

## **PSC 76000: Basic Concepts and Theories of International Relations**

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### Course Description:

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the different theories and concepts that scholars use to understand and explain world politics. The course examines the major theories in the field of International Relations (IR) and some of the central theoretical debates. Throughout the course, the relevance of specific theories and theory in general for how we make sense of world politics will be critically assessed. The focus of this course will be theoretical rather than empirical. Thus, each class will be devoted to an in-depth discussion of a different theoretical perspective in IR, focusing on its key concepts, foundational assumptions, and central arguments. The reading is extensive as it is designed to help PhD candidate students prepare in part for the comprehensive exams.

### Requirements:

Students are expected to complete all of the assigned required readings prior to the class for which they are assigned and come ready to discuss them. That includes the readings for the first class. Students must be able to analyze the readings critically and draw connections and contrasts between readings not only with the other readings assigned for that week but also with readings from earlier in the course.

The recommended readings should be seen as a reading list to use in studying for the comprehensive field exam in international relations and also as a list of potential starting points for future research projects in a given area. Also, if you have already read some of the required readings for a given week, you should substitute some of the recommended readings to replace them. Obviously, even including the recommended readings the syllabus is only a limited listing of the important readings in the field. Searching for other IR field survey syllabuses on the internet will give you a sense of what a wide range of scholars believe is central to the field or a particular topic of inquiry.

Participation in class discussions will be part of students' grades, thus attendance is mandatory. There are also two written assignments: a take home midterm and take home final. The grade will be broken down as follows:

Participation:	20%
Midterm:	25%
Final:	55%

Late work will be penalized at least a full letter grade, more in instances of extreme lateness. There is no extra credit.

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Care must be taken to document the source of any ideas or arguments. If the actual words of a source are used, they must appear within quotation marks. In cases that are unclear, it is the responsibility of the writer to take due care to avoid plagiarism.

The source should be cited whenever:

- (a) a text is quoted verbatim
- (b) data gathered by another are presented in diagrams or tables
- (c) the results of a study done by another are used
- (d) the work or intellectual effort of another is paraphrased by the writer

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### Students with Disabilities:

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### Course Materials:

Most of the assigned readings are available online through JSTOR or other journal databases which can be accessed through the Graduate Center Library website. They are also

available on Blackboard. There are also four books which are available for purchase on the internet and on reserve at the Graduate Center library. They are:

- Baldwin, David (ed). 1993. *Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Lukes, Steven. 1974. *Power: A Radical View*. London: MacMillan Press.
- Waltz, Kenneth. 1959. *Man, the State, and War*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Waltz, Kenneth. 1979. *Theory of International Politics*. New York: McGraw-Hill.

### Course Schedule:

#### September 8: Causation, Theories, Evidence, and Inference

##### *Required:*

- Lakatos, Imre. 1969. "Criticism and the Methodology of Scientific Research Programs", *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*. New Series. 69: 149–68.
- Levy, Jack. 2008. "Case Studies: Types, Designs, and Logics of Inference," *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 25(1): 1–18.
- Almond, Gabriel A. and Genco, Stephen J. 1977. "Clouds, Clocks, and the Study of Politics," *World Politics* 29(4): 489–522.
- Lijphart, Arend. 1971. "Comparative Politics and the Comparative Method", *American Political Science Review* 65(3): 682–93.
- Collier, David. 1995. "Translating Quantitative Methods for Qualitative Researchers: The Case of Selection Bias", *American Political Science Review* 89(2): 461–66.
- Fearon, James. 1991. "Counterfactuals and Hypothesis Testing in Political Science", *World Politics* 43(2): 169–95.
- Harvey, Frank. 1998. "Rigor Mortis, or Rigor, More Tests: Necessity, Sufficiency, and Deterrence Logic", *International Studies Quarterly* 42(4): 675–707.

