

POLITICAL SCIENCE 123B
SPECIAL TOPICS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

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Content: This course will investigate some of the most important sources of conflict in the modern international system, including interstate rivalry, rogue states, and terrorism. We will also look at a number of possible responses to these challenges. Particular focus will be given to U.S. foreign policy and how it can be used to promote global stability.

Requirements: Students should attend all lectures and sections, as well as complete the assigned readings before every class. There will also be a midterm and a final, which will consist of essays and questions about the readings.

Access to Readings: All readings are available for free if you are on the UC Berkeley network. If you are off-campus, follow the directions on this site to connect to the network: <http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/using-the-libraries/proxy-server>.

Absences: Grades will be docked for missing section, but absences for religious or extracurricular activities may be excused if they meet the guidelines from the Academic Senate and the Registrar's Office. Please inform me immediately if you cannot attend class on either of the exam days.

Accommodations: Please let me know if you need any accommodations that have been approved by DSP.

Grading Policy: Participation (20%), Midterm (30%), Final (50%).

Important Dates:

Midterm Exam June 14, 2016
Final Exam June 30, 2016

Other Policies: Computers, cell phones, and other electronic devices are not permitted during class.

Course Outline:

May 23: Introduction

1. Stephen Walt. 1991. "The Renaissance of Security Studies." *International Studies Quarterly* 35(2): 211-239.
2. Stephen Walt. 1998. "International Relations: One World, Many Theories." *Foreign Policy* 110(1): 29-46.

May 24: Great Power Rivalry

1. Stephen Van Evera. 1990. "Primed for Peace: Europe After the Cold War." *International Security* 15(3): 7-57.
2. Aaron L. Friedberg. 1993. "Ripe for Rivalry: Prospects for Peace in a Multipolar Asia." *International Security* 18(3): 5-33.
3. Jeffrey Mankoff. 2014. "Russia's Greatest Land Grab: How Putin Won Russia and Lost Ukraine." *Foreign Affairs* 93(3): 60-68.
4. Kyle Dropp, Joshua D. Kertzer, and Thomas Zeitzoff. 2014. "The Less Americans Know About Ukraine's Location, the More They Want the U.S. To Intervene." *The Washington Post*, April 7.
5. John Mearsheimer. 2006. "China's Unpeaceful Rise." *Current History* 105(690): 160-162.
6. John Ikenberry. 2008. "The Rise of China and the Future of the West: Can the Liberal System Survive?" *Foreign Affairs* 87(1): 23-37.

May 25: Rogue States

1. Robert Kagan and William Kristol. 2002. "What to Do About Iraq." *The Weekly Standard* 7(18): 21.
2. Christopher Hitchens. 2009. "The Axis of Evil Revisited." *FORA.tv*.
3. John Mearsheimer and Stephen Walt. 2003. "Can Saddam Be Contained? History Says Yes." *Foreign Policy Bulletin* 14(1): 219-224.
4. Rob York. 2014. "Will North Korea Ever Use Its Nuclear Weapons?" *The Guardian*, October 31.
5. Keir Lieber and Daryl Press. 2013. "The Next Korean War." *Foreign Affairs*, April 1.
6. Michael Rubin. 2008. "Can a Nuclear Iran Be Contained or Deterred?" *Middle Eastern Outlook* 8:1-9.
7. Kenneth Waltz. 2012. "Why Iran Should Get the Bomb: Nuclear Balancing Would Mean Stability." *Foreign Affairs* 91(2): 2-5.
8. Charles Krauthammer. 2012. "The 'Deterrence Works' Fantasy." *Washington Post*, August 30.

May 26: Terrorism

1. John Mueller and Mark Stewart. 2012. "The Terrorism Delusion: America's Overwrought Response to September 11." *International Security* 37(1): 81-110.
2. Shan Carter and Amanda Cox. 2011. "One 9/11 Tally: 3.3 Trillion Dollars." *The New York Times*, September 8.
3. George W. Bush. 2002. Speech at West Point, June 1.
4. Matthew Kroenig. 2010. "How To Deter Terrorism." *The Washington Quarterly* 35(2): 21-36.
5. Keir Lieber and Daryl Press. 2013. "Why States Won't Give Nuclear Weapons to Terrorists." *International Security* 38(1): 80-104.

