

## THEORIES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (A.K.A. THE CORE)

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

As its title suggests, this course is an introduction to contemporary theories, debates, and major scholarly traditions in international relations (IR). As the "core" course offered in this field, or field survey, the intention is to provide a general, but not elementary, overview. It is intended primarily for graduate students in the Department of Political Science, though others are welcome to attend, with the instructor's permission. While it is impossible to cover the enormous IR literature comprehensively in a one-semester survey, the class will introduce students to many of the central theories, authors, and debates.

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

The class format will place a premium on discussion. It is expected that everyone will come prepared to discuss the assigned materials in an informed and critical manner.

#### 1. Readings and Participation.

a. *Read everything every week.* This is not a course for the faint of heart! The literature in IR is huge, and it grows daily. I've tried to separate the wheat from the chaff, but even so, the reading load in this class is heavy. Students are expected to come to seminar prepared to discuss the required readings for that week. A large portion of your grade is based on class participation: if you fail to do the readings or fail to speak up in class, you will do poorly. Moreover, students are strongly encouraged to start with "internal" critiques of the readings for each week (i.e., analyses that take the readings seriously and operate within their approach to theory) before moving on to "external" critiques.

b. *Submit every week 3-4 discussion questions based on the reading.* These questions should be distributed by email before 9 am, Tuesday morning.

c. *Lead class discussion **three** times (or more, or less, often depending on size of class).*

- Discussion leaders will kick off class with 5-7 minutes of prepared commentary addressing one or more of the questions he or she has proposed.
- Seminar members will be asked at the beginning of the term to commit to leading discussion on given weeks.

d. Class participation will account for 20% of your grade.

#### 2. Three Short Essays (≤ 5 pp.; double-spaced; 12-point font; min. 1 inch margins).

The essays should critically examine a hypothesis, theory, question, concept, or controversy contained in one or more readings in a single week. The essay may address only a subset of the readings, but it should not simply summarize the assigned texts. A copy of the essay must be e-mailed to me as an attachment (.doc, .docx, or .pdf) by 9 am on the Tuesday of the relevant class meeting. The three essays will be graded and will, combined, account for 40% of your total grade.

**NB: Length & style requirements will be strictly enforced.**

3. Take-home final.

This final is meant to simulate the take-home portion of the IR prelims. Most basic rules of the preliminary exam will be followed: students will write on one out of two questions (which will *not* be made available in advance); the exam is open book and open notes; final essays may not exceed 5000 words. Rather than a week, students will have four days to write their answer (no need to prolong the agony!). Previous prelims, on file with the department, may prove useful in giving students a sense of the kinds of questions that I will ask. The final will be distributed via email on the Thursday of the penultimate week of classes, by 12 pm, and will be due back via email on the following Tuesday (of the last week of classes), by 12 pm. The take-home final will account for 40% of your total grade.

4. Optional: Final Paper. (15-20 double spaced pages)

This option is available only to graduate students who are not in the Political Science Department. These students are welcome to write the take-home final instead, if they so choose. The paper may take any number of forms, but it must engage creatively with several schools of thought in international relations. One option would be to “test” two or three major theories by examining one or more empirical cases. Students who wish to pursue this option must submit a 1 p. paper proposal to the instructor by the end of the eighth class meeting; students are encouraged to meet with the instructor before that date to discuss preliminary ideas. Only papers based on approved proposals will be accepted. The final paper will account for 40% of your total grade.

**Note:** Short essays submitted late (after 9 am on Tuesday) will be penalized one-third of a letter grade per hour. Questions distributed late (after 9 am on Tuesday) will be accepted, but their tardiness will factor into the class participation grade. Incompletes will not be given for this course unless there is a documented emergency.

GRADING

Class Participation (incl. presentations and memos)	20%
Short Essays (3)	40%
Take-Home Final (or Optional Final Paper)	40%

READINGS

No books have been ordered for purchase at the University bookstore. The following books are recommended for purchase (because we are reading enough from them), but purchase is not required. All the books below have been placed on reserve at Wilson Library. Other readings may be found in the “POLS 8401 readings” folder on the department’s Shared drive.

