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INTRODUCTION

This course is an introduction to the basic concepts, theoretical debates, and issues in the US Foreign Policy. In the first part of the course, after a brief evaluation of some of the competing theoretical approaches to the study of foreign policy, we will use the perspectives of the ‘levels of analysis’ approach to examine different sources of US foreign policy. This approach will help us recognize that sources of foreign policy are multifaceted and complex, including the international system itself, the character of the state and social structures and the individual decision-makers involved. In the second part of the course, we will look at the specific institutions and actors involved in the making of US foreign policy and the interactions among them. The third part of the course involves a historical overview of US foreign policy from World War II to our day. In the final section, we will examine US foreign policy toward some of the key regions in the world such as Europe, East Asia, Middle East and Latin America.

REQUIREMENTS:

Students are required to attend each class and do the assigned readings prior to the class. Students are responsible for all readings on the syllabus, regardless of whether or not it is covered in the class. There may be changes to the syllabus during the semester and students are responsible for these changes. This course is a combination of lecture and discussion so students are highly encouraged to ask questions and participate in the discussions during the times allocated for class discussion. **Attendance and participation will be worth 15% of your overall grade.**

Students will also be given a mid-term and a final exam. These exams will be in-class, composed of identifications and essays. **The mid-term is worth 35% and the final exam is worth 50% of your final grade.** The exams will cover both the reading material and the lectures.

Students are also encouraged to familiarize themselves with the *Foreign Affairs* (<http://www.foreignaffairs.org>) and *The National Interest* (<http://www.nationalinterest.org>) and follow the international section of *The New York Times* (<http://www.nytimes.com/pages/world/index.html>) or another major newspaper.

REQUIRED READINGS

Textbooks:

Two textbooks are assigned for this class:

POLITICS OF UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY, Jerel Rosati, 3rd ed, Thomson Learning, 2004

AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY SINCE WORLD WAR II, Steven Hook and John Spanier, 16th ed, CQ Press, 2004

Online Articles:

Please note that all the additional reading for the class is available online. Please follow the links on the syllabus to read the articles online. For easier access to the links, an online version of this syllabus will be available at the NYU Politics website.

If the link in the syllabus is unavailable, look up the article by the full citation listed on the syllabus using the databases available through NYU Library. Most articles are available through JSTOR or Ingenta. If you have difficulty locating an article, go to Bobst webpage (<http://library.nyu.edu/>), chose articles via databases; in databases by title, find Article First; connect, and search for the article by title or author name. Once you find the article, choose NYU libraries at external resources, and the pop-up window will show you all the available sources for the full text.

Remote Access to NYU Libraries and Online Sources

Students can gain access to NYU research engines through NYU Home. Log in to your account and follow the “research” links. If NYU Home is down, you can still access the library information sources from a computer system attached to NYU’s network, through the library web page (<http://library.nyu.edu/>)

If you would like to access NYU libraries and some of the online journals from a remote area (like home), you will need to configure your internet browser to permit full access from an external connection using NYU’s proxy server. See attachment below for detailed instructions on how to do this. It is easy. If you need assistance, contact ITS by phone at (212) 998-3333 or by email at its.clientservices@nyu.edu
Go to: <http://www.nyu.edu/its/faq/connecting/proxy.html>

US FOREIGN POLICY COURSE SCHEDULE

September 7: Introduction

I) Theoretical Dimensions

1) *Various Theoretical Approaches*

September 12: *Overabundance of theory?*

International Relations: One World, Many Theories

Stephen M. Walt, *Foreign Policy*, No. 110, Special Edition: Frontiers of Knowledge. (Spring, 1998), pp. 29-32+34-46.

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0015-7228%28199821%290%3A110%3C29%3AIROWMT%3E2.0.CO%3B2-3>

Ole R. Holsti; <http://www.duke.edu/~pfeaver/holsti.pdf>

The Paradigm Debate in International Relations and Its Implications for Foreign Policy Making: Toward a Redefinition of the "National Interest"

J. Martin Rochester, *The Western Political Quarterly*, Vol. 31, No. 1. (Mar., 1978), pp. 48-58.

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0043-4078%28197803%2931%3A1%3C48%3ATPDIIR%3E2.0.CO%3B2-4>

September 14: *Realism, neoliberalism, or else?*

Realism, Neoliberalism, and Cooperation: Understanding the Debate

Robert Jervis, *International Security*, Vol. 24, No. 1. (Summer, 1999), pp. 42-63.

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0162-2889%28199922%2924%3A1%3C42%3ARNACUT%3E2.0.CO%3B2-6>

Anarchy is what States Make of it: The Social Construction of Power Politics

Alexander Wendt, *International Organization*, Vol. 46, No. 2. (Spring, 1992), pp. 391-425.

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0020-8183%28199221%2946%3A2%3C391%3AAIWSMO%3E2.0.CO%3B2-9>

New Approaches to International Theory

Steve Smith, in John Baylis and Steve Smith, eds. *The Globalization of World Politics*. (1997). pp. 165 –190.

