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***Course Description***

This seminar is a graduate-level introduction to the study of international relations. The goal of the course is to expose you to the core literatures of the field and to help you develop a foundation to serve you throughout your future coursework and research. As such, we will cover a large selection of readings in order to survey the field.

It is impossible, however, to engage in a comprehensive survey of the field in one semester. We will focus here on the theoretical contributions of the literature and the issues related to testing these theories. The readings strike a balance between the major traditional theoretical debates and contemporary developments.

No prior experience with international relations is required to take this course, although a basic familiarity with the subject at the undergraduate level would occasionally be helpful. Some of the materials covered herein are technical (using formal theories &/or econometrics). While I assume that you may not be familiar with these research tools, I do expect that you will become familiar with them in this course.

***Requirements***

***Participation:***

Students are expected to complete the assigned reading each week according to the topic covered. If participation is bountiful, class discussions will be informal. If the need arises, students may be asked to prepare and present a synthesis of the week's readings to spark discussion. *Class participation will count for 20% of the final grade.*

***Papers:***

Each student will write six weekly papers that synthesize the readings. These papers should be roughly 3-5 pages in length, and should go beyond simply reviewing the materials. Students can choose which readings they wish to cover throughout the semester. *These papers are each worth 5% of the final grade.*

***Exam:***

There will be a final exam. The exam will be structured to resemble the comprehensive exams. The exam will be in a take-home format. *The exam is worth 50% of the final grade.*

## ***Readings***

All participants in the seminar are expected to do the required readings. The course is a seminar, so it is imperative that you do the readings before class begins and come prepared to discuss them. Come with questions, thoughts, criticisms, and ideas. This material will serve as the foundation for your initial work in the field. The goal is not to memorize, but to use the readings to start thinking about problems in world politics and the way it is studied.

### ***Texts:***

Baldwin, David, editor. 1993. *Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate*. Columbia University Press.

Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce, Alastair Smith, Randolph M. Siverson, and James D. Morrow. 2003. *The Logic of Political Survival*. MIT Press.

Keohane, Robert. 1986. *Neorealism and its Critics*. Columbia University Press.

Lake, David A. & Robert Powell, eds. 1999. *Strategic Choice and International Relations*. Princeton University Press.

Powell, Robert O. 1999. *In the Shadow of Power*. Princeton University Press.

Schelling, Thomas C. 1963 *The Strategy of Conflict*, New York: Galaxy Books.

\*\*\*The rest of the readings are in article format. \*\*\*

## *Schedule of Readings*

### **Week 1: Introduction: Thinking Theoretically about IR (8/19)**

#### *Required:*

- Zinnes, Dina. 1980. "Three Puzzles in Search of a Researcher." *International Studies Quarterly* 24 (3): 315-42.
- Jervis, Robert. 2002. "Theories of War in an Era of Leading-Power Peace." *American Political Science Review* 96 (1): 1-14.
- Walt, Stephen M. 2005. "The Relationship between Theory and Policy in International Relations." *Annual Review of Political Science* 8: 23-48.

#### *Recommended:*

- Brecher, Michael. 1999. "International Studies in the Twentieth Century and Beyond: Flawed Dichotomies, Synthesis, Cumulation." *International Studies Quarterly* 43 (June):213-264.
- Osiander, Andreas. 1998. "Rereading Early Twentieth-Century IR Theory: Idealism Revisited." *International Studies Quarterly* 42(September): 409-432.
- Mansbach, Richard and Y. Ferguson, *The Elusive Quest: Theory and International Politics*
- Mansbach, Richard W., and John A. Vasquez. 1981. *In Search of Theory: A New Paradigm for Global Politics*. New York: Cornell University Press.
- Schmidt, Brian C. 1998. "Lessons from the Past: Reassessing the Interwar Disciplinary History of International Relations." *International Studies Quarterly* 42 (September): 433-460.
- Kent, R. C., and G. P. Nielsson. 1980. *The Study and Teaching of International Relations*. New York: Nichols Publishing Co. Chapters 1 and 2.
- Hedley Bull, "International Theory: The Case for the Classical Approach," *World Politics* (August 1966), pp. 361-77. (Also in Klaus Knorr and James Rosenau, eds., *Contending Approaches to International Politics*, pp. 20-38.)
- Olson, William, and Nicholas Onuf. 1985. "The Growth of a Discipline: Reviewed." in Smith, Steve, ed. *International Relations: British and American Perspectives*. Oxford: Basil Blackwell.
- Easton, David "The New Revolution in Political Science," *American Political Science Review*, LXIII. No. 4 (December 1969), pp. 1051-61.
- Finifter, Ada. *Political Science: The State of the Discipline*, 2nd ed.
- Holsti, K. J. *The Dividing Discipline: Hegemony and Diversity in International Theory*.
- Jervis, Robert. "The Future of World Politics, Will It Resemble the Past?" *International Security* 16 (Winter 1991-92), pp. 39-73.
- Kostecki, W. "A Marxist Paradigm of International Relations," *International Studies Notes*, Vol. 12, No. 1, Fall 1985.
- Collier, David, and James Mahoney. 1996. "Insights and Pitfalls: Selection Bias in Qualitative Research." *World Politics* 49:56-91.
- Kuhn, Thomas S. 1970. *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*.

