

Course Outline

Government 334 International Security in a Changing World

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Note: This outline should not be used by students currently enrolled in this course. The current schedule, assigned readings, and requirements are available to enrolled students on the course Moodle.

For information on my grading policies, expectations, and the drop/add wait list process, see <http://dfoyle.faculty.wesleyan.edu/>.

Course Description

Although we no longer fear central threat of global nuclear war that infused the Cold War, we now face a myriad number of threats that appear to belie easy solutions. This course considers alternative ways to conceive of "international security" and how differences in these perspectives can affect our response to international threats. The course focuses on the relationship between force and international security, the prospects for peace and conflict in specific regions of the world such as Asia, Latin America, and Africa and some vexing issues such as terrorism, nuclear proliferation, nationalism and ethnic conflict, economics, environmental issues, and disease.

Requirements and Course Grading

Grades will be based on: (1) a take-home final (35%), (2) 2 essay papers (20% each), and (3) participation (25%).

Class periods will be devoted to a mixture of lecture and discussion. Students must come to class prepared to discuss the day's assigned reading.

Essays and Final Exam

Essays: You must write one essay from the first part of the course and one essay from the second part of the course (see schedule for due dates). You may turn in your essay paper at any point up until the deadline. Students may respond to any of the daily discussion questions. Students may construct a topic of their own choosing with permission of the instructor.

Each paper should be between 2000-3000 words in length. (That is approximately 5-8 pages in length using Times New Roman 11 point font). Turn it in on the Moodle.

Take-home Final: The essay has a page limit of 2500-3000 words (about 10 pages). My expectation is that answers should be written in the format of an essay from an in-class final, but with higher expectations in terms of editing (spelling, grammar, etc.). You do not need to footnote anything. No reference to material from outside the course is expected, but you may consult any source you wish (except for other people). Given space constraints, it would be best not to quote any of the readings verbatim, but references to them will be expected. Be sure to integrate the concepts from the course into your answers.

Excused (no penalty) late exams will be allowed only for significant and verifiable personal emergencies. No unpenalized extensions will be granted due to the pressures of academic life (such as work due in other classes) so plan accordingly.

Unexcused late exams will be penalized 3 points out of 100 on the assignment in question for each day it is late (every full 24 hours from the due time is a one grade step). Please inform me immediately through e-mail that your exam will be late under this provision. No unexcused late exams will be accepted after 7 days.

Participation

Participation will be evaluated based upon the student's contribution to discussion, responsiveness to other students, and quality of insight. Class attendance is a basic requirement of the participation grade.

Readings

There are two books for purchase.

Dan Caldwell and Robert E. Williams, Jr. Seeking Security in an Insecure World, 3rd edition. ISBN: 1442252146

Example Schedule

Differing Conceptions

Day 1: Overview of course

Day 2: What is International Security? Part 1

Caldwell & Williams, Preface to Third, Second, and First Editions, Chapter 1 "The Meaning of Security Today."

Frank Trager, "Introduction to the Study of National Security," in National Security and American Society, ed. Frank Trager and Philip Kronenberg (Manhattan: University Press of Kansas, 1973), pp. 35-48.

Day 3: What is International Security? Part 2

Robert Jervis, "Cooperation Under the Security Dilemma," World Politics 30 (January 1978): 186-214.

Roland Paris, "Human Security: Paradigm Shift or Hot Air?" International Security Fall 2001.

Traditional Approaches: "National Security" and "International Security"

Day 4: Instruments and Purposes: War

Caldwell & Williams, Chapter 2 Conventional Weapons and War

Bernard Brodie, Strategy in the Missile Age, pp. 390-404.

Peter Paret, "Clausewitz," in Peter Paret, ed., Makers of Modern Strategy, pp. 196-197, 199-203, 206-207.

Ann Tickner, "Gendered Dimensions of War, Peace, and Security," Gendering International Politics, pp. 36-64.

Edward N. Luttwak, "Give War a Chance," Foreign Affairs 78 (July/August 1999): 36-44.

Day 5: Instruments and Purposes: The Uses of Force

Thomas C. Schelling, "The Diplomacy of Violence," Arms and Influence, pp. 1-34.

Robert Art, "To What Ends Military Power," International Security 4 (Spring 1980): 4-35.

Day 6: Nuclear Diplomacy

Caldwell & Williams, Chapter 3, "Nuclear Weapons, Deterrence, and Arms Control."

Fiona S. Cunningham and M. Taylor Fravel, "Assuring Assured Retaliation: China's Nuclear Posture and U.S.-China Strategic Stability," International Security, Fall 2015.

John Mueller, "The Essential Irrelevance of Nuclear Weapons," in Sean Lynn-Jones and Steven E. Miller, eds., The Cold War and After, pp. 45-69.

Ivo Daalder and Jan Lodol, "The Logic of Zero: Toward a World Without Nuclear Weapons," Foreign Affairs 87 November/December 2008.

Day 7: Economics and National Security

Caldwell & Williams, Chapter 11 "Economics and Security."