##### *Recommended:*

- Bashkar, Roy. *Scientific Realism and Human Emancipation*.
- Brady, Henry E. and Collier, David. (eds.). *Rethinking Social Inquiry*.
- Elman, Colin and Elman, Miriam. 2002. "How Not to be Lakatos Intolerant: Appraising Progress in Research", *International Studies Quarterly* 46(2): 275–91.
- Geddes, Barbara. 1990. "How the Cases you Choose Affect the Answers You Get: Selection Bias in Comparative Research", *Political Analysis* 2(1): 131–50.
- Kaufmann, Chaim. 1994. "Out of the Lab and Into the Archives: A Method for Testing Psychological Explanations of Political Decision Making", *International Studies Quarterly* 38(4): 557–86.
- King, Gary, Keohane, Robert O., and Verba, Sidney. *Designing Social Inquiry*.
- Mohr, Lawrence B. *The Causes of Human Behavior*.
- "Symposium on Research Design and Method in IR", 2001. *International Organization* 55(2): 439–507.
- Walt, Stephen M. 1999. "Rigor or Rigor Mortis? Rational Choice and Security Studies", *International Security* 23(4): 5–48.

## September 15: Levels of Analysis

### *Required*

- Waltz, Kenneth. 1959. *Man, the State, and War*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Sagan, Scott. 1996/1997. "Why Do States Build Nuclear Weapons? Three Models in Search of a Bomb", *International Security* 21(Winter): 54–86.
- Byman, Daniel and Pollack, Kenneth. 2001. "Let Us Now Praise Great Men: Bringing the Statesman Back In", *International Security* 25(Spring): 107–46.
- Allison, Graham. 1969. "Conceptual Models and the Cuban Missile Crisis", *American Political Science Review* 63(3): 689–718.

### *Recommended*

- Bendor, Jonathan and Hammond, Thomas. 1992. "Rethinking Allison's Models", *American Political Science Review* 86(2): 301–22.
- Dessler, David. 1989. "What's at Stake in the Agent-Structure Debate?", *International Organization* 43(4): 441–73.
- Gourevitch, Peter. 1978. "The Second Image Reversed: The International Sources of Domestic Politics", *International Organization* 32(4): 881–911.
- Krasner, Stephen. 1972. "Are Bureaucracies Important?", *Foreign Policy* 7: 159–79.
- Moravcsik, Andrew. 1997. "Taking Preferences Seriously: A Liberal Theory of International Politics", *International Organization* 51(4): 513–53.
- Singer, J. David. 1961. "The Levels of Analysis Problem in International Relations", *World Politics* 14(1): 89–92.
- Wendt, Alexander E. 1987. "The Agent-Structure Problem in International Relations Theory", *International Organization* 41(3): 335–70.

## September 22: Power

### *Required:*

- Dahl, Robert. 1957. "The Concept of Power", *Behavioral Science* 2(3): 201–15.
- Bachrach, Peter and Baratz, Morton S. 1962. "The Two Faces of Power", *American Political Science Review* 56(4): 947–52.
- Lukes, Steven. 1974. *Power: A Radical View*. London: MacMillan Press.
- Baldwin, David. 1980. "Interdependence and Power: A Conceptual Analysis", *International Organization* 34(4): 471–506.
- Barnett, Michael and Duvall, Raymond. 2005. "Power in International Politics", *International Organization* 59(1): 39–75.
- Brass, Paul. 2000. "Foucault Steals Political Science", *Annual Review of Political Science* 3: 305–30.

### *Recommended*

- Art, Robert. 1996. "American Foreign Policy and the Fungibility of Force", *Security Studies* 5: 7–42.
  - o Baldwin, David. 1999. "Force, Fungibility, and Influence", *Security Studies* 8(4): 173–83.