Russett, Bruce. 1970. "International Behavior Research: Case Studies and Cumulation." in M. Haas and H. S. Kariel, eds. *Approaches to the Study of Political Science*. San Francisco: Chandler.

## **Wek 2: Realism & Neo-Realism (8/26)**

### *Required:*

Keohane, Robert O. 1986. *Neorealism and its Critics*. Columbia University Press.

### *Recommended:*

*Origins, Extensions, and Critiques of Realism, Neo-Realism, and Balance of Power, :*

Hobbes, Thomas. "On the Natural Condition of Mankind." from *Leviathan*.

Thucydides. "The Melian Dialogue." *The Peloponnesian War*.

Carr, E.H. *The Twenty Years' Crisis*

Gulick, Edward Vose. 1967. *Europe's Classical Balance of Power*. New York: W. W. Norton & Company.

Morgenthau, Hans J. 1956. *Politics Among Nations* 2nd ed. Alfred A. Knopf.

Claude, Inis. *Power and International Relations*.

Knorr, Klaus. 1956. *The War Potential of Nations*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Wayman, Frank. 1984. "Bipolarity and War." *Journal of Peace Research* 21:61-78.

Keohane, Robert. *Neorealism and Its Critics*.

Mastanduno, Michael, David A. Lake, and G. John Ikenberry. 1989. "Toward a Realist Theory of State Action." *International Studies Quarterly* 33:457-474.

Schroeder, Paul. 1994. "Historical Reality vs. Neo-realist Theory." *International Security* 19:108-148.

Powell, Robert. 1996. "Stability and the Distribution of Power." *World Politics* 48: 239-267.

Fozouni, Bahman. 1995. "Confutation of Political Realism." *International Studies Quarterly* 39:479-510.

Vasquez, John A., Kenneth N. Waltz, Thomas J. Christensen and Jack Snyder, Colin Elman and Miriam Fendius Elman, Randall L. Schweller, and Stephen M. Walt. 1998. Series of 6 articles in a Forum on Realism as a research program *American Political Science Review* 91 (December).

### *Empirical Work:*

Levy, Jack S. 1987. "Declining Power and the Preventive Motivation for War." *World Politics* 40:82-107.

Kim, Woosang. 1989. "Power, Alliance, and Major Wars, 1816-1975." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 33:255-273.

Wayman, Frank W., J. David Singer, and Gary Goertz. 1983. "Capabilities, Allocations, and Success in Militarized Disputes and Wars, 1816-1976." *International Studies Quarterly* 27:497-515.

Moul, William Brian. 1988. "Balances of Power and the Escalation to War of Serious Disputes among the European Great Powers, 1815-1939: Some Evidence." *American Journal of Political Science* 32:241-275.

