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INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND GLOBAL POLITICS

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Course Time and Location

Tuesdays 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Thursdays 2:30-4:00 p.m.

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Tuesdays 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Wednesdays 9:30-11:00 am

or by appointment



COURSE DESCRIPTION

The aims of this course are: (1) to introduce key theories and concepts of international relations; (2) to trace the origins and evolution of the modern state as the predominant actor in world politics; and (3) to explore the dynamics of “globalization” through the lens of several contemporary issues and problems.

REQUIREMENTS

Midterm exam (October 19):	20%
Essay (due on November 23):	40%
Final exam (final exam period):	40%

READINGS

The following required texts are available for purchase at the [Agora Bookstore](#) (145 Besserer St):

John Baylis and Steve Smith, *The Globalization of World Politics*, 3rd edition (Oxford University Press, 2005)

Thomas Friedman, *The World is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-First Century* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2005)

Tarak Barkawi, *Globalization and War* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2006)

Copies of all three books are also on reserve at Morisset Library.

Students are also expected to read the world news section in one of the following newspapers every day: [New York Times](#) or [Guardian](#) or [Financial Times](#) or [Le Monde](#).

MID-TERM EXAM

The mid-term will be held in class on October 19. You will be responsible for the content of all lectures and required readings up to that date.

FINAL EXAM

The final exam will be held during the final exam period. You will be responsible for the content of all lectures and required readings in the course, including the Friedman and Barkawi books.

ESSAY

An essay analyzing the Friedman and Barkawi books is due in class on November 23. For details of the essay assignment, see http://aix1.uottawa.ca/~rparis/Essay_POL2103B.html.

DISCUSSION SECTIONS

You will be assigned to a T.A., who will hold optional meetings for students every two weeks to discuss the readings and lectures. You will be provided with a schedule of these meetings in class.

CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM

Cheating (using unauthorized materials or giving unauthorized assistance during an examination or other academic exercise) and plagiarism (using another's ideas or words without acknowledgment) are serious offenses in a university, and may result in a failing grade for a particular assignment, a failing grade for the course, and/or suspension for various lengths of time or permanent expulsion from the university. Please familiarize yourself with the university's policies on academic fraud: http://www.uottawa.ca/academic/info/regist/fraud_e.html.



COURSE SCHEDULE

PART 1 – INTRODUCTION

Thurs, Sept 7 MAIN THEMES AND EXPECTATIONS FOR THIS COURSE

Steve Smith and John Baylis, "Introduction," in Baylis & Smith, pp. 1-13.

PART 2 – DEVELOPMENT OF THE MODERN STATES SYSTEM

Tues, Sept 12 THE IDEA OF SOVEREIGNTY

"How to Read Critically"

<http://aix1.uottawa.ca/~rparis/critical.html>

Alexander B. Murphy, "The Sovereign State System as Political-Territorial Ideal," in Thomas J. Biersteker and Cynthia Weber, eds., *State Sovereignty as a Social Construct* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996), pp. 81-120.

<http://aix1.uottawa.ca/~rparis/Murphy.pdf>

Thurs, Sept 14 THE SPREAD OF THE WESTPHALIAN MODEL

Robert H. Jackson and Patricia Owens, "The Evolution of International Society," in Baylis & Smith, chap. 2.

- Tues, Sept 19 THE BALANCE OF POWER AND THE CONCERT OF EUROPE**
- Richard B. Elrod, "The Concert of Europe: A Fresh Look at an International System," *World Politics* 28:2 (January 1976), pp. 159-174.
[Link to JSTOR](#) (from a UOttawa computer)
- Thurs, Sept 21 THE WORLD WARS AND THE TOTAL STATE**
- Susan Carruthers, "International History, 1900-1945," in Baylis & Smith, chap. 3.
- George Orwell, *1984* (read chapter 1 only).
<http://www.online-literature.com/orwell/1984/1/>
- Tues, Sept 26 THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, THE UNITED NATIONS, AND THE COLD WAR**
- Len Scott, "International History, 1945-1990," in Baylis & Smith, chap. 4.
- Covenant of the League of Nations (read articles 8 and 10-17).
<http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/leagcov.htm>
- Charter of the United Nations (read *chapters* 1, 6 and 7).
<http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/un/unchart.htm>
- Thurs, Sept 28 THE POST-COLD WAR WORLD**
- Michael Cox, "From the Cold War to the War on Terror," in Baylis & Smith, chap 6.
- Robert Kagan, "Power and Weakness," *Policy Review* 113 (June/July 2002).
http://www.policyreview.org/jun02/kagan_print.html

PART 3 – THEORIES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- Tues, Oct 3 REALISM**
- Tim Dunne and Brian C. Schmidt, "Realism" in Baylis & Smith, chap 7.
- Kenneth N. Waltz, "Structural Realism After the Cold War," *International Security* 25:1 (Summer 2000), pp. 5-41.
[Link to JSTOR](#) (from a UOttawa computer)

Thurs, Oct 5 LIBERALISM

Tim Dunne, "Liberalism," in Baylis & Smith, chap 8.