- Art, Robert. 1999. "Force and Fungibility Reconsidered", *Security Studies* 8(4): 183–89.
- Baldwin, David. *Paradoxes of Power*
- Hall, Rodney Bruce. 1997. "Moral Authority as a Power Resource", *International Organization* 51(4): 591–622.
- Nye, Joseph S., Jr. 2005. *Soft Power: The Means to Success in World Politics*.
- Singer, J. David. 1988. "Reconstructing the Correlates of War Dataset on Military Capabilities of States, 1816–1985", *International Interactions* 14(2): 115–32.

### September 29: The Assumption of Anarchy and the State System

#### *Required:*

- Milner, Helen. 1993. "The Assumption of Anarchy in International Relations Theory: A Critique", in D. Baldwin, ed., *Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate*, 143–69.
- Axelrod, Robert and Keohane, Robert O. 1993. "Achieving Cooperation Under Anarchy: Strategies and Institutions", in D. Baldwin, ed., *Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate*, 85–115.
- Grieco, Joseph M. 1993. "Anarchy and the Limits of Cooperation: A Realist Critique of the Newest Liberal Institutionalism", in D. Baldwin, ed., *Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate*, 116–142.
- Weber, Katja. 1997. "Hierarchy Amidst Anarchy: A Transaction Cost Approach to International Security Cooperation," *International Studies Quarterly* 41(2): 321–40.
- Suganami, Hidemi. 2010. "The English School in a Nutshell", *Ritsumeikan Annual Review of International Studies* 9: 15–28.
- Osiander, Andreas. 2001. "Sovereignty, International Relations, and the Westphalian Myth", *International Organization* 55(2): 251–87.
- Donnelly, Jack. 2012. "The Differentiation of International Societies," *European Journal of International Relations*, 18(1): 151–76.

#### *Recommended:*

- Bull, Hedley. *The Anarchical Society*.
- Hobbes, Thomas. *Leviathan*.
- Jervis, Robert. *Systems Effects*.
- Masters, Roger. 1964. "World Politics as a Primitive Political System", *World Politics* 16(July): 595–619.
- Watson, Adam. *The Evolution of International Society*.
- Important discussions of the state system can be found in Waltz: *Theory of International Politics* in the required readings in the neorealism section and Wagner: *War and the State* in the recommended readings in the rationalist approaches section.

### October 6: Neo-Realism

#### *Required:*

- Waltz, Kenneth. 1979. *Theory of International Politics*. New York: McGraw-Hill.

- Walt, Stephen. 1985. "Alliance Formation and the Balance of World Power", *International Security* 9(4): 3–43.
- Schweller, Randall. 1994. "Bandwagoning for Profit: Bringing the Revisionist State Back In", *International Security* 19(1): 72–107.
- Schroeder, Paul. 1994. "Historical Reality vs. Neo-Realist Theory," *International Security* 19(1): 108–48.
- Rose, Gideon. 1998. "Neoclassical Realism and Theories of Foreign Policy", *World Politics* 51(1): 144–72.

*Recommended:*

- Brooks, Stephen G. and William Wohlforth. 2005. "Hard Times for Soft Balancing", *International Security* 30(1): 72–108.
- Carr, E. H. *The Twenty Years Crisis*.
- Claude, Inis L., Jr. *Power and International Relations*.
- Machiavelli, Niccolo. *The Prince*.
- Mearsheimer, John. *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics*.
- Morgenthau, Hans. *Politics Among Nations*.
- Pape, Robert A. 2005. "Soft Balancing against the United States", *International Security* 30(1): 7–45.
- Schmidt, Brian C. and Williams, Michael C. 2008. "The Bush Doctrine and the Iraq War", *Security Studies* 17(2): 191–220.
- Trachtenberg, Marc. 2003. "The Question of Realism: A Historian's View", *Security Studies* 13(Autumn): 156–94.
- Vasquez, John A. 1997. "The Realist Paradigm and Degenerative versus Progressive Research Programs: An Appraisal of Neorealist Research on Waltz's Balancing Proposition", *American Political Science Review* 91(4): 889–912.
- Wolfers, Arnold. *Discord and Collaboration*.