- Huth, Paul, D. Scott Bennett, and Christopher Gelpi. 1992. "System Uncertainty, Risk Propensity, and International Conflict Among the Great Powers." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 36:478-517.
- Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce. 1978. "Systemic Polarization and the Occurrence and Duration of War." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 22:241-267.
- Sample, Susan G. 1998. "Military Buildups, War, and Realpolitik: a Multivariate Model." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 42 (April): 156-175.
- Alliances are often considered a key part of realist power politics.*
- Gibler, Douglas M., and John A Vasquez. 1998. "Uncovering the Dangerous Alliances, 1495-1980." *International Studies Quarterly* 42 (December): 785-808.
- Altfeld, Michael F. 1984. "The Decision to Ally: A Theory and Test." *Western Political Quarterly* 37:523-544.
- Barnett, Michael N., and Jack S. Levy. 1991. "Domestic Sources of Alliances and Alignments: The Case of Egypt, 1962-73." *International Organization* 45:369-395.
- Gaubatz, Kurt Taylor. "Democratic States and Commitment in International Relations." *International Organization*.
- Holsti, Ole R., P. Terrence Hopmann, and John D. Sullivan. 1973. *Unity and Disintegration in International Alliances: Comparative Studies*. New York: John Wiley & Sons.
- Lalman, David, and David Newman. 1991. "Alliance Formation and National Security." *International Interactions* 16:239-253.
- Morrow, James D. 1991. "Alliances and Asymmetry: An Alternative to the Capability Aggregation Model of Alliances." *American Journal of Political Science* 35:904-933.
- Olson, Mancur. 1965. *The Logic of Collective Action*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.
- Olson, Mancur, and Richard Zeckhauser. 1966. "An Economic Theory of Alliances." *The Review of Economics and Statistics* 48:266-279.
- Oren, Ido. 1990. "The War Proneness of Alliances." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 34:208-233.
- Riker, William H. 1962. *The Theory of Political Coalitions*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Sandler, Todd. 1993. "The Economic Theory of Alliances." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 37:446-483.
- Singer, J. David, and Melvin Small. 1966. "Formal Alliances, 1815-1939." *Journal of Peace Research* 3:1-31.
- Singer, J. David, and Melvin Small. 1967. "Alliance Aggregation and the Onset of War, 1815-1945." in Singer, J. David, *Quantitative International Politics: Insights and Evidence*: 247-286. New York: Free Press.
- Siverson, Randolph, and Juliann Emmons. 1991. "Birds of a Feather: Democratic Political Systems and Alliance Choices." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 35:285-306.
- Siverson, Randolph M., and Harvey Starr. 1994. "Regime Change and the Restructuring of Alliances." *American Journal of Political Science* 38: 145-161.
- Siverson, Randolph M. and Michael R. Tennefoss. 1984. "Power, Alliance, and the Escalation of International Conflict, 1815-1965." *The American Political Science Review* 78: 1057-69.

- Small, Melvin, and J. David Singer. 1969. "Formal Alliances, 1815-1965: An Extension of the Basic Data." *Journal of Peace Research* 6:257-282.
- Snyder, Glenn H. 1984. "The Security Dilemma in Alliance Politics." *World Politics* 36:461-495.
- Snyder, Glenn H. 1990. "Alliance Theory: A Neorealist First Cut." *Journal of International Affairs* 44:103-123.
- Walt, Stephen M. 1987. *The Origins of Alliances*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
- There is also a large body of work on the Power Transition, an alternative thesis to Balance of Power*

### **Week 3: Liberalism and Neo-Liberalism, and the Debate between Liberalism and Realism (9/2)**

#### *Required:*

- Baldwin, David A. *Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate*: Read chapters 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

#### *Recommended:*

- Baldwin, David. *Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate*: rest of the book
- Wagner, R. Harrison, "Peace, War, and the Balance of Power," *American Political Science Review* 88 (1994): 593-607.
- James, Patrick, "Structural Realism and the Causes of War," *Mershon International Studies Review* 39, Supplement 2, 181-208.

### **Week 4: Alternative Perspectives on the Study of IR (9/9)**

#### *Required:*

- Wendt, Alexander. 1992. "Anarchy is What States Make of It: The Social Construction of Power Politics." *International Organization* 46 (Spring): 391-425.
- Morrow, James D. 1988. "Social Choice and System Structure in World Politics," *World Politics* 41 (October): 75-97.
- Wendt, Alexander. 1987. "The agent-structure problem in international relations theory," *International Organization* 41 (Summer): 335-370.
- McKeown, Timothy J. 1986. "'Structural' theories of commercial policy," *International Organization* 43 (Winter): 43-64.
- Tickner, J. Ann. 2005. "What Is Your Research Program? Some Feminist Answers to International Relations Methodological Questions." *International Studies Quarterly* 49 (1): 1-22.