- David Campbell, *Writing Security: United States Foreign Policy and the Politics of Identity*, Revised Edition (University of Minnesota Press, 1998).
- E.H. Carr, *The Twenty Years’ Crisis, 1919-1939* (Harper & Row, 1964 [1939]).
- Michael W. Doyle, *Ways of War and Peace: Realism, Liberalism, and Socialism* (Norton, 1997).
- G. John Ikenberry, *Liberal Leviathan: The Origins, Crisis, and Transformation of the American World Order* (Princeton UP, 2011),
- Charles Lipson, *Reliable Partners: How Democracies Have Made a Separate Peace* (Princeton UP, 2003).
- John J. Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* (Norton, 2001).
- Christian Reus-Smit and Duncan Snidal, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of International Relations* (Oxford UP, 2008).

- Thucydides, *The Peloponnesian War* (Modern Library edition, 1982).
- Kenneth N. Waltz, *Theory of International Politics* (McGraw Hill, 1979).
- Alexander Wendt, *Social Theory of International Politics* (Cambridge UP, 1999).

#### BACKGROUND READINGS

The boundary between international relations theory and diplomatic history was once very fine. A good grasp of the history of great power politics remains valuable for students of international politics in general and IR theory in particular. Useful background works include:

- William H. McNeill, *The Pursuit of Power: Technology, Armed Force, and Society since A.D. 1000* (University of Chicago Press, 1982).
- Michael Howard, *War in European History* (Oxford UP, 1976).
- Edward Vose Gulick, *Europe's Classical Balance of Power* (W.W. Norton, 1955).
- Paul W. Schroeder, *The Transformation of European Politics, 1763-1848* (Oxford UP, 1994).
- A.J.P. Taylor, *The Struggle for Mastery in Europe, 1848-1918* (Oxford UP, 1992 [1954]).
- William R. Keylor, *The Twentieth Century World: An International History* (Oxford UP, 1984).  
-----, *A World of Nations: The International Order Since 1945* (Oxford UP, 2003).
- Tony Judt, *Postwar: A History of Europe Since 1945* (Penguin Press, 2005).
- Melvyn P. Leffler and Odd Arne Westad, eds., *The Cambridge History of the Cold War*, 3 vols. (Cambridge UP, 2010).
- Henry Kissinger, *Diplomacy* (Simon & Schuster, 1994).
- Paul Kennedy, *The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers* (Random House, 1987).

#### CLASS SCHEDULE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

\* = required reading

§ = highly recommended reading (translation: I would have assigned it if I were not already assigning you too much. But if you have not read it yet, you definitely should before prelims, if not sooner.)

**NB:** Many of the other recommended readings are valuable as well and are included here for students with strong interests in a given week's topic. These bibliographic lists are of course not meant to be comprehensive.

#### Guide to Journal Abbreviations

<i>AJPS</i>	<i>American Journal of Political Science</i>	<i>ISQ</i>	<i>International Studies Quarterly</i>
<i>ARPS</i>	<i>Annual Review of Political Science</i>	<i>ISR</i>	<i>International Studies Review</i>
<i>APSR</i>	<i>American Political Science Review</i>	<i>IT</i>	<i>International Theory</i>
<i>EJIL</i>	<i>European Journal of International Law</i>	<i>JCR</i>	<i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i>
<i>EJIR</i>	<i>European Journal of International Relations</i>	<i>JCWS</i>	<i>Journal of Cold War Studies</i>
<i>FA</i>	<i>Foreign Affairs</i>	<i>PoP</i>	<i>Perspectives on Politics</i>
<i>FP</i>	<i>Foreign Policy</i>	<i>RIS</i>	<i>Review of International Studies</i>
<i>IO</i>	<i>International Organization</i>	<i>SS</i>	<i>Security Studies</i>
<i>IS</i>	<i>International Security</i>	<i>WP</i>	<i>World Politics</i>
<i>ISP</i>	<i>International Studies Perspectives</i>		

### September 3

#### What is IR? What is IR Theory?

- \* Brian C. Schmidt, "On the History and Historiography of IR," in Walter Carlsnaes et al., eds., *Handbook of International Relations* (Sage, 2002), 3-22.