October 20: Neo-Realism Versus Neo-Liberalism: Possibilities for Cooperation

*Required:*

- Baldwin, David. 1993. "Neoliberalism, Neorealism, and World Politics", in D. Baldwin, ed., *Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate*, 3–28.
- Lipson, Charles. 1993. "International Cooperation in Economic and Security Affairs", in D. Baldwin, ed., *Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate*, 60–84.
- Snidal, Duncan. 1993. "Relative Gains and the Pattern of International Cooperation", in D. Baldwin, ed., *Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate*, 170–208.
- Powell, Robert. 1993. "Absolute and Relative Gains in International Relations Theory", in D. Baldwin, ed., *Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate*, 209–34.
- Jervis, Robert. 1999. "Realism, Neoliberalism, and Cooperation: Understanding the Debate", *International Security*, 24(1): 42–63.
- Oye, Kenneth. 1985. "Explaining Cooperation Under Anarchy", *World Politics* 38(1): 1–24.
- Fortna, Virginia Page. 2003. "Scraps of Paper? Agreements and the Durability of Peace", *International Organization* 57(2): 337–72.

*Recommended:*

- Angell, Norman. *The Great Illusion*.
- Axelrod, Robert. *The Evolution of Cooperation*.
- Brooks, Stephen G. 1999. "The Globalization of Production and the Changing Benefits of Conquest", *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 43(5): 646–70.
- Keohane, Robert. *Neorealism and its Critics*.
- Lebow, Richard Ned and Risse-Kappen, Thomas (eds.). *International Relations Theory and the End of the Cold War*.
- Milner, Helen. 1992. "International Theories of Cooperation Among Nations: A Review Essay", *World Politics* 44(3): 466–96.
- Olson, Mancur. *The Logic of Collective Action*.
- Ostrom, Elinor. *Governing the Commons*.
- Slaughter, Anne-Marie. *A New World Order*.

October 27: Neo-Liberalism: The Role of Institutions and Regimes

*Required:*

- Stein, Arthur. 1993. "Coordination and Collaboration: Regimes in an Anarchic World", in D. Baldwin, ed., *Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate*, 29–60.
- Keohane, Robert O. 1993. "Institutional Theory and the Realist Challenge After the Cold War", in D. Baldwin, ed., *Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate*, 269–300.
- Grieco, Joseph M. 1993. "Understanding the Problem of International Cooperation: The Limits of Neoliberal Institutionalism and the Future of Realist Theory", in D. Baldwin, ed., *Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate*, 301–38.
- Morrow, James. 2001. "The Institutional Features of Prisoners of War Treaties", *International Organization* 55(4): 971–91.
- Keohane, Robert. 1986. "Reciprocity in International Relations", *International Organization* 40(1): 1–27.
- Mearsheimer, John. 1994/1995. "The False Promise of International Institutions", *International Security* 19(3): 5–49.
- Kupchan, Charles A. and Kupchan, Clifford A. 1995. "The Promise of Collective Security", *International Security* 20(1): 52–61.

*Recommended:*

- Abbott, Kenneth et al. 2000. "The Concept of Legalization", *International Organization* 54(3): 401–19.
- Abbott, Kenneth and Snidal, Duncan. 2000. "Hard and Soft Law in International Governance", *International Organization* 54(3): 421–56.
- Hasenclever, Andreas, Mayer, Peter, and Rittberger, Volker. 2000. "Theories of International Regimes", *Review of International Studies* 26(1): 3–33.
- Krasner, Stephen (ed.) *International Regimes*.
- McLaughlin, Sara Mitchell and Paul Hensel. 2007. "International Institutions and Compliance with Agreements", *American Journal of Political Science* 51(4): 721–37.