#### *Recommended:*

- Tickner, J. Ann. "You Just Don't Understand: Troubled Engagements Between Feminists and IR Theorists." *International Studies Quarterly* 41 (December) 611-632.
- See exchange of articles between Robert Keohane, Marianne Marchand, and J. Ann Tickner in *International Studies Quarterly*, March 1998, v 42, number 1.
- Grant, Rebecca. 1991. "The Sources of Gender Bias in International Relations Theory." in Grant, Rebecca and Kathleen Newland, eds., *Gender and International Relations*. pp. 8-26.

- Murphy, Craig N. 1996. "Seeing Women, Recognizing Gender, Recasting International Relations." *International Organization* 50: 513-538.
- George, Jim, and David Campbell. 1990. "Patterns of Dissent and the Celebration of Difference: Critical Social Theory and International Relations." *International Studies Quarterly* 34:269-293.
- Ferguson, Yale H., and Richard W. Mansbach. 1991. "Between Celebration and Despair: Constructive Suggestions for Future International Theory." *International Studies Quarterly* 34: 363-386.
- Checkel, Jeffrey T. 1998. "The Constructivist turn in International Relations Theory." *World Politics* 50 (January): 324-348.
- Tessler, Mark, and Ina Warriner. 1997. "Gender, Feminism, and Attitudes toward International Conflict: Exploring Relationships with Survey Data from the Middle East." *World Politics* 49:250-281.
- Keohane, Robert O. 1991. "International Relations Theory: Contributions of a Feminist Standpoint." in Grant, Rebecca and Kathleen Newland, eds., *Gender and International Relations*. pp. 41-50.
- Sylvester, Christine. 1994. *Feminist Theory and International Relations in a Postmodern Era*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Grant, Rebecca. "The Quagmire of Gender and International Security." in Peterson, V. Spike, ed. *Gendered States*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers.
- Nelson, Barbara J. 1992. "The Role of Sex and Gender in Comparative Political Analysis: Individuals, Institutions, and Regimes." *American Political Science Review* 86:491-495.
- International Studies Quarterly*. Special issue on post-modern (generally defined) thought. 1990. v 34 no. 3, September.
- Ashley, Richard K., and R. B. J. Walker. 1990. "Speaking the language of Exile: Dissident Thought in International Studies." *International Studies Quarterly* 34:259-268.
- Puchala, Donald J. 1995. "The Pragmatics of International History." *Mershon International Studies Review* 39:1-18.
- Walzer, Michael. 1977. *Just and Unjust Wars*. New York: Basic Books.
- Garnett, John C. 1984. "Normative Theory." in *Commonsense and the Theory of International Politics*. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press. pp. 76-101.
- Zeev Maoz, "Power, capabilities, and paradoxical conflict outcomes," *World Politics* 41 (January 1989), 230-266.
- Mohammed Ayooob, "The security problematic of the Third World," *World Politics* 43 (January 1991), 257-283.
- Paul Anderson and Timothy J. McKeown, "Changing Aspirations, Limited Attention, and War," *World Politics* 40 (October, 1987) 1-29.

## **Week 5: The Strategic Choice Approach in IR: Foundations (9/16)**

### *Required:*

- Schelling, Thomas C. 1963 *The Strategy of Conflict*, New York: Galaxy Books.
- Lake, David A. & Robert Powell, eds. 1999. *Strategic Choice and International Relations*. Chapters 1,2.