#### *An American Social Science? Is it still?*

- \* Stanley Hoffmann, "An American Social Science: International Relations," *Daedalus* 106 (1977): 41-59.
- \* Steve Smith, "The United States and the Discipline of International Relations: 'Hegemonic Country, Hegemonic Discipline,'" *ISR* 4:2 (summer 2002): 67-86.
- § Ole Wæver, "The Sociology of a Not So International Discipline: American and European Developments in International Relations," *IO* 52:4 (1998): 687-727.
- Ido Oren, "The Enduring Relationship Between the American (National Security) State and the State of the Discipline," *PS: Political Science & Politics* 37/1 (January 2004): 51-55.

#### *What, in the name of God, is International Relations? (with apologies to Henry Kissinger)*

##### *Or, the Levels of Analysis: Is there a problem?*

- \* J. David Singer, "The Level-of-Analysis Problem in International Relations," *WP* 14:1 (October 1961): 77-92. Classic statement.
- \* Kenneth N. Waltz, *Theory of International Politics* (McGraw Hill, 1979), chaps. 2-4 (skim chaps. 2-3, but read pp. 18-27, 35-37, 39-41; and read all of chap. 4 carefully).  
The primacy of systemic theorizing.
- \* Robert Jervis, *Perception and Misperception in International Politics* (Princeton UP, 1976), 13-31.  
Why and when the first-image matters.
- § Kenneth N. Waltz, *Man, the State, and War* (Columbia UP, 1954). The "three images." In many ways a richer statement than Waltz' later, and more influential, *Theory*.
- § Arnold Wolfers, "The Actors in International Politics," in his *Discord and Collaboration: Essays on International Politics* (Johns Hopkins UP, 1962), chap. 1. Can we analogize the international system to a "house on fire"?
- Nicholas Onuf, "Levels," *EJIR* 1:1 (March 1995), 35-58. The universal attractiveness of levels in theorizing.

#### *What do we study in IR?*

- \* David A. Lake, "The State and International Relations," in *Oxford Handbook of IR*, chap. 2 (41-61).  
Defending and advancing state-centric theorizing.
- \* Michael Barnett and Kathryn Sikkink, "From International Relations to Global Society," in *Oxford Handbook of IR*, chap. 3 (62-83). How the field has broadened.

#### *How do we study it? What is a (good) theory of IR? Can we do better than Potter Stewart?*

- \* Martin Hollis and Steve Smith, *Explaining and Understanding International Relations* (Clarendon, 1990), 1-9, 45-91, 196-216. Two traditions of social-scientific theorizing.
- \* Kenneth N. Waltz, *Theory of International Politics* (McGraw Hill, 1979), chap. 1. What theory is good for? Prediction, explanation, and getting a few big things right...
- \* Gabriel Almond and Stephen Genco, "Clouds, Clocks and the Study of Politics," *WP* 29:4 (July 1977), 277-291. Can we have a predictive theory of politics? Would we even want one?
- Hans J. Morgenthau, "The Intellectual and Political Functions of Theory," in his *Truth and Power: Essays of a Decade, 1960-1970* (Praeger, 1970), 248-261. "Fruitful theory" as deeply tied to "the political problems of the day"; in contrast to "theorizing about theories," which is merely "an innocuous intellectual pastime."

## September 10

### Classical Realism

Is there a classical realist tradition? Can one identify its principal elements? If so, how does it relate to power, ethics, the sources of war and peace, the relationship between domestic and international politics? Read Thucydides and Carr and reflect on these questions *before* you engage with Doyle and the rest. Then ask: doth the assigned subversive re-readings of the classical realists protest too much?