- Simmons, Beth. 2000. "International Law and State Behavior: Commitment and Compliance in International Monetary Affairs", *American Political Science Review* 94(4): 819–35.
- Thompson, Alex. 2006. "Coercion through IOs: The Security Council and the Logic of Information Transmission", *International Organization* 61(1): 1–34.
- von Stein, Jana. 2005. "Do Treaties Constrain or Screen? Selection Bias and Treaty Compliance", *American Political Science Review* 99(4): 611–22.
- Remaining unassigned chapters of D. Baldwin, ed., *Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate*.

### November 3: Constructivism and Feminism **Midterm Handed Out**

#### *Required:*

- Wendt, Alexander. 1992. "Anarchy is What States Make of It: The Social Construction of Power Politics", *International Organization* 46(2): 391–425.
- Ruggie, John Gerard. 1998. "What Makes the World Hang Together? Neo-Utilitarianism and the Social Constructivist Challenge," *International Organization* 52(4): 855–85.
- Finnemore, Martha and Sikkink, Kathryn. 1998. "International Norm Dynamics and Political Change," *International Organization* 52(4): 887–917.
- Hopf, Ted. 1998. "The Promise of Constructivism in IR Theory," *International Security* 23(1): 171–200.
- Kratochwil, Friedrich. 2005. "Religion and (Inter-)National Politics: On the Heuristics of Identities, Structures, and Agents", *Alternatives* 30(2): 113–40.
- Florini, Ann. 1996. "The Evolution of International Norms", *International Studies Quarterly* 40(3): 363–89.
- 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:*

- Caprioli, Mary. 2005. "Primed for Violence: The Role of Gender Inequality in Predicting Internal Conflict", *International Studies Quarterly* 49(2): 161–78.
- Copeland, Dale C. 2000. "The Constructivist Challenge to Structural Realism: A Review Essay", *International Security* 25(2): 187–212.
- Finnemore, Martha. *The Purpose of Intervention*.
- Finnemore, Martha and Kathryn Sikkink. 1998. "International Norm Dynamics and Political Change", *International Organization* 52(4): 887–917.
- Goldstein, Joshua. *War and Gender*.
- Hopf, Ted. 2010. "The Logic of Habit in International Relations", *European Journal of International Relations* 16(4): 539–561.
- Johnston, Alastair Iain. 2001. "Treating International Institutions as Social Environments", *International Studies Quarterly* 45(4): 487–515.
- Katzenstein, Peter J. (ed.) *The Culture of National Security*.
- Keck, Margaret E. and Katherine Sikkink. *Activists Beyond Borders*.
- Tickner, J. Ann. *Gender in International Relations*.
- Walzer, Michael. *Just and Unjust Wars*.



## November 10: Psychology and Perception **Midterm Due**

### *Required:*

- Jervis, Robert. 2006. "Understanding Beliefs", *Political Psychology*, 27(5): 641–63.
- Mercer, Jonathan. 2010. "Emotional Beliefs", *International Organization* 64(1): 1–31.
- Farnham, Barbara. 1990. "Political Cognition and Decision-Making", *Political Psychology* 11(1): 83–112.
- Goldgeier, James and Tetlock, Philip. 2001. "Psychology and International Relations Theory", *Annual Review of Political Science* 4: 67–92.
- McDermott, Rose. 2004. "Prospect Theory in Political Science: Gains and Losses from the First Decade", *Political Psychology* 25(2): 289–312.
- Johnson, Dominic D. P. and Tierney, Dominic. 2011. "The Rubicon Theory of War: How the Path to Conflict Reaches the Point of No Return", *International Security* 36(1): 7–40.
- Krebs, Ronald R. and Rapport, Aaron. 2012. "International Relations and the Psychology of Time Horizons", *International Studies Quarterly* 56(3): 530–543.