*Recommended:*

- Von Neumann, John, and Oskar Morgenstern. 1944. *Theory of Games and Economic Behavior*. Princeton: Princeton.
- Luce, R. Duncan, and Howard Raiffa. 1957. *Games and Decisions*. New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
- Riker, William H., and Peter C. Ordeshook. 1973. *An Introduction to Positive Political Theory*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, Inc.
- Rasmusen, Eric. 1989. *Games and Information*. Cambridge: Blackwell.
- Tsebellis, George. 1990. *Nested Games*. Los Angeles: University of California Press.
- Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce. 1988. "The Contribution of Expected Utility Theory to the Study of International Conflict." *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 18:62-652.
- Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce, and David Lalman. 1988. "Empirical Support for Systemic and Dyadic Explanations of International Conflict." *World Politics* 41:1-20.
- Bennett. 1995. "Modeling Decisions in International Relations: Theory and Beyond." *Mershon International Studies Review* 39:19-52.
- Altfeld, Michael F. 1984. "The Decision to Ally: A Theory and Test." *Western Political Quarterly* 37:423-544.
- Mitchell, C. R., and Michael Nicholson. 1983. "Rational Models and the Ending of Wars." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 27:495-520.
- Morgan, T. Clifton. 1984. "A Spatial Model of Crisis Bargaining." *International Studies Quarterly* 28:407-426.
- Morrow, James D. 1986. "A Spatial Model of International Conflict." *American Political Science Review* 80:1131-1150.
- Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce, David Newman, and Alvin Rabushka. 1985. *Forecasting Political Events*. New Haven, CT: Yale.
- Stein, Arthur. 1990. *Why Nations Cooperate: Circumstance and Choice in International Relations*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell.
- Kim, Ilpyong J. 1987. *The Strategic Triangle: China, The United States, and The Soviet Union*. New York: Paragon House Publishers.
- Russett, Bruce. 1995. "Processes of Dyadic Choice for War and Peace." *World Politics* 47:268-82.
- Slantchev, Branislav L. 2005. "Military Coercion in Interstate Crises," *American Political Science Review* 99(4): 533-547.

**Week 6: Rational Choice, continued (9/23)**

*Required:*

- Lake, David A. & Robert Powell, eds. 1999. *Strategic Choice and International Relations*. Chapters 3-4.
- Fearon, James D. 1995. "Rationalist Explanations for War", *International Organizations* 49 (3): 379-414.
- Fearon, James D. 1994. "Signaling versus the Balance of Power and Interests: An Empirical Test of a Crisis Bargaining Model," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 38 (2): 236-69



Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce. 2006. "Game Theory, Political Economy, and the Evolving Study of War and Peace." *American Political Science Review* 100 (4): 637-642.

*Recommended:*

Morrow, James D. 2000. "The Ongoing Game-Theoretic Revolution," in Manus I. Midlarsky, eds., *Handbook of War Studies II*, Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. Chapter 6.

Koremenos, Barbara, Charles Lipson, and Duncan Snidal. 2001. "The Rational Design of International Institutions." *International Organization* 55(4): 761-799.

**Week 7: Critiques of IR, and Individual & Psychological Approaches (9/30)**

*Required:*

Lake, David A. & Robert Powell, eds. 1999. *Strategic Choice and International Relations*. Chapters 6-7.

Quattrone, George A., and Amos Tversky. 1988. "Contrasting Rational and Psychological Analyses of Political Choice." *American Political Science Review* 82 (3):719-736.

Jervis, Robert. *Perception and Misperception in International Politics* (Princeton: University Press, 1976), Ch. 3, pp. 58-107. JX1291.J47.

Jervis, Robert. 1978. "Cooperation Under the Security Dilemma." *World Politics* 30 (2): 167-214.

Jervis, Robert. 1985. "From Balance to Concert: A Study of International Security Cooperation." *World Politics* 38 (1): 58-79.

*Recommended:*

Oye, Kenneth (ed.) *Cooperation Under Anarchy* (Princeton: University Press, 1986), chapters by Oye (1-27), Jervis (58-80), Axelrod & Keohane (226-254). This is the book version of the *World Politics* October, 1985 special issue.

Holsti, Ole. 1962. "The Belief System and National Images, A Case Study," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 6 (September), pp. 244-252.

Satterfield, Jason M. 1998. "Cognitive-Affective States Predict Military and Political Aggression and Risk Taking." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 42 (December): 667-690.

Jervis, Robert. 1970. *The Logic of Images in International Relations*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Jervis, Robert. 1976. *Perception and Misperception in International Politics*. Princeton: Princeton.

Kaufmann, Chaim D. 1994. "Out of the Lab and into the Archives: A Method for Testing Psychological Explanations of Political Decision Making." *International Studies Quarterly* 38:557-586.