- \* Thucydides, *The Peloponnesian War* (Modern Library edition, 1982), Book I, chaps. 1-88 (pp. 1-50); Book V, chaps. 84-116 (the Melian dialogue) [pp. 349-357].
- \* E.H. Carr, *The Twenty Years' Crisis, 1919-1939* (Harper & Row, 1964 [1939]), chaps. 1-7, 13 (skim chaps. 8-9).
- \* William C. Wohlforth, "Realism," in *Oxford Handbook of IR*, chap. 7 (131-149). An excellent brief introduction to the realist tradition and its many theories. Compare to Doyle.
- \* Michael Doyle, *Ways of War and Peace: Realism, Liberalism, and Socialism* (Norton, 1997), 41-201 (can skim 175-191). Realisms, yet also identifying realism's "hard core." Compare to Wohlforth.
- \* Michael C. Williams, *The Realist Tradition and the Limits of International Relations* (Cambridge UP, 2005), 1-9, 128-137, 145-168 (recommended: all). A re-reading of classical realist thinkers—Hobbes, Rousseau, Morgenthau—as "willful realists" skeptical of the Enlightenment project, focused on the constitution of political order, and articulating a vision of politics as a struggle not only for material power but over fundamental values.
- \* Richard Ned Lebow, "Thucydides the Constructivist," *APSR* 95:3 (September 2001): 547-560. Re-reading Thucydides as the founding father of constructivist IR.
- \* Jack Donnelly, "The Ethics of Realism," in *Oxford Handbook of IR*, chap. 8 (150-162). An ethical critique of the realist tradition.

### The Classical Realists

Hans J. Morgenthau, *Politics Among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace*, 7<sup>th</sup> ed., rev. by Kenneth W. Thompson and W. David Clinton (McGraw Hill, 2006 [1948]), esp. chaps. 1-3, 8-14, 16.

Reinhold Niebuhr, *Moral Man and Immoral Society: A Study in Ethics and Politics* (Scribner, 1932).

Raymond Aron, *Peace and War: A Theory of International Relations* (Doubleday, 1966).

Arnold Wolfers, *Discord and Collaboration: Essays on International Politics* (Johns Hopkins UP, 1962), esp. chaps. 1-11.

George Kennan, *American Diplomacy, 1900-1950* (University of Chicago Press, 1951).

Kenneth Waltz, *Man, the State, and War* (Columbia UP, 1954).

John Herz, *Political Realism and Political Idealism* (University of Chicago Press, 1957).

Geoffrey Blainey, *The Causes of War*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (Free Press, 1988 [1973]).

### Commentary on the Classical Realists

Michael C. Williams, ed., *Realism Reconsidered: The Legacy of Hans Morgenthau in International Relations* (Oxford UP, 2008).

§ Richard Ned Lebow, *The Tragic Vision of Politics: Ethics, Interests, and Orders* (Cambridge UP, 2003), esp. chaps. 3-4 (on Thucydides) and chap. 7. See also Lebow, "Classical Realism," in Tim Dunne, Milja Kurki and Steve Smith, eds., *International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity* (Oxford UP, 2007), 52-69.

Charles Jones, *E.H. Carr and International Relations: A Duty to Lie* (Cambridge UP, 1998).

Jonathan Haslam, *The Vices of Integrity: E.H. Carr, 1892-1982* (Verso, 2000).

Andrew Linklater, "The Transformation of Political Community: E.H. Carr, Critical Theory, and International Relations," *RIS* 23 (1997): 321-338.

Stefano Guzzini, *Realism in International Relations and International Political Economy: Continuing Story of a Death Foretold* (Routledge, 1998).

§ Jonathan Haslam, *No Virtue Like Necessity: Realist Thought in International Relations since Machiavelli* (Yale UP, 2002).

Martin Wight, *Four Seminal Thinkers in International Theory* (Oxford UP, 2005), chap. 1, on Machiavelli.

§ William E. Scheuerman, "The (classical) Realist vision of global reform," *IT* 2:2 (2010): 246-282.

#### *Thucydides Revisionism*

Daniel Garst, "Thucydides and Neo-Realism," *ISQ* 33 (March 1989): 3-28.

Laurie Johnson Bagby, "The Use and Abuse of Thucydides," *IO* 48:1 (Winter 1994): 131-153.

Peter J. Ahrens Dorf, "Thucydides' Realistic Critique of Realism," *Polity* 30:2 (Winter 1997): 231-265.

Steven Forde, "International Realism and the Science of Politics: Thucydides, Machiavelli, and Neorealism," *ISQ* 39:2 (June 1995): 141-60.

Nancy Kokaz, "Moderating Power: A Thucydidean Perspective," *RIS* 27 (2001): 27-49.

David A. Welch, "Why International Relations Theorists Should Stop Reading Thucydides," *RIS* 29:3 (July 2003): 301-320.

Jonathan Monten, "Thucydides and Modern Realism," *ISQ* 50:1 (March 2006): 3-26.

