

**POLI 4048: Internal Conflict and Cooperation
Fall 2018**

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of international conflict, such as the role of military power and alliances, the sources of threat credibility in deterrence and coercive bargaining, and other theories. We conclude the class with an examination of issues such as U.S. grand strategies, the problem of terrorism, the ethics of force, and peacekeeping and peacemaking. The goal is not only to familiarize you with the theoretical approaches to international conflict and cooperation, but also to develop the skills to analytically and critically approach the literature in this area.

Reading Materials

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TopHat
We will be using the Top Hat (www.tophat.com) classroom response system in class. You will be able to submit answers to in-class questions using Apple or Android smartphones and tablets,

Course Requirements and Grading Scheme

The final grade in this course will be based on three main components: (1) two in-class examinations, (2) Four in-class quizzes, and (3) class participation.

1. Two in-class midterm examinations (35%)

- The exams will be a combination of short-answer identification/definition questions and essay questions. Each exam will be worth a total of 35% of the student's final grade. Questions will be based on the student's comprehension of both the assigned reading materials and the class lectures.

2. Four in-class quizzes (20%)

- The quizzes are multiple choice and the questions will be based on the class readings and lectures. The dates of the quizzes are: (1) 10/4 (di) -10/21 (he) -7 (e) 4 (s) 9 (.) -10 () -10 (T) -9 (O

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C. Schedule and Readings

September 25-27

CRISIS BARGAINING

Schelling, Thomas. 1966. *Arms and Influence*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.

—Read Chapter 1: “The Diplomacy of Violence”

Fearon, James D. 1995. “Rationalist Explanations for War.” *International Organization* 49 (Summer): 379-414.

October 2-11

STRATEGIC BARGAINING AND DETERRENCE

Schelling, Thomas. 1966. *Arms and Influence*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.

—Read Chapter 2: “The Art of Commitment”

Danilovic, Vesna. 2002. *When the Stakes Are High: Deterrence and Conflict among Major Powers*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.

—Read Chapter 1: “Introduction” and Chapter 3: “Deterrence and Conflict”

***** NOTE: NO CLASS ON OCTOBER 4 (FALL HOLIDAY)**

<p style="text-align: center;">EXAM #1 Tuesday , October 16</p>

October 18-23

DOMESTIC POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT

Doyle, Michael W. 1986. “Liberalism and World Politics.” *American Political Science Review* 80 (4): 1151-69.

Russett, Bruce and John Oneal. 2001. *Triangulating Peace: Democracy, Interdependence, and International Organizations*.

Cronin, Audrey Kurth. 2002/03. "Behind the Curve: Globalization and International Terrorism." *International Security* 27 (3): 30-58.
Mueller, John. 2006. "Is There Still a Terrorist Threat?" *Foreign Affairs* 85 (5): 2-8.

November 13-15

ETHICS AND FORCE

Skidelsky, Robert. 2004. "The Just War Tradition." *Prospect*, December 2004.
Myers, Robert J. 1996. "Notes on the Just War Theory: Whose Justice, Which Wars?" *Ethics & International Affairs* 10 (1): 115-130.
Crawford, Neta C. 2003. "Just War Theory and the U.S. Counterterror War." *Perspectives on Politics* 1 (1): 5-25.

November 20-27

PEACEKEEPING AND PEACEBUILDING

Goulding, Marrack. 1993. "The Evolution of United Nations Peacekeeping." *International Affairs* 69 (3): 451-464.
Stedman, Stephen John. 1997. "Spoiler Problems in Peace Processes." *International Security* 22 (2): 5-53.
Prunier, Gérard, 2006. "The Politics of Death in Darfur." *Current History* 105 (May): 195-202.

***** NOTE: NO CLASS ON NOVEMBER 22 (THANKSGIVING)**

November 29

REVIEW

<p>EXAM #2 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 3:00 – 5:00 p</p>
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~ Have a Good Winter Break ~