Steinbrunner, John D. 1974. *The Cybernetic Theory of Decision*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Janis, Irving. *Group Think: Psychological Studies of Policy Decisions and Fiascos*.

Janis, Irving, and Leon Mann. 1977. *Decision Making*. New York: The Free Press.

Reiter, Dan. 1994. "Learning, Realism, and Alliances: The Weight of the Shadow of the Past." *World Politics* 46:490-526.

Larson, Deborah Welch. 1988. "Problems of Content Analysis in Foreign-Policy Research: Notes from the Study of the Origins of Cold War Belief Systems." *International Studies Quarterly* 32:241-255.

- Astorino-Courtoies, Allison. 1995. "The Cognitive Structure of Decision Making and the Course of Arab-Israeli Relations." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 39:419-438.
- Hermann, Margaret G., and Charles W. Kegley, Jr. 1995. "Rethinking Democracy and International Peace: Perspectives from Political Psychology." *International Studies Quarterly* 39:511-534.
- Holsti, Ole. "Does Where You Stand Depend on When You Were Born? The Impact of Generation on Post-Vietnam Foreign Policy Beliefs," *Public Opinion Quarterly* 44 (Spring), pp. 1-22.
- George, Alexander L. "The 'Operational Code': A Neglected Approach to the Study of Political Leaders and Decision-Making." *International Studies Quarterly* 13:190-219.
- Shepard, Graham H. 1988. "Personality Effects on American Foreign Policy, 1969-1984: A Second Test of Interpersonal Generalization Theory." *International Studies Quarterly* 32:91-123.
- Etheredge, Lloyd S. 1978. *A World of Men: The Private Sources of American Foreign Policy*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- Barber, J. D.. *The Presidential Character*.
- Bloom, W. Personal Identity, National Identity and International Relations.

### **Week 8: Power (10/7)**

#### *Required:*

- Dahl, Robert. "The Concept of Power." *Behavioral Science* 2 (2) : 201-215. (BF1.B5)
- Powell, Robert. *In the Shadow of Power*, Ch. 1-2
- Lake, David A. 2007. "Escape from the State of Nature: Authority and Hierarchy in World Politics." *International Security* 32 (1): 47-79.
- MacDonald, Paul K., and David A. Lake. 2008. "Correspondence: The Role of Hierarchy in International Politics." *International Security* 32 (4): 171-180.

#### *Recommended:*

- Morgenthau, Hans. *Politics Among Nations* New York: Free Press, 1975, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.
- Stoll, Richard J. & Michael D. Ward, eds. 1989. *Power in International Relations*, Boulder: Lynne Rienner.
- Baldwin, David. "Power Analysis and World Politics: New Friends vs. Old Tendencies" in *World Politics* Vol. 33(2) (January 1979): 161-194.
- Merritt, Richard & Dina A. Zinnes. "Alternate Indexes of National Power" in *Power in World Politics*, Richard J. Stoll & Michael D. Ward, eds., (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 1989), pp. 11-28, 227-237.

### **Week 9: Deterrence and Reputation (10/14)**

#### *Required:*

- Achen, Christopher, and Duncan Snidal. 1989. "Rational Deterrence Theory and Comparative Case Studies." *World Politics* 41 (2): 143-169.

- Lebow, Richard Ned, and Janice Gross Stein. 1989. "Rational Deterrence Theory: I Think, Therefore I Deter." *World Politics* 41 (2): 208-224.
- Smith, Alastair. 1996. "To Intervene or Not to Intervene: A Biased Decision." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 40 (1): 16-40.
- Press, Daryl G. 2004/05. "The Credibility of Power: Assessing Threats during the 'Appeasement' Crises of the 1930s." *International Security* 29 (3): 136-69.
- Crescenzi, Mark. 2007. "Reputation and Interstate Conflict." *American Journal of Political Science* 51 (2): 382-296.