## September 17 Structural Realism

- \* Kenneth N. Waltz, *Theory of International Politics* (McGraw Hill, 1979), chaps. 5-6, 8. Still the standard punching bag.
- \* John J. Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* (Norton, 2001), chaps. 1, 2, 5. Skim chaps. 3 (but read 57-60), 8, 9. A newer (offensive-realist) punching bag.
- \* Robert Jervis, "Cooperation Under the Security Dilemma," *WP* 30:2 (January 1978): 167-214. The power of simple game-theoretic models.
- \* Kenneth A. Oye, "Explaining Cooperation Under Anarchy: Hypotheses and Strategies," in Oye, ed., *Cooperation Under Anarchy* (Princeton UP, 1986), 1-24. Extending Jervisian logic.
- \* Robert O. Keohane, *International Institutions and State Power* (Westview, 1989), chaps. 1, 5, 7 (pp. 1-20, 101-131, 158-179) [recommended: chaps. 3, 6]. Modified structural realism, in motion.
- \* Robert Jervis, "Realism, Game Theory, and Cooperation," *WP* 40 (April 1988): 317-349.
- \* Ido Oren, "The Unrealism of Contemporary Realism: The Tension Between Realist Theory and Realists' Practice," *PoP* 7:2 (June 2009): 283-301. Why realists should be less scientific (in a naturalist way) if they wish to be activists and policy advocates.

### *Structural Realism: Neo- and Otherwise*

- § Robert Gilpin, *War and Change in World Politics* (Cambridge UP, 1981). The classic statement of "hegemonic realism." A must read.
- § Paul Kennedy, *The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers* (Random House, 1987). Hegemonic realism applied by a top-notch historian. Another must read.
- Glenn Snyder and Paul Diesing, *Conflict Among Nations* (Princeton UP, 1977). The power of simple game-theoretic models, expanded.
- Barry R. Posen, *The Sources of Military Doctrine* (Cornell UP, 1984). Neorealism applied to foreign policy.
- R. Harrison Wagner, "The Theory of Games and the Balance of Power," *WP* 38:4 (July 1986): 546-576.
- § R. Harrison Wagner, "What was Bipolarity?" *IO* 47:1 (winter 1993): 77-106.
- § Paul W. Schroeder, "Historical Reality Versus Neo-Realist Theory," *IS* 19:1 (1994): 108-148. States can do a lot more than just balance: a historian decries the poverty of neorealism.
- Victoria Tin-Bor Hui, "Toward a Dynamic Theory of International Politics: Insights from Comparing Ancient China and Early Modern Europe," *IO* 58:1 (winter 2004): 175-205. Explaining the failure to balance in ancient China.
- Kenneth N. Waltz, "Realist Thought and Neorealist Theory," in Robert Rothstein, ed., *The Evolution of Theory in International Relations* (University of South Carolina Press, 1991). A succinct statement of the purpose of theory, neorealist logic, and its relationship to the realist tradition.
- Colin Elman, "Horses for Courses: Why Not Neorealist Theories of Foreign Policy?" *SS* 6:1 (autumn 1996): 7-53. And Waltz' reply, "International Politics is not Foreign Policy," *SS* 6:1 (autumn 1996) 54-57, and Elman's rebuttal, 58-61.
- James D. Fearon, "Domestic Politics, Foreign Policy, and Theories of International Relations," *ARPS* 1 (1998): 289-313; especially relevant here are pp. 292-298.
- § Robert Jervis, "Was the Cold War a Security Dilemma," *JCWS* 3 (Winter 2001): 36-60. Or, how do we know a security dilemma when we see one in real life?
- § Stacie Goddard and Daniel H. Nexon, "Paradigm Lost? Structural Realism and Structural Functionalism," *EJIR* 11:1 (2005): 9-61. Neorealism as Talcott Parsons applied to IR.

### *Defensive and Offensive Realism*

- § Stephen G. Brooks, "Duelling Realisms," *IO* 51:3 (summer 1997): 445-77.

