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Political Science 12
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Mon.-Weds., 11:15 a.m.-12:05 p.m.
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Introduction to International Relations

This course seeks to introduce students to the study of international politics. No prior background in international relations is assumed. Students will acquire the basic analytic tools necessary to understand and explain a variety of international phenomena, including environmental degradation, trade liberalization and protection, and war and internal conflict.

Reading Assignments. All readings are in a Xerox packet available through the University Reader Printing Service. URPS will be selling the packets outside class during the first two weeks of the quarter. They can also be reached at (619) 540-8789 (or ureaders@aol.com).

All readings are on reserve in the Undergraduate Library.

Course Web Page: <http://www-ctd.ucsd.edu/discus/messages/board-topics.html>

This link will lead you to the web site for PS-12. Various course materials, announcements, answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs), and links to web sites pertinent to the course will be posted here.

Discussion Sections. Participation in the weekly meetings of your discussion section is required.

Grades. Your grade for this course will be on the average of your performance in discussion sections (25%) and three writing assignments (25% each).

Exams. At the end of each segment of the course (Environment, Trade and War), a take-home exam question will be issued. Completed exams of approximately 4 pages each will be due one week following their distribution (the last exam will be due at the time of the regularly scheduled final). There will be no "final" exam for the course.

April 3, 5, 10, 12, 17. Anarchy and its Consequences

Topics: The Distinctive Nature of International Politics
The Meaning of Anarchy
Alternative Conceptions of International Relations
Strategic Interaction

Stephen M. Walt, "International Relations: One World, Many Theories," *Foreign Policy* No. 110 (Spring 1998), pp.29-44. (Read by 4/5)

Helen Milner, "The Assumption of Anarchy in International Relations Theory: A Critique," in David A. Baldwin, ed., *Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1993), pp.143-69. (Read by 4/5)

Steven R. Ratner, "International Law: The Trials of Global Norms," *Foreign Policy* No. 110 (Spring 1998), pp.65-79. (Read by 4/12)

Arthur A. Stein, *Why Nations Cooperate: Circumstance and Choice in International Relations* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1990), pp.3-20 and 25-54. (Read by 4/17)

April 19, 24, 26; May 1. **The Environment: Collective Action in an Anarchic World**

Topics: Environmental Degradation: Climate Change and Ozone Depletion
Public Goods and Free Riding
Intergenerational Transfers and Equity
International Institutions

Todd Sandler, *Global Challenges: An Approach to Environmental, Political, and Economic Problems* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1997), pp. 23-51 and 99-115. (Read by 4/19)

Caroline Thomas, *The Environment in International Relations* (London: The Royal Institute of International Affairs, 1992), Chapters 5-6 (pp. 155-237). (Read by 4/19)

Henry D. Jacoby, Ronald G. Prinn, and Richard Schnalensee, "Kyoto's Unfinished Business," *Foreign Affairs* 77, 4 (July/August 1998), pp.54-66. (Read by 4/24)

The Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change Fact Sheet. (Released by the Department of State Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, January 15, 1998.)
(Read by 4/24)

May 3, 8, 10, 15. **International Trade: Distributional Implications and Foreign Policy**

Topics: NAFTA (and WTO)
Comparative Advantage and the Welfare Gains from Trade
Winners and Losers in International Exchange

Steven Globerman and Michael Walker, eds., *Assessing NAFTA: A Trinational Analysis* (Vancouver, BC: The Fraser Institute, 1993), pp.1-86 (chapters by Weintraub, Waverman, and Ramirez). (Read by 5/3)

The Structure of the WTO: An Overview.
(Source: <http://www.econ.iastate.edu/classes/econ355/choi/wtoworks.htm>) (Read by 5/8)

"The Battle in Seattle.(disagreements over free trade, economic globalization)." *Economist* (US), v353, n8147 (November 27, 1999). (Read by 5/8)

"What Next for the WTO?(World Trade Organization)." *American Prospect*, v11, n5 (January 17, 2000). (Read by 5/8)

Cletus C. Coughlin, K. Alec Chrystal, and Geoffrey E. Wood, "Protectionist Trade Policies: A Survey of Theory, Evidence, and Rationale," in Jeffrey A. Frieden and David A. Lake, eds., *International Political Economy* (New York: St. Martin's Press 1995), pp.323-38. (Read by 5/10)

Ronald Rogowski, *Commerce and Coalitions: How Trade Affects Domestic Political Alignments* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1989), pp.3-20. (Read by 5/10)

May 17, 22, 24, 31; June 5 (No Class May 29th). **War: Information, Commitment, and Conflict**

Topics: Patterns of War: Persian Gulf and Somalia
Theories of War
Private Information with Incentives to Misrepresent
Problems of Credible Commitment
Democratic Peace
Domestic Politics, Public Opinion and War

Steve A. Yetiv, *The Persian Gulf Crisis* (Westport: Greenwood Press, 1997), Chapters 1-2 (pp. 3-46). (Read by 5/17)

Nora Bensahel, "UNITAF AND UNOSOM II: Restoring Hope in Somalia," Doctoral Dissertation, Stanford University, Department of Political Science (1999), pp. 94-156. (Read by 5/22)

Jack S. Levy, "The Causes of War: A Review of Theories and Evidence," in Philip E. Tetlock, et. al., *Behavior, Society, and Nuclear War*, Vol. 1 (New York: Oxford University Press, 1989), pp.209-333. (Read by 5/24)

David A. Lake and Donald Rothchild, "Containing Fear: The Origins and Management of Ethnic Conflict," *International Security* 21 (Fall 1996), pp.41-75. (Read by 5/24)

Bruce Russett. *Grasping the Democratic Peace: Principles for a Post-Cold War World*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1993), Chapters 1-2 (pp. 3-42). (Read by 5/31)

Andrew Kohut and Robert C. Toth. "The People, The Press, and the Use of Force." In Aspen Institute, *The United States and the Use of Force in the Post-Cold War Era I*, Aspen Strategy Group Report. (Queenstown Maryland: The Aspen Institute, 1995), pp.133-170. (Read by 5/31)

John Zaller, "Elite Leadership of Mass Opinion: New Evidence from the Gulf War." In *Taken by Storm: The Media, Public Opinion and U.S. Foreign Policy in the Gulf War*. Edited by Bennett, Lance W. and David L. Paletz (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1994), pp. 186-209. (Read by 5/31)

Robert Keohane and Joseph Nye, Jr. "Power and Interdependence in the Information Age." *Foreign Affairs* 77(September/October 1998), pp.81-94. (Read by 5/31)

June 7. **Conclusion**