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INTRODUCTION

This course is an introduction to the basic concepts, theoretical debates, and issues on National Security. The course is roughly divided into three sections. In the first part, we are going to look at major theoretical schools of international relations, their definitions of the international system and the implications for security studies. We will also discuss the meanings of concepts such as national security, national interest, and the security dilemma. In the second part, we are going to look at the US national security establishment, the major actors and institutions involved and how decisions are made. In the third section, after a brief overview of the evolution of American national security from Cold War to our day, we will focus on current security challenges and debates. We will talk about the effects of September 11 on American national security, the war on terrorism, and the tensions between civil liberties and national security. We will also discuss the politics of nuclear proliferation, environmental degradation, infectious diseases and global poverty and whether these issues are best dealt with within the parameters of the national security paradigm. We will finish by discussing alternative concepts to national security, such as human or global security and how the definition of national security could be transformed in order to deal more efficiently with the emerging problems of a globalizing world.

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 NATIONAL SECURITY

Amos A. Jordan, William J. Taylor and Michael Mazarr; The Johns Hopkins University Press, Fifth edition, 1999

NATIONAL SECURITY FOR A NEW ERA

Donald M. Snow; Pearson Longman, 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>

NATIONAL SECURITY COURSE SCHEDULE

January 18: *Introduction*

Theoretical Dimensions:

January 23: *Realism, war and peace*

Politics among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace

Hans J. Morgenthau, 1978, pp. 4-15

<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/morg6.htm>

The Origins of War in Neorealist Theory

Kenneth N. Waltz

Journal of Interdisciplinary History, Vol. 18, No. 4 (Spring, 1988), pp. 615-628.

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0022->

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

January 25: Liberalism and Democratic Peace Theory

Economic Structure and International Security: The Limits of the Liberal Case

Barry Buzan

International Organization, Vol. 38, No. 4. (Autumn, 1984), pp. 597-624.

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0020->

[8183%28198423%2938%3A4%3C597%3AESAI%3E2.0.CO%3B2-N](http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0020-8183%28198423%2938%3A4%3C597%3AESAI%3E2.0.CO%3B2-N)

How Liberalism Produces Democratic Peace

John M. Owen

International Security, Vol. 19, No. 2. (Autumn, 1994), pp. 87-125.

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0162->

[2889%28199423%2919%3A2%3C87%3AHL%3E2.0.CO%3B2-Y](http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0162-2889%28199423%2919%3A2%3C87%3AHL%3E2.0.CO%3B2-Y)

January 30: *Constructivism and Critical Theory*

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>

Critical Theory and Security Studies

Keith Krause

YCISS Occasional Paper, Number 33, February 1996

<http://www.yorku.ca/yciss/publications/OP33-Krause.pdf>

February 1: *National Security: Concepts and Definitions*

*Jordan et al, 3-25

*Snow 155-180

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

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

American National Security Establishment: Actors and Institutions

February 6: *The President and the Executive Branch*

* Jordan et al, 93-122

*Snow, 188-196

February 8: *The Congress*

*Jordan et al, 123-142

*Snow 196-202

February 13: *Military*

* Jordan et al, 171-196

*Snow 227-239

February 15: *Intelligence*

*Jordan et al, 143-171

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

February 22: *The Decision-Making and Budgetary Processes*

*Jordan 196-237

February 27: *The Evolution of US National Security: Cold War to Present Day*

*Jordan et al, 64-89

March 1: *Nuclear Proliferation and Deterrence during the Cold War*

*Jordan 274-289

*Snow 214-227

Nuclear Myths and Political Realities

Kenneth N. Waltz

The American Political Science Review, Vol. 84, No. 3. (Sep., 1990), pp. 731-745.

[http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0003-](http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0003-0554%28199009%2984%3A3%3C731%3ANMAPR%3E2.0.CO%3B2-T)

[0554%28199009%2984%3A3%3C731%3ANMAPR%3E2.0.CO%3B2-T](http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0003-0554%28199009%2984%3A3%3C731%3ANMAPR%3E2.0.CO%3B2-T)

March 6: *The End of Cold War and New Visions for National Security*

*Snow 1-26, 123-151

Competing Visions for U.S. Grand Strategy

Barry R. Posen; Andrew L. Ross

International Security, Vol. 21, No. 3. (Winter, 1996-1997), pp. 5-53.