<http://pluto.fss.buffalo.edu/classes/psc/fczagare/PSC%20504/Smith.pdf>

2) Different Levels of Analysis in the study of US FP

September 19: Int'l Sources of FP

The Level-of-Analysis Problem in International Relations

J. David Singer, *World Politics*, Vol. 14, No. 1, The International System: Theoretical Essays (Oct., 1961), pp. 77-92

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0043-8871%28196110%2914%3A1%3C77%3ATLPIIR%3E2.0.CO%3B2-T>

The Origins of War in Neorealist Theory

Kenneth N. Waltz, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* > Vol. 18, No. 4, The Origin and Prevention of Major Wars (Spring, 1988), pp. 615-628

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0022-1953%28198821%2918%3A4%3C615%3ATOOWIN%3E2.0.CO%3B2-X>

Toward a Realist Theory of State Action

Michael Mastanduno; David A. Lake; G. John Ikenberry
International Studies Quarterly, Vol. 33, No. 4. (Dec., 1989), pp. 457-474.

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0020-8833%28198912%2933%3A4%3C457%3ATARTOS%3E2.0.CO%3B2-Y>

Domestic Sources

September 21: National Values, Ideology and Culture

Jerel Rosati; pp. 361-396

American Ideals versus American Institutions

Samuel P. Huntington, *Political Science Quarterly* > Vol. 97, No. 1 (Spring, 1982), pp. 1-37

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0032-3195%28198221%2997%3A1%3C1%3AAIVAI%3E2.0.CO%3B2-V>

September 26: Public Opinion and the Media

Rosati, pp.481-528

Embedding the Truth;

Aday, Sean; Livingston, Steven; Hebert, Maeve; *Harvard International Journal of Press/Politics* 10, no. 1 (2005): 3-21

<http://ft.csa.com/ids70/resolver.php?sessid=caccb8ed9e60a7a56483f8ce333407e4&server=oh1.csa.com&check=0e4c6e799c41e6f8b1327ec8519418b0&db=sagecom-set-c&an=10.1177%2F1081180X05275727&mode=pdf&fl=1081-180X%2C10%2C1%2C3%2C2005>

Pretexts and US foreign policy: the war on terrorism in historical perspective

David Gibbs; *New Political Science* 26, no. 3 (2004): 293-321

<http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/routledg/cnps/2004/00000026/00000003/art00003?token=005a1badecf82d7e875332b254362544f6d4e227a677e442f20675d3e763f252e497946537344ab0a78b1151c9>

September 28: *Bureaucracy*

Rosati, 265-290

Conceptual Models and the Cuban Missile Crisis

Graham T. Allison; *The American Political Science Review*, Vol. 63, No. 3 (Sep., 1969), pp. 689-718.

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0003-0554%28196909%2963%3A3%3C689%3ACMATCM%3E2.0.CO%3B2-%23>

Are Bureaucracies Important? (Or Allison Wonderland)

Stephen D. Krasner; *Foreign Policy*, No. 7 (Summer, 1972), pp. 159-179.

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0015-7228%28197222%290%3A7%3C159%3AABI%28AW%3E2.0.CO%3B2-4>

October 3: *The personality of the leader*

The Individual in International Politics: Solving the Level-of-Analysis Problem

Robert A. Isaak, *Polity*, Vol. 7, No. 2. (Winter, 1974), pp. 264-276.

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0032-3497%28197424%297%3A2%3C264%3ATIIPS%3E2.0.CO%3B2-1>

The Structure of Foreign Policy Attitudes among American Leaders

Ole R. Holsti; James N. Rosenau; *The Journal of Politics*, Vol. 52, No. 1 (Feb., 1990), pp. 94-125

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0022-3816%28199002%2952%3A1%3C94%3ATSOFPA%3E2.0.CO%3B2-K>

Presidential Operational Codes and Foreign Policy Conflicts in the Post-Cold War World

Stephen G. Walker; Mark Schafer; Michael D. Young; *The Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol. 43, No. 5 (Oct., 1999), pp. 610-625

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0022-0027%28199910%2943%3A5%3C610%3APOCAFP%3E2.0.CO%3B2-I>

Individual Differences in "Definition of the Situation."

Ole R. Holsti; *The Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol. 14, No. 3 (Sep., 1970), pp. 303-310

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0022-0027%28197009%2914%3A3%3C303%3AIDI%22OT%3E2.0.CO%3B2-6>

II) U.S. Foreign Policy

October 5: *The American approach to foreign policy*

Rosati; pp.1-28

Hook&Spannier 1-23

The Past as Prologue?: Interests, Identity, and American Foreign Policy

John Gerard Ruggie

International Security, Vol. 21, No. 4. (Spring, 1997), pp. 89-125.