May 31: ISIS

1. "The Islamic State." 2014. *Vice News*.
2. Audrey Kurth Cronin. 2015. "ISIS Is Not a Terrorist Group: Why Counterterrorism Won't Stop the Latest Jihadist Threat." *Foreign Policy* 94(2): 87-98.
3. Robin Simcox. 2014. "ISIS' Western Ambitions: Why Europe and the United States Could be the Militant Group's Next Target." *Foreign Affairs*, June 30.
4. Eric Patterson. 2014. "Muslims Fighting Islamists: West Should Applaud But Stay Out." *The Blaze*, December 24.

June 1: Economic Weapons

1. John Mueller and Karl Mueller. 1999. "Sanctions of Mass Destruction." *Foreign Affairs* 78(3): 44-53.
2. Daniel Drezner. 2011. "Sanctions Sometimes Smart: Targeted Sanctions in Theory and Practice." *International Studies Review* 13(1): 96-108.
3. Joy Gordon. 2013. "The Human Costs of the Iran Sanctions." *Foreign Policy*, October 18.
4. Michael Birnbaum. 2015. "A Year into a Conflict with Russia, Are Sanctions Working?" *Washington Post*, March 27.
5. Daniel Drezner. 2015. "Does the Obama Administration Really Understand How Economic Sanctions Work?" *Washington Post*, February 9.

June 2: Decapitation

1. Daniel Byman and Kenneth Pollack. 2001. "Let Us Now Praise Great Men: Bringing the Statesman Back In." *International Security* 25(4): 107-146.
2. Benjamin Jones and Benjamin Olken. 2009. "Hit or Miss? The Effect of Assassinations on Institutions and War." Summary from the *National Bureau of Economic Research*.
3. Bryan Price. 2012. "Targeting Top Terrorists: How Leadership Decapitation Contributes to Counterterrorism." *International Security* 36(4): 9-46.

June 6: Air Power

1. Robert Pape. 1993. "Why Japan Surrendered." *International Security* 18(2): 154-201.
2. Robert Pape. 2004. "The True Worth of Air Power." *Foreign Affairs*. 83(2): 116-130.
3. Daniel Reiter. 2004. "The Osiraq Myth and the Track Record of Preventive Military Attacks." *Policy Brief: Ridgway Center for International Security Studies, University of Pittsburgh*: 1-4
4. Audrey Kurth Cronin. 2013. "Why Drones Fail: When Tactics Drive Strategy." *Foreign Affairs* 92(4): 44-54.
5. Daniel Byman. 2013. "Why Drones Work: The Case for Washington's Weapon of Choice." *Foreign Affairs* 92(4): 32-43.

June 7: Nation Building

1. Michael Doyle. 1986. "Liberalism and World Politics." *American Political Science Review* 80(4): 1151-1169.
2. Sebastian Rosato. 2003. "The Flawed Logic of Democratic Peace Theory." *American Political Science Review* 97(4): 585-602.
3. Larry Diamond. 2004. "What Went Wrong in Iraq." *Foreign Affairs* 83(5): 34-56.
4. David Edelstein. 2004. "Occupational Hazards: Why Military Occupations Succeed or Fail." *International Security* 29(1): 49-91.

June 8: Offshore Balancing

1. John Mearsheimer. 2011. "Imperial by Design." *The National Interest* 111(1): 16-34.
2. Barry Posen. 2013. "Pull Back: The Case for a Less Activist Foreign Policy." *Foreign Affairs* 92(1): 116-129.

June 9: Non-Interventionism

1. Osama bin Laden. 2002. Letter to America.
2. Joseph Lieberman and Jon Kyl. 2013. "The Danger of Repeating the Cycle of American Isolationism." *The Washington Post*, April 25.
3. Lt. Gen. Thomas G. McInerney. 2010. "A World Without America's Leadership and Military Might Would Be Chaos." *Fox News Opinion*, November 12.
4. Micah Zenko. 2014. "The Myth of the Indispensable Nation." *Foreign Policy*. November 6.