### *Recommended:*

- Larson, Deborah W. *The Origins of Containment: A Psychological Explanation*.
- Levy, Jack S. 1992. "Prospect Theory and International Relations: Theoretical Applications and Analytical Problems", *Political Psychology* 13(2): 283–310.
- Kier, Elizabeth. *Imagining War: French and British Military Doctrine Between the Wars*.
- Jervis, Robert. *Perception and Misperception*
- Johnson, Dominic D. P. *Overconfidence and War: The Havoc and Glory of Positive Illusions*.
- Khong, Yuen Foong. *Analogies at War: Korea, Munich, Dien Bien Phu, and the Vietnam Decisions of 1965*.
- Offer, Avner. 1995. "Going to War in 1914: A Matter of Honor?", *Politics & Society* 23(2): 213–41.
- O'Neill, Barry. *Honors, Symbols, and War*.
- Posen, Barry. *Sources of Military Doctrine*

## November 17: Rationalist Approaches

### *Required:*

- Schelling, Thomas. 2010. "Game Theory: A Practitioner's Approach", *Economics and Philosophy*, 26(1): 27–46.
- Fearon, James D. 1995. "Rationalist Explanations for War". *International Organization* 49(3): 379–414.
- Wagner, Harrison. 2000. "Bargaining and War," *American Journal of Political Science* 44(3): 469–84.
- Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce, Morrow, James D., Siverson, Randolph M., and Smith, Alastair. 2004. "Testing Novel Implications from the Selectorate Theory of War", *World Politics* 56(3): 363–88.
- Milner, Helen. 1998. "Rationalizing Politics: The Emerging Synthesis of International, American, and Comparative Politics", *International Organization* 52(4): 759–86.

- Kirshner, Jonathan. 2000. "Rationalist Explanations for War?" *Security Studies* 10(1): 143–50.
- Sen, Amartya. 1977. "Rational Fools: A Critique of the Behavioral Foundations of Economic Theory", *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, 6(4): 317–44.

*Recommended:*

- Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce. 2006. "Game Theory, Political Economy, and the Evolving Study of War and Peace", *American Political Science Review* 100(4): 637–42.
- Fey, Mark and Ramsey, Kristopher F. 2007. "Mutual Optimism and War", 51(4): 738–54.
- Gartzke, Erik. 1999. "War is in the Error Term", *International Organization* 53(3): 567–87.
- Levy, Jack S. "Learning and Foreign Policy: Sweeping a Conceptual Minefield", *International Organization* 48(2): 279–312.
- Reiter, Dan. *Crucible of Beliefs: Learning, Alliances, and World Wars*
- Schelling, Thomas. *Arms and Influence*
- Schelling, Thomas. *Strategy of Conflict*
- Wagner, R. Harrison. *War and the State*.
- Weisiger, Alex. *Logics of War*.
- Wittman, Donald. 1979. "How War Ends: A Rational Model Approach", *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 23: 743–63.

November 24: Theories of War

*Required:*

- Jervis, Robert. 1978. "Cooperation Under the Security Dilemma", *World Politics* 30(2): 167–214.
- Powell, Robert. 2006. "War as a Commitment Problem", *International Organization* 60(1): 169–203.
- Lebow, Richard Ned and Benjamin Valentino. 2009. "Lost in Transition: A Critical Analysis of Power Transition Theory", *International Relations* 23(3): 389–410.
- Lemke, Douglas. 2003. "Development and War" *International Studies Review* 5(4): 55–63.
- Levy, Jack. 1986. "Organizational Routines and the Causes of War" *International Studies Quarterly* 30(2): 193–222.
- Rasler, Karen A. and Thompson, William R. 2006. "Contested Territory, Strategic Rivalries, and Conflict Escalation", *International Studies Quarterly* 50(1): 145–67.
- Vasquez, John A. and Valeriano, Brandon. 2010. "The Classification of Interstate Wars", *Journal of Politics* 72(2): 292–309.

