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INTRODUCTION

This course is an introduction to the basic concepts, theoretical debates, and issues in US Foreign Policy. In the first part of the course, after a brief overview of different theoretical approaches to the study of international relations, we will examine six competing logics of American foreign policy and their policy implications. Then we will discuss the different ‘levels of analysis’ in the study of 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. We will then move on to examine the particularities of the foreign policy establishment of the United States, including the specific actors and institutions involved in the making of foreign policy and the dynamic relations among them. The third part of the class will involve a historical overview of US foreign policy, starting from the foundational period up to our day. We will particularly focus on the Cold War, post-Cold War, and post-9/11 contexts. In the final section, we will discuss some of the controversial foreign policy topics of our day such as unilateralism, democratization, military intervention and the notion of an American Empire.

REQUIREMENTS:

Students are required to attend each class and do the assigned readings prior to the class. They 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 the lecture and discussion formats, so students are highly encouraged to ask questions and participate in the class discussions. **Attendance and participation will be worth 10% of your overall grade.**

There will also be 5 pop-up quizzes throughout the semester. There will be no make-up if you miss a quiz. The quizzes will be very brief, usually consisting of one or two questions regarding the readings, they will be worth two points each and will not be returned. **The quizzes will be 10% of your overall grade.**

Students will also be given a mid-term and a final exam. These exams will be in-class, composed of identification and short-answer questions and essays. **The mid-term is worth 30% and the final exam is worth 50% of your overall grade.** The exams will cover both the reading material and the lectures.

Students are also encouraged to familiarize themselves with major journals and magazines covering international relations and foreign policy and follow the international section of one of the major newspapers. Here are some useful links:

Financial Times (<http://news.ft.com/world>)

The New York Times (<http://www.nytimes.com/pages/world/index.html>)

Washington Post (<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/world>)

Foreign Affairs (<http://www.foreignaffairs.org>)

Foreign Policy in Focus (<http://www.fpif.org/>)

The National Interest (<http://www.nationalinterest.org>)

Foreign Policy Association (<http://www.fpa.org/>)

Council on Foreign Relations (<http://www.cfr.org/>)

REQUIRED READINGS

Textbooks: Two textbooks are assigned for this class:

AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY: HISTORY, POLITICS AND POLICY

Daniel Papp, Loch Johnson, John E. Endicott; Pearson Longman, 2005

LOGICS OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY

Patrick Callahan; Pearson Longman, 2004

Online Articles:

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

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. For more information, go to <http://www.nyu.edu/its/faq/connecting/proxy.html> or contact ITS by phone at (212) 998-3333 or by email at its.clientservices@nyu.edu

US FOREIGN POLICY CLASS SCHEDULE

January 18: Introduction

January 23-25: Various Theoretical Approaches in Int'l Relations

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

[7228%28199821%290%3A110%3C29%3AIROWMT%3E2.0.CO%3B2-3](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>

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>

January 30-February 1: Different Logics of US Foreign Policy I: Realism, Primacy and Isolationism

Callahan pp.1-70

February 6-8: Different Logics of US Foreign Policy II: Liberalism, Liberal Internationalism and Radical Anti-Imperialism

Callahan, 73-129

February 13: Different Logics of US Foreign Policy III: Comparing Different Logics and Competing Themes

Callahan, 132-179

Papp et al, 38-62

February 15: Levels of Analysis in the study 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-](http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0043-8871%28196110%2914%3A1%3C77%3ATLPIIR%3E2.0.CO%3B2-T)

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

Papp et al; pp. 9-34

February 20: President's Day; NO CLASS!!!

February 22: Actors and Institutions of US Foreign Policy I: The President and the Executive Branch

Papp et al, 237-268

The President's Dominance in Foreign Policy Making

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

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0032-3195%28199422%29109%3A2%3C215%3ATPDIFP%3E2.0.CO%3B2-Q>

February 27: Actors and Institutions of US Foreign Policy II: The Congress

Papp et al; 274-293

Congress and Foreign Policy: Why the Hill Matters

James M. Lindsay,

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

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0047-1607%28199624%2F21%2924%3A1%3C5%3ACATFOU%3E2.0.CO%3B2-0>

March 1: Actors and Institutions III: Elites and Public Opinion

Papp et al; 294-301

A democratic foreign policy

Eric Alterman, *World Policy Journal*. New York: Summer 1996.