*Recommended:*

- Powell, Robert. 1990. *Nuclear Deterrence Theory: The Problem of Credibility*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Schelling, Thomas C. 1963 *The Strategy of Conflict*, New York: Galaxy Books. See Chs 1-2, 4.
- Morrow, James D. *Game Theory for Political Scientists*. pp: 199-211.
- Morgan, Patrick M. 1983. *Deterrence: A Conceptual Analysis*, Berkeley: Sage Press.
- Russett, Bruce M. 1967. "Pearl Harbor: Deterrence Theory and Decision Theory." *Journal of Peace Research* 4:89-104.
- Huth, Paul, and Bruce Russett. 1993. "General Deterrence Between Enduring Rivals: Testing Three Competing Models." *American Political Science Review* 87:61-73.
- Various Authors. 1989. *World Politics* (Special issue on the deterrence debate). January.
- Jervis, Robert, Richard Ned Lebow, and Janice Stein. 1985. *Psychology and Deterrence*. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins.
- Mearsheimer, John. 1983. *Conventional Deterrence*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.
- Snyder, Glenn H. & Paul Diesing, 1977, *Conflict Among Nations*, Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Harvey, Frank P. 1998. "Rigor Mortis, or Rigor, More Tests: Necessity, Sufficiency, and Deterrence Logic." *International Studies Quarterly* 42 (December): 675-708.

**Week 10: Power, Bargaining, and War (10/21)**

*Required:*

- Powell, Robert. *In the Shadow of Power* Chs 3-4
- Wagner, R. Harrison. 2000. "Bargaining and War." *American Journal of Political Science* 44 (3): 469-484.
- Powell, Robert. 2002. "Bargaining Theory and International Conflict." *Annual Review of Political Science* 5: 1-30.
- Powell, Robert. 2004. "The Inefficient Use of Power: Costly Conflict with Complete Information." *American Political Science Review* 98 (2): 231-241.

*Recommended:*

- Banks, Jeffrey. 1990. "Equilibrium Behavior in Crisis Bargaining Games," *American Journal of Political*

*Science*, 34(August).

Morrow. 1985. "A Continuous-Outcome Expected Utility Theory of War," *JCR*.

Morrow, James D. 1986. "A Spatial Model of International Conflict," *American Political Science Review*, 80(4): 1131-1150.

Powell, Robert. 1987. "Crisis Bargaining, Escalation, and MAD," *American Political Science Review*, 81(Sept).

Morrow, James D. 1989. "Capabilities, Uncertainty, and Resolve: A Limited Information Model of Crisis Bargaining," *American Journal of Political Science*, 33.

Slantchev, Branislav. 2003. "The Principle of Convergence in Wartime Negotiations." *American Political Science Review* 97(4): 621-32.

Slantchev, Branislav. 2003. "The Power to Hurt: Costly Conflict with Completely Informed States." *American Political Science Review* 97(1): 123-33.

### **Week 11: Domestic Politics and IR: Part One (10/28)**

#### *Required:*

Fearon, James D. 1994. "Domestic Political Audiences and the Escalation of International Disputes." *American Political Science Review* 88 (3): 577-592.

Schultz, Kenneth A. 1998. "Domestic Opposition and Signaling in International Crises." *American Political Science Review* 92 (December): 829-844.

Schultz, Kenneth A. 1999. "Do Democratic Political Institutions Constrain or Inform? Contrasting Two Institutional Perspectives on Democracy and War," *International Organization* 53 (Spring): 233-266.

Putnam, Robert D. 1988. "Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two-Level Games." *International Organization*. 42 (3): 427-460.

#### *Recommended:*

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

Thompson, William R., and Richard Tucker. 1997. "A Tale of Two Democratic Peace Critiques." *The Journal of Conflict Resolution* 41:428-454. Also see responses, same issue.

Enterline, Andrew J. 1998. "Regime Changes, Neighborhoods, and Interstate Conflict, 1816-1992." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 42 (December): 804-829.

Smith, Alastair. 1996. "Diversionary Foreign Policy in Democratic Systems." *International Studies Quarterly* 40:133-153.

Smith, Alastair. 1998. "International Crises and Domestic Politics." *American Political Science Review* 92 (September): 623-438.

Partell, Peter J., and Glenn Palmer. 1999. "Audience Costs and Interstate Crises: An Empirical Assessment of Fearon's Model of Dispute Outcomes." *International Studies Quarterly* 43 (June):389-406.

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