- § Charles L. Glaser, "The Security Dilemma Revisited," *WP* 50:1 (October 1997): 171-201.  
Emending, and further complicating, Jervis 1978.
- Charles L. Glaser, "Realists as Optimists: Cooperation as Self-Help," *IS* 19:3 (winter 1994/1995).
- Charles L. Glaser, "Political Consequences of Military Strategy: Expanding and Refining the Spiral and Deterrence Models," *WP* 44:4 (July 1992): 497-538. Emending Jervis, *Perception and Misperception*, chap. 3.
- § Randall Schweller, "Bandwagoning for Profit: Bringing the Revisionist State Back In," *IS* 19:1 (summer 1994): 72-107.
- Fareed Zakaria, "Realism and Domestic Politics: A Review Essay," *IS* 17:1 (summer 1992).
- Keir A. Lieber, "The New History of World War I and What It Means for International Relations Theory," *IS* 32:2 (fall 2007): 155-191. Correspondence by Jack Snyder and rebuttal by Lieber in *IS* 33:1 (summer 2008): 174-194.
- Jeffrey W. Taliaferro, "Security Seeking Under Anarchy: Defensive Realism Revisited," *IS* 25:3 (winter 2000/2001): 128-161.
- Colin Elman, "Extending Offensive Realism: The Louisiana Purchase and America's Rise to Regional Hegemony," *APSR* 98:4 (November 2004): 563-576.

*The Neo-Neo Debate (or Synthesis?)*

- § Stephen Krasner, ed., *International Regimes* (Cornell UP, 1983), esp. essays by Krasner, Stein, Keohane (a concise theoretical statement of 'neoliberal' logic), Jervis (why effective regimes are less likely in security), Ruggie (the origins of 'embedded liberalism'), and Strange (a brilliant critique of regime theory in American IR).
- § Robert O. Keohane, *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy* (Princeton UP, 1984), chaps. 4, 6. The original statement of neoliberal institutionalism or modified structural realism, as it was known (and properly so) early on.
- Robert O. Keohane, ed., *Neorealism and Its Critics* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1986).
- § David A. Baldwin, ed., *Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate* (Columbia UP, 1993), esp. chaps. by Lipson (on cooperation in the economic and security arenas), Grieco (a realist critique of Keohane et al.), Milner (a good critique of neorealist conceptions of anarchy), Snidal and Powell and Krasner (on relative gains), and then the concluding essays by Keohane and Grieco.
- Helen Milner, "International Theories of Cooperation Among Nations: Strengths and Weaknesses," *WP* 44 (April 1992): 466-96.
- § John Mearsheimer, "The False Promise of International Institutions," *IS* 19:3 (Winter 1994/95): 5-49.
- § Robert O. Keohane and Lisa L. Martin, "The Promise of Institutional Theory," *IS* 20:1 (Summer 1995): 39-51.
- Robert Powell, "Anarchy in International Relations Theory: The Neorealist-Neoliberal Debate," *IO* 48:2 (Spring 1994): 313-44.
- § James Fearon, "Bargaining, Enforcement, and International Cooperation," *IO* 52:2 (spring 1998): 269-305.
- § Robert Jervis, "Realism, Neoliberalism, and Cooperation: Understanding the Debate," *IS* 24:1 (Summer 1999): 42-63.
- § Ole Wæver, "The Rise and Fall of the Inter-Paradigm Debate," in Steve Smith et al eds., *International Theory: Positivism and Beyond* (Cambridge UP, 1996).
- Lisa L. Martin and Beth Simmons, "Theories and Empirical Studies of International Institutions," *IO* 52 (Autumn 1998): 729-57.

*Structural Realism and the End of the Cold War*

- § John Lewis Gaddis, "International Relations Theory and the End of the Cold War," *IS* 17:3 (Winter 1992/93): 5-58.



§ William C. Wohlforth, "Realism and the End of the Cold War," *IS* 19:3 (Winter 1994/95): 91-129.

§ Richard Ned Lebow, "The Long Peace, the End of the Cold War, and the Failure of Realism," *IO* 48:2 (spring 1994): 249-277.

William C. Wohlforth, "Reality Check: Revising Theories of International Politics in Response to the End of the Cold War," *WP* 50:4 (July 1998): 650-679.

Randall L. Schweller and William C. Wohlforth, "Power Test: Evaluating Realism in Response to the End of the Cold War," *SS* 9:3 (Spring 2000): 60-108.