[http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0162-](http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0162-2889%28199721%2921%3A4%3C89%3ATPAPII%3E2.0.CO%3B2-P)

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October 10: NO CLASS

Actors, institutions and processes

October 12: *The President*

Rosati, 65-97

The President's Dominance in Foreign Policy Making

Paul E. Peterson, *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 109, No. 2. (Summer, 1994), pp. 215-234

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October 17: *The executive and the bureaucracy*

Rosati 100-156

October 19: *Congress*

Rosati 292-333

Congress and Foreign Policy: Why the Hill Matters

James M. Lindsay

Political Science Quarterly, Vol. 107, No. 4. (Winter, 1992-1993), pp. 607-628.

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October 24: MIDTERM

The Historical Overview of US Foreign Policy

October 26: *World War II to Cold War*

Hook&Spannier 24-80

October 31: *Containment*

Hook&Spanier, 81-137

November 2: *Super Power Détente*

Hook&Spanier, 138-213

November 7: *The End of Cold War*

Hook&Spanier, 214-267

Who Won the Cold War?

Daniel Deudney; G. John Ikenberry, *Foreign Policy*, No. 87. (Summer, 1992), pp. 123-128+130-138.

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0015-7228%28199222%290%3A87%3C123%3AWWTCW%3E2.0.CO%3B2-9>

Why We Will Soon Miss the Cold War

John Mearsheimer, , *The Atlantic*, vol.266, No. 2 (August 1990).

<http://teachingamericanhistory.org/library/index.asp?document=713>

November 9: *The post-Cold War world*

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Competing Visions for U.S. Grand Strategy

Barry R. Posen; Andrew L. Ross, *International Security* > Vol. 21, No. 3 (Winter, 1996), pp. 5-53

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September 11 and Beyond

November 14: *What happened and why?*

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9/11 Commission Final Report, Executive Summary

http://www.9-11commission.gov/report/911Report_Exec.pdf

In the Wake of September 11: The Clash of What?

Michael H. Hunt; *The Journal of American History* Vol. 89, Issue 2.

<http://www.historycooperative.org/journals/jah/89.2/hunt.html>

November 16: *The effects of 9/11 on U.S. Foreign Policy*

The National Security Strategy United States of America 2002

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/nsc/nss.pdf>

Beyond bin Laden: Reshaping U.S. Foreign Policy

Stephen M. Walt; *International Security* 26, no. 3 (2001): 56-78

<http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/mitpress/ise/2001/00000026/00000003/art00005?token=005f1f7e80854de6780531d582a2f3f58723375686f4957275c277b422c3a67544828347750237b4524c4897965b516>

9/11 and American Foreign Policy

Melvyn P. Leffler, *Diplomatic History*, Volume 29, Number 3, June 2005, pp. 395-413

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One Year On: A September 11 Anniversary Symposium

A distinguished and diversely-minded group of commentators offer their views on the direction of American foreign policy one year after September 11, 2001.

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November 21: *The Bush Doctrine and the War on Terror*

The Bush Revolution: The Remaking of America's Foreign Policy

Ivo Daalder and James Lindsay; The Brookings Institution, May 2003

<http://www.wps.princeton.edu/bushconf/DaalderLindsayPaper.pdf>

Understanding the Bush Doctrine

Robert Jervis; *Political science quarterly*, 118, no. 3, (2003): 365

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The End of Unilateralism or Unilateralism Redux?

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November 23: Movie: The War Behind Closed Doors

U.S. Foreign Policy: Regional Perspectives

November 28: *Europe and Russia*

France, Britain and the Euro-Atlantic Crisis

Jolyon Howorth, *Survival*, vol. 45, no. 4, 2003: 173-192

<http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/routledg/surviv/2003/00000045/00000004/art00010?token=0049156208a683f7b2f365d452a72752d705e437a63736a423547655d3b663c244474793c>

Europe's Leverage

R.E. Hunter, *The Washington Quarterly*, Volume 27, Number 1, 1 December 2003, pp. 91-110

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Azizian, Rouben, *Asian Affairs: An American Review*, Summer2003, Vol. 30 Issue 2, p151

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Alan Ward, *Survival*, vol. 45, no. 3, September 2003: 35-56

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December 5: Middle East

The Unfolding US Policy in the Middle East

Eric Watkins

International Affairs (Royal Institute of International Affairs 1944-), Vol. 73, No. 1 (Jan., 1997), pp. 1-14

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Josh Pollack, *Middle East Review of International Affairs*, Vol. 6 No. 3 (September 2002)

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Timothy Mitchell, *Social Text*, 73 Vol. 20 No 4 (Winter 2002), pp. 1-18.

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December 7: Latin America

Hemispheric Relations in the 21st Century

Joseph S. Tulchin, *Journal of Interamerican Studies and World Affairs*, Vol. 39, No. 1, Special Issue: US-Latin American Relations. (Spring, 1997), pp. 33-43.

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Consensus Found, Consensus Lost: Disjunctures in US Policy toward Latin America at the Turn of the Century

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December 12: The future of U.S. Foreign Policy

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December 14: Wrap-up and review

December 21: FINAL EXAM