[http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0162-](http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0162-2889%28199624%2F199724%2921%3A3%3C5%3ACVFUGS%3E2.0.CO%3B2-G)

[2889%28199624%2F199724%2921%3A3%3C5%3ACVFUGS%3E2.0.CO%3B2-G](http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0162-2889%28199624%2F199724%2921%3A3%3C5%3ACVFUGS%3E2.0.CO%3B2-G)

March 8: MIDTERM

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

Current Debates and Security Challenges

March 20: *The Changing Face of Warfare*

Snow, 243-267

Jordan, 237-273

March 22: *9/11 and a new security strategy?*

Great Decisions 2005: Homeland Security and 9/11 Commission

*Snow 341-356

9/11 Commission Report (Executive Summary)

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

National Security Strategy of the United States of America, September 2002

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

March 27: *War on Terrorism*

Great Decisions 2005: The War Against Terrorism: Do We Have the Right Battle Plan

*Snow 282-295

Dealing with Terrorism, An Overview

Philip B. Heymann,

International Security, 26 no.3 (2001)

http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/international_security/v026/26.3heyman.pdf

March 29: *Domestic Restructuring in Response to 9/11: The Patriot Act, Department of Homeland Security and the Director of National Intelligence*

US Patriot Act: A Sketch

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RS21203.pdf>

Surveillance under the US Patriot Act

<http://www.aclu.org/safefree/general/17326res20030403.html>

Department of Homeland Security

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/deptofhomeland/sect1.html>

April 3: *Civil Liberties, International Law and the War on Terrorism*

Great Decisions 2005: Human Rights in the Age of Terrorism

National Security versus Civil Liberties

Nancy V. Baker,

Presidential studies quarterly, yr: 2003 vol: 33 iss: 3

<http://proquest.umi.com/pqdweb?index=0&did=637149251&SrchMode=1&sid=1&Fmt=6&VInst=PROD&VType=PQD&RQT=309&VName=PQD&TS=1126043614&clientId=9269>

Translator's Conviction Raises Legal Concerns

Washington Post, January 16, 2006

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/01/15/AR2006011500940_pf.html

April 5: *Other Security Challenges: Failed States, Peacekeeping and State-building*

Great Decisions 2005: Sudan: A Nation at the Brink

*Snow; p. 302-330

*Jordan 507-525

April 10: The Contemporary Politics of Nuclear Proliferation: Iran, North Korea and the National Missile Defense

North Korea and Iran: Test Cases for an Improved Nonproliferation Regime?

Joseph Cirincione and Jon B. Wolfsthal

http://www.armscontrol.org/act/2003_12/CirincioneandWolfsthal.asp?print

Missile Defense: The Current Debate

CRS Report for the Congress (*Read pages 1-10*)

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/weapons/RL31111.pdf>

April 12: The Rising Dragon? China and the US

Great Decisions 2005: The Rise of China in the World Stage

American hegemony and East Asian order

John Ikenberry; *Australian Journal of International Affairs*, Volume 58, Number 3, September 2004, pp. 353-367 (Ingenta Connect)

http://www.ingentaconnect.com/search/article;jsessionid=a4bjcoael6ll.henrietta?author=ikenberry&year_from=1996&year_to=2006&database=1&pageSize=20&index=4#avail

April 17: Middle East: The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict and the Politics of Oil

McJihad: Islam in the US Global Order

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

http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/social_text/v020/20.4mitchell.pdf

The Road Map to Nowhere

Milton Viorst, *The Washington Quarterly* 26:3 (Summer 2003), pp. 177-190.

<http://lysander.ingentaselect.com/vl=11969907/cl=13/nw=1/fm=docpdf/rpsv/cw/mitpress/0163660x/v26n3/s12/p177>

April 19: Russia and the West

Great Decisions 2005: Russia and US in the Age of Terrorism

Russia: Still Open to the West? Evolution of the State Identity in the Foreign Policy and Security Discourse

Alla Kassianova

Europe-Asia Studies, Vol. 53, No. 6. (Sep., 2001), pp. 821-839.

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0966->

[8136%28200109%2953%3A6%3C821%3ARSOTTW%3E2.0.CO%3B2-1](http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0966-8136%28200109%2953%3A6%3C821%3ARSOTTW%3E2.0.CO%3B2-1)

April 24: Environment and Infectious Disease

Great Decisions 2006: Global Health Pandemics

Is the Environment a National Security Issue?

Marc A. Levy

International Security, Vol. 20, No. 2. (Autumn, 1995), pp. 35-62.

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0162->

[2889%28199523%2920%3A2%3C35%3AITEANS%3E2.0.CO%3B2-L](http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0162-2889%28199523%2920%3A2%3C35%3AITEANS%3E2.0.CO%3B2-L)

Providing Basic Human Security

Barbara Boxer, *The Washington Quarterly*, 26:2, 2003

http://www.ciaonet.org/olj/twq/spr2003/twq_spr2003c.pdf

April 26: The Future of National Security: Toward new definitions and approaches?

Great Decisions 2005: Addressing Global Poverty

Global poverty and orthodox security.

Peter Wilkin; *Third World Quarterly*, 2002, vol. 23

<http://search.epnet.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=buh&an=7484750>

May 1: Wrap up and Review

May 3: FINAL EXAM (4pm-5.50pm)