June 13: Review**June 14: Midterm Exam****June 15: Military Privatization**

1. Peter W. Singer. 2001. "Corporate Warriors: The Rise of the Privatized Military Industry and Its Ramifications for International Security." *International Security* 26(3): 186-220.
2. Peter W. Singer. 2005. "Outsourcing War." *Foreign Affairs* 84(2): 119-133.
3. Deborah Avant and Lee Sigelman. 2010. "Private Security and Democracy: Lessons from the US in Iraq." *Security Studies* 19(2): 130-265.

June 16: Christianity

1. Ewen MacAskill. 2005. "George Bush: 'God Told Me To End the Tyranny in Iraq.'" *The Guardian*, October 7.
2. Robert McMahon. 2006. "Christian Evangelicals and U.S. Foreign Policy." *Council on Foreign Relations*, August 22.

3. Walter Russel Mead. 2006. "God's Country." *Foreign Affairs* 85(5): 24-44.

June 20: Military Industrial Complex

1. Dwight D. Eisenhower. 1961. Farewell Address.
2. James Fallows. 2015. "The Tragedy of the American Military." *The Atlantic* 315(1), 72-90.
3. "Police Militarization and Upcoming Martial Law." 2014. *CNN*.

June 21: Government Secrecy

1. Dennis F. Thompson. 1999. "Democratic Secrecy." *Political Science Quarterly* 114(2): 181-193.
2. Paul Szoldra. 2014. "Snowden: Here's Everything We've Learned In One Year Of Unprecedented Top-Secret Leaks." *Business Insider*, June 7.

June 22: Torture

1. Mark Costanzo and Ellen Gerrity. 2009. "The Effects and Effectiveness of Using Torture as an Interrogation Device: Using Research to Inform the Policy Debate." *Social Issues and Policy Review* 3(1): 179-210.
2. "The Torture Question." 2005. *Frontline*.
3. Chistopher Hitchens. 2008. "Believe Me, It's Torture." *Vanity Fair*, July 2.
4. Wilson Andrews and Alicia Parlapiano. 2014. "A History of the C.I.A.'s Secret Interrogation Program." *New York Times*, December 9.
5. Matt Apuzzo, Haeyoun Park, and Larry Buchanan. 2014. "Does Torture Work? The C.I.A.'s Claims and What the Committee Found." *New York Times*, December 9.
6. Aaron Blake. 2014. "The Reason Americans Are OK with Torture." *New York Times*, December 16.

June 23: Arts and Entertainment

1. Max Fisher. 2015. "What Everyone Gets Wrong about Charlie Hebdo and Racism." *Vox*, January 12.
2. Victor Navasky. 2015. "Crime and Caricature: A History of Political Cartoons—And the Backlash They've Inspired." *Foreign Affairs*, February 10.
3. "Interview with 'Charlie Hebdo' Cartoonist Luz." 2015. *Vice News*.
4. "Interview with Seth Rogen and James Franco." 2015. *ABC News*.
5. Fareed Zakaria. 2014. "Caving to North Korea on 'The Interview' Sends the Wrong Message to Terrorists." *Washington Post*, December 18.

June 27: International Sports

1. United Nations. 2014. "Sports & Peace: How the FIFA World Cup Unites."

2. Torres, Cesar R. 2011. "Morally Incompatible?: An Analysis of the Relationship Between Competitive Sport and International Relations at the Olympic Games." *SAIS Review of International Affairs* 31(1): 3-16.
3. George Orwell. 1945. "The Sporting Spirit." *The London Tribune*.
4. Andrew Bertoli. 2014. "World Cup Participation Increases State Aggression." *Washington Post*, June 3.

June 28: Sports Diplomacy

1. Rachel Avraham. 2013. "Learning Peace Through Sport." *Jewish Press*, March 27.
2. "The Hermit Kingdom." 2013. *Vice News*.

June 29: Final Review**June 30: Final**