



puzzle/issue/contradiction & similar, directly drawn from the required readings for that week, and suggest the directions for discussing it. You don't always need to provide your own position, but you should do it in one of these three discussion points. Taken together, your three discussion points must be clearly grounded on each and all of the specific readings assigned for that week. Be specific in referring to the readings, that is, you need to properly cite (not quote!) the readings and the page numbers on which the issue is presented by the author(s) to demonstrate that you correctly interpreted it on your own. Only one discussion point can be based on a single reading (though not desirable, but if you really must), while the remaining two discussion points (or even preferably all three) should compare and contrast at least 2 readings concerning the identified puzzle/issue, i.e., properly identifying their similarities and/or differences, so that in the end all required readings assigned for that week are presented in your discussion points. For a good grade, avoid generic questions such as "What do you think about it?"

You must email me a hard copy of your discussion points, typed on one single-spaced page, by noon on Wednesday in the same week for that topic in our Thursday class. The failure to submit them on time, i.e., by noon on Wednesday at the latest, will automatically result in a grade penalty and no late submissions will be accepted. The grade will be based on the accuracy of your interpretations of all the assigned weekly readings and the quality of your questions/talking points.

- Each student will select one volume from the list of books pertinent to the course, write a brief review (2 double-spaced pages), and present it thoroughly in class (December 3). An electronic copy in Mopy in '55Wropy e a



## **Scholarly Journals**

Students should be familiar with these journals and are expected to read them regularly:

*International Studies Quarterly*

*Journal of Conflict Resolution*

*International Organization*

*Journal of Peace Research*

*Conflict Management and Peace Science*

*Security Studies*

*International Interactions*

*International Security*

and articles on international politics in more general journals in the discipline:

*American Political Science Review*

*American Journal of Political Science*

*Journal of Politics*

*World Politics*

*British Journal of Political Science*

All these

## **COURSE SCHEDULE AND REQUIRED READINGS**

### **Week 1: August 27**

#### **COURSE INTRODUCTION**

No readings but start reading ahead for Week 2.

### **Week 2: September 3**

#### **SCIENTIFIC FOUNDATIONS & RESEARCH PROGRESS**

Diesing, Paul. 1991. "Popper and His Followers" and "Kuhn and Stegmuller." In *How Does Social Science Work? Reflections on Practice*, Paul Diesing. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, Chs. 2, 3: Part I on Kuhn (pp. 29-65). \*Moodle

Elman, Colin, and Miriam Fendius Elman. 2002. "How Not to Be Lakatos Intolerant: Appraising Progress in IR Research."

**Week 5: September 24**

**Session 1: LIBERALISM & NEOLIBERALISM**

Keohane, Robert. O. 1989. "Neoliberal Institutionalism: A Perspective on World Politics." In *International Institutions and State Power*. Boulder: Westview Press, pp. 1-20. \*Moodle

Milner Helen. 1991. "The Assumption of Anarchy in International Relations Theory: A Critique." *Review of International Studies* 17 (1): 67-85.

**Week 8: October 15**

**BARGAINING (SIGNALING) APPROACHES TO CONFLICT**

Fearon, James D. 1997. "Signaling Foreign Policy Interests: Tying Hands versus Sinking Costs."  
*Journal of Conflict Resolution* 41 (1): 68–90.

Fearon, James D. 1998. "Bargaining, Enforcement, and International Cooperation." *International Organization* 52 (2): 269-305.

**Week 13: November 19**  
**THEORY & POLICY: DEBATE**

**Week 14: November 26**  
**NO CLASS – Thanksgiving Holiday**

**Week 15: December 3**  
**STUDENT BOOK READING SELECTIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

**TAKE-HOME EXAM**  
**Take-home exam will be given in class on December 3 – it is due by 4 pm on December 10 (Tuesday)**

*~Have a Nice Winter~*