* 1. M. Doyle, "Kant, Liberal Legacies, and Foreign Affairs," *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, 12 (Fall 1983), excerpted in R. Art and R. Jervis, eds., *International Politics* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed., 1992), 56-69.
  2. J. Owen, "How Liberalism Produces Democratic Peace," *International Security*, 19 (Fall 1994).
  - \*\* 3. W. Thompson, "Democracy and Peace: Putting the Cart Before the Horse," *IO*, 50 (Winter 1996), 141-51, 171-74.
  4. C. Layne, "Kant or Cant?" *International Security*, 19 (Fall 1994).
  - \*\* 5. C. Layne, "Lord Palmerston and the Triumph of Realism," in M.F. Elman, ed., *Paths to Peace* (1997), 38-43.
  - \*\* 6. I. Oren, "The Subjectivity of the Democratic Peace," *International Security*, 20 (Fall 1995).
  7. E. Mansfield and J. Snyder, "Democratization and the Danger of War," *International Security*, 20 (Summer 1995).
  - \*\* 8. J. Mueller, "Is War Still Becoming Obsolete?" Paper, APSA Annual Meeting (1991), 2-10, 20-22, 49-55.
  9. M. Creveld, *The Transformation of War* (1991).
  - \* 10. S. Sagan and K. Waltz, *The Spread of Nuclear Weapons* (2002).