*Recommended:*

- Blainey, Geoffrey. *The Causes of War*.
- Clausewitz, Karl von. *On War*.
- Copeland, Dale. *The Origins of Major War*.
- Gibler, Douglas M. 2007. "Bordering on Peace: Democracy, Territorial Issues, and Conflict", *International Studies Quarterly* 51(3): 509–32.

- Gilpin, Robert. *War and Change in World Politics*.
- Iklé, Fred Charles. *Every War Must End*.
- Lemke, Douglas. *Regions of War and Peace*.
- Levy, Jack S. "The Causes of War and the Conditions of Peace", *Annual Review of Political Science* v. 1 139–65.
- Van Evera, Stephen. 1998. "Offense, Defense and the Causes of War", *International Security* 22(4): 5–43.

### December 1: State Building and Civil War

#### *Required:*

- Taylor, Brian D. and Botea, Roxana. 2008. "Tilly Tally: War-Making and State-Making in the Contemporary Third World", *International Studies Review* 10(1): 27–56.
- Theis, Camerson G. 2005. "War, Rivalry, and State Building in Latin America", *American Journal of Political Science* 49(3): 451–65.
- Kalyvas, Stathis N. 2001. "New" And "Old" Civil Wars: A Valid Distinction? *World Politics* 54(1): 99–118.
- Fearon, James D. and Laitin, David D. 2003. "Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War", *American Political Science Review* 97(1): 75–90.
- Cunningham, David E. 2006. "Veto Players and Civil War Duration", *American Journal of Political Science* 50(4): 875–92.
- Hegre, Havard, Ellingsen, Tanja, Gates, Scott, and Gleditsch, Nils Petter. 2001. "Toward a Democratic Civil Peace? Democracy, Political Change, and Civil War, 1816-1992," *American Political Science Review* 95(1): 33–48.
- Regan, Patrick M. 2009. "Civil War and Territory? Drawing Linkages Between Interstate and Intrastate War", *International Interactions* 35(3): 321–29.

#### *Recommended:*

- Aydin, Aysegul, and Regan, Patrick M. 2011. "Networks of Interveners and Civil War Duration", *European Journal of International Relations* 18(3): 573–97.
- Brancati, Dawn. 2006. "Decentralization: Fueling the Fire or Dampening the Flames of Ethnic Conflict and Secessionism?", *International Organization* 60(3): 651–87.
- Findley, Michael G. and Teo, Tze Kwang. 2006. "Rethinking Third-Party Interventions into Civil Wars: An Actor-Centric Approach", *Journal of Politics* 68(4): 828–37.
- Salehyan, Idean. 2010. "The Delegation of War to Rebel Organizations", *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 54(3): 493–515.
- Salehyan, Idean and Gleditsch, Kristian Skrede. 2006. "Refugees and the Spread of Civil War", *International Organization* 60(2): 335–66.
- Sambanis, Nicholas. 2000. "Partition as a Solution to Ethnic War: An Empirical Critique of the Theoretical Literature", *World Politics* 52: 437–83.
- Thyne, Clayton L. 2012. "Information, Commitment, and Intra-War Bargaining: The Effect of Governmental Constraints on Civil War Duration", *International Studies Quarterly* 56(2): 307–22.

December 8: Democratic & Capitalist Peace (See Recommended list for other domestic factors)  
**Final Handed Out: Due by email on December 19—May be turned in earlier**

*Required:*

- Oneal, John, Russett, Bruce, and Berbaum, Michael. 2003. "Causes of Peace: Democracy, Interdependence, and International Organizations, 1885–1992", *International Studies Quarterly* 47(3): 371–93.
- Lektzian, David, and Souva, Mark. 2009. "A Comparative Test of Democratic Peace Arguments, 1946–2000", *Journal of Peace Research* 46(1): 17–38.
- Thompson, William. 1996. "Democracy and Peace: Putting the Cart Before the Horse?", *International Organization* 50(1): 141–74.
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