§ Stephen G. Brooks and William C. Wohlforth, "Power, Globalization, and the End of the Cold War: Reevaluating a Landmark Case for Ideas," *IS* 25:3 (winter 2000/01): pp. 5-53. And the exchange between Robert D. English and Brooks & Wohlforth in *IS* (spring 2002) 70-111.

Robert G. Herman, "Identity, Norms, and National Security: The Soviet Foreign Policy Revolution and the End of the Cold War," in Peter J. Katzenstein, ed., *The Culture of National Security: Norms and Identity in World Politics* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1996).

Jeremy Suri, "Explaining the End of the Cold War? A New Historical Consensus," *JCWS* 4:4 (fall 2002): 60-92.

Nina Tannenwald and William Wohlforth, eds., *Ideas, International Relations, and the End of the Cold War*, special issue of *JCWS* 7:2 (spring 2005).

## September 24

### The Realist Turn to the Unit Level: Voyage of the Damned or Stairway to Heaven?

- \* Jack Snyder, *Myths of Empire: Domestic Politics and International Ambition* (Cornell UP, 1991), chaps. 1-2 [recommended: an empirical chapter of your choice].
- \* Colin Dueck, *Reluctant Crusaders: Power, Culture, and Change in American Grand Strategy* (Princeton UP, 2006), 1-43 [recommended: an empirical chapter of your choice].
- \* Randall Schweller, *Unanswered Threats: Political Constraints on the Balance of Power* (Princeton UP, 2006), 1-68.
- \* Jeffrey Legro and Andrew Moravcsik, "Is Anybody Still a Realist?" *IS* 24:2 (fall 1999): 5-55; and correspondence in *IS* 25:1 (summer 2000): 457-474.
- \* Brian Rathbun, "A Rose by Any Other Name: Neoclassical Realism as the Logical and Necessary Extension of Structural Realism," *SS* 17:2 (April 2008): 294-321.
- \* Steven E. Lobell, Norrin M. Ripsman, Jeffrey W. Taliaferro, eds., *Neoclassical Realism, the State, and Foreign Policy* (Cambridge UP, 2009), chap. 1 (Taliaferro et al.).

#### *Who says Realists are Structuralists?*

- Stephen M. Walt, *The Origins of Alliances* (Cornell UP, 1987), chap. 2.
- Stephen M. Walt, *Revolution and War* (Cornell UP, 1996).
- Stephen Van Evera, *The Causes of War* (Cornell UP, 1999).
- Thomas Christenson and Jack Snyder, "Chain Gangs and Passed Bucks: Predicting Alliance Behavior in Multipolarity," *IO* 44:2 (spring 1990): 137-169.
- Christopher Layne, *The Peace of Illusions: American Grand Strategy from 1940 to the Present* (Cornell UP, 2006).
- Fareed Zakaria, *From Wealth to Power: The Unusual Origins of America's World Role* (Princeton UP, 1998).
- William C. Wohlforth, *The Elusive Balance: Power and Perceptions During the Cold War* (Cornell UP, 1993).
- § Randall Schweller, "Neorealism's Status-Quo Bias: What Security Dilemma?" *SS* 5:3 (spring 1996) 90-121.
- § Randall Schweller, "Bandwagoning for Profit: Bringing the Revisionist State Back In," *IS* 19:1 (summer 1994): 72-107.
- Randall Schweller, *Deadly Imbalances: Tripolarity and Hitler's Strategy of World Conquest* (Columbia UP, 1998).

#### *Assessing the Turn*

- § Gideon Rose, "Neoclassical Realism and Theories of Foreign Policy," *WP* 51 (October 1998) 144-172.
- § John Vasquez, "The Realist Paradigm and Degenerative vs. Progressive Research Programs: An Appraisal of Neotraditional Research on Waltz's Balancing Proposition," *APSR* 91:4 (December 1997) 899-912; and responses 913-35.
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## October 1 Liberalism (I)

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### **December 3**

#### **The Future of IR Theory**

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**December 5 – Final exam to be distributed via email, by 12 pm**

**December 10 @ 12 pm – Final exam due back via email**

**December ?? @TBD – Grab a beer at Republic. First round’s on Ron!**