<http://proquest.umi.com/pqdweb?did=9843916&sid=4&Fmt=3&clientId=9269&RQT=309&VName=PQD>

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>

March 6: MIDTERM

March 8: Tools of Foreign Policy: Diplomacy, Economic Aid, Military Intervention, and Covert Action

Papp et al; 305-363

March 13, March 15: Spring Break; NO CLASS!!!

March 20: History of US Foreign Policy: Foundation till World War I

Papp et al; 67-120

March 22: World War I, World War II, and the Emergence of Cold War

Papp et al; 124-148

George Kennan, "The Sources of Soviet Conduct," 1947
<http://www.historyguide.org/europe/kennan.html>

NSC-68 Conclusion
<http://history.acusd.edu/gen/20th/1950s/nsc68.html>

March 27: Cold War

Papp et al; 152-173

Eisenhower's Farewell Address to the Nation
<http://mcadams.posc.mu.edu/ike.htm>

March 29: Détente and the End of Cold War

Papp et al; 173-183

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>

April 3: Post Cold War World

Papp et al; 192-216

Competing Visions for U.S. Grand Strategy
Barry R. Posen; Andrew L. Ross, *International Security* > Vol. 21, No. 3 (Winter, 1996), pp. 5-53
<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0162-2889%28199624%2F199724%2921%3A3%3C5%3ACVFUGS%3E2.0.CO%3B2-G>

April 5: 9/11: What Happened and Why?

Papp et al; 217- 230

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>

April 10: The War on Terrorism and the Bush Doctrine

The National Security Strategy United States of America 2002
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/nsc/nss.pdf>

The Bush Revolution: The Remaking of America's Foreign Policy
Ivo Daalder and James Lindsay; The Brookings Institution, May 2003
<http://www.wws.princeton.edu/bushconf/DaalderLindsayPaper.pdf>

Great Decisions 2005: Unilateralism vs Multilateralism

April 12: The War and the Future of Iraq

The War Behind Closed Doors

Iraq 1917

Robert Fisk, Independent, June 17, 2004

<http://www.globalpolicy.org/security/issues/iraq/history/2004/0617iraq1917.htm>

April 17: Democratization and Military Intervention

Great Decisions 2005: Democratic Development in the Arab World

Papp et al; 439-471

April 19: The Perception Gap or “why do they hate US?”

Global Opinion: The Spread of Anti-Americanism

<http://pewglobal.org/commentary/pdf/104.pdf>

US Image Abroad Will 'Take Years' to Repair

By Tom Regan, Christian Science Monitor, February 9, 2004

<http://www.globalpolicy.org/empire/analysis/2004/0209repair.htm>

'Anti-Americanism' Has Roots in U.S. Foreign Policy

Mushahid Hussain

<http://www.commondreams.org/views01/1019-05.htm>

Muslims Ask: Why Do They Hate Us?

<http://www.alternet.org/story/11590/>

April 24: US and the World Economy

Great Decisions 2005: US and the World Economy

Papp et al, 406-436

April 26: An American Empire?

The First Failed Empire Of The 21st Century

Michael Mann, *Review of International Studies* (2004), 30, 631–653

<http://www.journals.cambridge.org/action/displayFulltext?type=1&fid=251278&jid=&volumeId=&issueId=04&aid=251277>

Hegemony or Empire?

Niall Ferguson, *Foreign Affairs*, September/October 2003

<http://www.foreignaffairs.org/20030901fareviewessay82512/niall-ferguson/hegemony-or-empire.html?mode=print>

Illusions of Empire: Defining the New American Order

John Ikenberry, Foreign Affairs, March/April 2004

<http://www.foreignaffairs.org/20040301fareviewessay83212b/g-john-ikenberry/illusions-of-empire-defining-the-new-american-order.html?mode=print>

May 1: Wrap up and Review

May 3: FINAL EXAM (12.00-1.50pm)