Alexandra Homolar, "The Political Economy of National Security," Review of International Political Economy (May 2010).

Jack Snyder, "Trade Expectations and Great Power Conflict -- A Review Essay," International Security Winter 2015/2016.

Douglas A. Irwin, "The Truth About Trade: What Critics Get Wrong About the Global Economy," Foreign Affairs July/August 2016.

Day 8: Great Power Relations: Structure

Nuno P. Monteiro, "Unrest Assured: Why Unipolarity is Not Peaceful" International Security, Winter 2011/2012.

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Michael Beckley, "China's Century? Why America's Edge Will Endure," International Security, Winter 2011/2012.

Stephen G. Brooks and William C. Wohlforth, "The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers in the Twenty-First Century," International Security, Winter 2015/2016.

Niall Ferguson, "Complexity and Collapse: Empires on the Edge of Chaos," Foreign Affairs, March/April 2010.

Yuen Foong Khong, "Primacy or World Order?: The United States and China's Rise -- A Review Essay," International Security Winter 2013/2014.

Day 9: Great Power Relations: Interactions

Walter Russell Mead, "The Return of Geopolitics," Foreign Affairs, May/June 2014.

G. John Ikenberry, "The Illusion of Geopolitics," Foreign Affairs, May/June 2014.

Graham Allison, "Just How Likely is Another World War: Assessing The Similarities and Difference Between 1914 and 2014," Atlantic Monthly July 30, 2014.

Graham Allison, "US-Russia relations: What would Kissinger do?" National Interest October 5, 2015.

Edward Delman, "The Link between Putin's military campaigns in Syria and Ukraine" Atlantic Monthly, October 2, 2015.

Sebastian Rosato, "The Inscrutable Intentions of Great Powers," International Security Winter 2014/2015.

Regional Security

Day 10: Regional Security as a Concept

Diehl, Lepgold, Diehl, Regional Conflict Management, pp. 1-80.

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Day 11: Asia

Adam P. Liff and G. John Ikenberry, "Racing Toward Tragedy?: China's Rise, Military Competition in the Asia Pacific, and the Security Dilemma," International Security Fall 2014.

Evelyn Goh, "Great Powers and Hierarchical Order in Southeast Asia: Analyzing Regional Security Strategies," International Security, Winter 2007/2008.

Nina Silove, "The Pivot Before the Pivot: U.S. Strategy to Preserve the Power Balance in Asia," International Security Spring 2016.

T.V. Paul South Asia's Weak States 2010 (selections)

Day 12: Middle East

Elizabeth Monier, editor, Regional Insecurity After the Arab Uprisings, 2015 (selections).

Benjamin Miller, "Balance of Power or the State-to Nation Balance: Explaining Middle East War Propensity," Security Studies Oct/Dec 2006

Day 13: Latin America

David R. Mares and Arie M. Kacowicz, eds. Routledge Handbook of Latin American Security, 2016 (selections).

Essay #1 Due

Day 14: Africa

Boaz Atzili, "When Good Fences Make Bad Neighbors: Fixed Borders, State Weakness, and International Conflict," International Security Winter 2006/2007.

Pierre Englebert and Denis M. Tull, "Postconflict Reconstruction in Africa: Flawed Ideas about Failed States," International Security Spring 2008.

David Burbach & Christopher J. Fettweis, "The Coming Stability? The Decline of Warfare in Africa and Implications for International Security," Contemporary Security Policy October 2014.

Day 15: European Security and Regional Security Conclusions

Sebastian Rosato, "Europe's Troubles: Power Politics and the State of the European Project," International Security Spring 2011.

Philip M. Breedlove, "NATO's Next Act: How to Handle Russia and Other Threats," Foreign Affairs July/August 2016.

Andrew Moravcsik, "Europe's Ugly Future," Foreign Affairs November/December 2016.

Matthias Matthijs, "Europe After Brexit: A Less Perfect Union," Foreign Affairs January/February 2017.

Cas Mudde, "Europe's Populist Surge," Foreign Affairs November/December 2016.

Diehl, Regional Conflict Management, pp. 269-282.

Alternative Approaches: Global Security and Human Security

Day 16: The Environment

Caldwell & Williams, Chapter 12, "Resources, the Environment, and Security." Homer-Dixon, "Environmental Scarcities and Violent Conflict: Evidence from Cases," International Security Summer 1994.

Hsiang, Burke, Miguel, "Qualifying the Influence of Climate on Human Conflict," Science 2013.

Bohannon, "Study Links Climate Change and Violence, Battle Ensues," Science 2013.

Gardinar Harris, "Coal Rush in India Could Tip Balance on Climate Change," New York Times November 17, 2014.

Coral Davenport, "Pentagon Signals Security Risks of Climate Change," New York Times, October 13, 2014.

"What's the Right Temperature?" Washington Post January 29, 2015.

Day 17: Flows – Migration, Water, and Oil

Fiona B. Adamson, "Crossing Borders: International Migration and National Security," International Security Summer 2006.