Bruce Russett and John Oneal, *Trangulating Peace: Democracy, Interdependence and International Organizations*, read only chapter 1, "International Systems: Vicious Circles and Virtuous Circles."
<http://aix1.uottawa.ca/~rparis/Russett&Oneal.PDF>

Tues, Oct 10 DIGRESSION: NEOCONSERVATISM AND THE "BUSH DOCTRINE"

Charles Krauthammer, "The Neoconservative Convergence," *Commentary* (July 5, 2005).
<http://www.frontpagemag.com/Articles/Printable.asp?ID=18654>

John Mearsheimer, "Hans Morgenthau and the Iraq War: Realism Versus Neo-Conservatism," *opendemocracy.com*, posted May 19, 2005.
<http://mearsheimer.uchicago.edu/pdfs/A0037.pdf>

Fareed Zakaria's review of George Packer's book, *The Assassin's Gate*, in the *New York Times*, October 30, 2005.
[Link](#)

Thurs, Oct 12 CONSTRUCTIVISM

Michael Barnett, "Social Constructivism" in Baylis & Smith, chap 11.

Tues, Oct 17 MARXIST, FEMINIST AND POST-MODERNIST THEORIES

Stephen Hobden, "Marxist Theories of International Relations" in Baylis & Smith, chap 10.

Steve Smith and Patricia Owens, "Alternative Approaches to International Theory" in Baylis & Smith, chap. 12, read only pp. 273-275 and 280(middle)-287.

Thurs, Oct 19 MIDTERM EXAM

The exam will cover all of the lectures and required readings up to this day.

PART 4 – GLOBALIZATION AND THE WESTPHALIAN SYSTEM

Tues, Oct 24 WHAT IS GLOBALIZATION?

Anthony McGrew, "Globalization and Global Politics" in Baylis & Smith, chap 1.

- Thurs, Oct 26** **ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION**
- Jan Aart Scholte, "Global Trade and Finance" in Baylis & Smith, chap 27.
- Glen Hodgson, "Trade in Evolution: The Emergence of Integrative Trade," Export Development Canada (March 2004).
http://www.edc.ca/english/docs/Canadian_Benefits_030104_e.pdf
- Tues, Oct 31** **GLOBALIZATION AND POVERTY**
- Caroline Thomas, "Poverty, Development and Hunger" in Baylis & Smith, chap 29.
- Jeffery Sachs, "Can Extreme Poverty Be Eliminated?" *Scientific American* (August 22, 2005).
http://www.sciam.com/print_version.cfm?articleID=000E4C4C-F093-1304-ABA283414B7F0000
- Thurs, Nov 2** **NO LECTURE**
- Tues, Nov 7** **THE INFORMATION REVOLUTION**
- Jonathan D. Aronson, "Causes and Consequences of the Communications and Internet Revolution," in Baylis & Smith, chap 28.
- Manuel Castells, "Toward a Sociology of the Network Society," *Contemporary Sociology* 29:5 (Sept 2000), pp. 693-699.
[Link to JSTOR](#) (from a UOttawa computer)
- Thurs, Nov 9** **TRANSNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND NGOS**
- Owen Greene, "Environmental Issues," in Baylis & Smith, chap 20.
- Paul Wapner, "Politics Beyond the State," *World Politics* 47:3 (April 1995), pp. 311-340.
[Link to JSTOR](#) (from a Uottawa computer)
- Tues, Nov 14** **DIPLOMACY IN A GLOBALIZING WORLD (Guest lecture by Michael Kergin, Canada's former ambassador to the U.S.)**
- Brian White, "Diplomacy" in Baylis & Smith, chap 17.
- Thurs, Nov 16** **NO LECTURE**
- Tues, Nov 21** **GLOBALIZATION AND CULTURE**
- Arjun Appadurai, "Disjuncture and Difference in the Global Cultural Economy," *Theory, Culture and Society* 7:2 (June 1990), pp. 295-310.
[Link to CSA](#) (from a UOttawa computer)

Thurs, Nov 23 TRANSNATIONAL TERRORISM (ESSAYS DUE AT TODAY'S LECTURE)

James D. Kiras, "Terrorism and Globalization" in Baylis & Smith, chap 21.

Robert Pape, "The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism," *American Political Science Review* 97:3 (August 2003), pp. 343-361.
[Link to Scholars Portal](#) (from a UOttawa computer)

Tues, Nov 28 FAILED AND FRAGILE STATES

Roland Paris, "International Peacebuilding and the 'Mission Civilisatrice'," Review of *International Studies* 28:4 (October 2002), pp. 637-56.
http://aix1.uottawa.ca/~rparis/RIS_Oct_2002.pdf

PART 5 – CONCLUSION: LOOKING AHEAD

Thurs, Nov 30 GLOBALIZATION AND ITS DISCONTENTS

Martin Wolf, "Will Globalization Survive?" *World Economics* 6:1 (Oct-Dec 2005), pp. 1-10.
<http://aix1.uottawa.ca/~rparis/wolf2005.pdf>

David Brooks, "The Jagged World," *New York Times* (Sept 3, 2006).
<http://aix1.uottawa.ca/~rparis/brooks.html>

Tues, Dec 5 TOWARDS A POST-WESTPHALIAN SYSTEM?

Andrew Linklater, "Globalization and the Transformation of Political Community," in Baylis & Smith, chap. 32.

**FINAL EXAM: during the exam period
(time and location will be announced in class)**