Roland Dannreuther, "The Struggle for Resources: Oil and Water," International Security: The Contemporary Agenda 2007.

Steven Lee Myers, "U.S. Intelligence Report Warns of Global Water Tensions," New York Times March 22, 2012.

Jeff Colgan, "Fuelling The Fire: Pathways from Oil to War," International Security Fall 2013.

Day 18: Ethnic and National Conflict

Caldwell & Williams, Chapter 10 "The State of the State: National Security and Human Security".

Michael E. Brown, "The Causes of Internal Conflict: An Overview," Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 1997), pp. 3-25.

Bormann and Hammond, "A Slippery Slope: The Domestic Diffusion of Ethnic Civil War," International Studies Quarterly December 2016.

Daniel Byman, "Understanding the Islamic State -- A Review Essay," International Security Spring 2016.

Day 19: Nuclear Proliferation

Caldwell & Williams, Chapters 4, 6, "Chemical and Biological Weapons" and "The Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction"

Nuno P. Monteiro and Alexandre Debs, "The Strategic Logic of Nuclear Proliferation," International Security Fall 2014.

Kenneth Waltz, "Peace, Stability, and Nuclear Weapons," in Robert Art and Kenneth Waltz, eds. The Use of Force 5th edition (New York: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 1999): 357-371.

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Scott Sagan, "Why Nuclear Spread is Dangerous," in Robert Art and Kenneth Waltz, eds. The Use of Force 5th edition (New York: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 1999): 372-84.

Mark S. Bell, "Beyond Emboldenment: How Acquiring Nuclear Weapons Can Change Foreign Policy," International Security Summer 2015.

Day 20: Terrorism

Caldwell & Williams, Chapter 5, "The Terrorist Threat."
Andrew Kydd and Barbara Walter, "Strategies of Terrorism," International Security Summer 2006.

Audrey Kurth Cronin, "How al-Qaida Ends: The Decline and Demise of Terrorist Groups," International Security Summer 2006.

Jessica Stern, "Weapons of Mass Impact," Politics and Life Sciences 1996.

Mueller, John. "Radioactive Hype," The National Interest 91 (Sept-Oct 2007).

Cirincione, Joseph. "Cassandra's conundrum." The National Interest 92 (Nov-Dec 2007).

Allison, Graham. "The three 'nos' knows." The National Interest 92 (Nov-Dec 2007).

Day 21: Cyberthreats

Caldwell and Williams, Chapter 9, "Insecurity in Cyberspace."

Lucas Kello, "The Meaning of the Cyber Revolution: Perils to Theory and Statecraft," International Security Fall 2013.

Joseph Nye, Jr., "Deterrence and Discussion in Cyberspace," International Security, Winter 2016/2017.

Erik Gartzke, "The Myth of Cyberwar: Bringing War in Cyberspace Back Down to Earth," International Security, Fall 2013.

Day 22: Disease

Caldwell & Williams, Chapter 7, "Infectious Disease and Health Insecurity."

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Laurie Garrett, "The Next Pandemic?" Foreign Affairs July/August 2005.

Susan Peterson, Epidemic Disease and National Security," Security Studies 2002.

Jennifer Brower and Peter Chalk, The Global Threat of New and Emerging Infectious Diseases, 2003, Chapter 1 "Disease and Human Security."

Day 23: Gender

Dan Reiter, "The Positivist Study of Gender and International Relations," Journal of Conflict Resolution, 2015.

Valerie Hudson, Mary Caprioli, Bonnie Ballif-Spanville, Rose McDermott, & Chad Emmett, "The Heart of the Matter: The Security of Women and the Security of States," International Security Winter 2008/2009.

Joshua S. Goldstein, War and Gender (selections).

Richard Eichenberg, "Gender in American Public Opinion on the Use of Military force, 1982-2013," International Studies Quarterly March 2016.

Carol Cohn, "Sex and Death in the Rational World of Defense Intellectuals," Signs Summer 1987.

Day 24: Miscellaneous Worries

Caldwell & Williams, Chapter 8, "Transnational Criminal Organizations and Trafficking"

Charli Carpenter, "The Top 12 Emerging Human Security Issues of the Next Decade," Duck of Minerva January, 4, 2010.

Nadelmann, Ethan. "Drugs" Foreign Policy 162 (Sept-Oct 2007).

Mark L. Haas, "A Geriatric Peace? The Future of U.S. Power in a World of Aging Populations," International Security Summer 2007.

Day 25: The Beginning of the End

Caldwell & Williams, Chapter 13, "Seeking Security in an Insecure World."

Current DNI Threat Assessment.

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Day 26: The End – A More or Less Secure World?

Nassim Taleb, “Black Swans.” Watch: <http://youtu.be/BDbuJtAiABA>

National Intelligence Council, Global Trends 2030: Alternative Worlds, 2012, Executive Summary (i-xiv). Rest as interested.

Final Due: 2nd Day of Finals