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U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

The purpose of this course is to provide an overview of the most significant issues in the U.S. foreign policy-making. The course is divided into three parts:

- (a) a review of the principal historical and theoretical debates about the U.S. role in world affairs;
- (b) discussion about the functional areas (diplomatic, military, economic and cultural) where the U.S. has a major impact; and
- (c) and exploration of how the U.S. may respond to future challenges.

There is a substantial amount of reading necessary. The course will be taught, to the maximum extent possible, in seminar fashion, so you must do the reading **BEFORE COMING TO CLASS.**

We will be covering a broad range of controversial topics which involve a blend of technical and ideological questions. There are also obvious moral considerations in many of the topics. Given the breadth of legitimate approaches, this course will not focus on any “agreed perspective” and students will be expected to present a broad range of positions in class discussions.

Requirements

- A) **Reading:** Assignments are on the attached list.
- B) **Papers:** There will be a required Short Paper, 5 pages, due February 25 and a Final Paper of 15-20 pages due May 05.
- C) **Exam:** There will be a Mid-Term Exam on March 10.
- D) **Class Participation:** Each student will be expected to participate fully in class discussions.
- E) **Grading:** Short Paper, 10%; Mid-Term Exam, 20%; Class Discussion, 20%; and Major Paper, 50%.

I. The Shaping of American Foreign Policy

1. The Theoretical Debates: **January 28**

O. Holsti "Models of International Relations," in J. Ikenberry, ed., American Foreign Policy - Theoretical Essays, 5th ed., pp. 14-39

R. Lieber The American Era, Chapters 1-2

2. Establishment of the Nation to 1898: **February 04**

D. Merrill & T. Paterson Major Problems in American Foreign Policy Vol. 1, 6th Ed.
 Chapt. 3 "Great Debate of the 1790s"
 Chapt. 6 "The Monroe Doctrine,"
 Chapt. 11 "Becoming a World Power"

W.R. Mead Special Providence: American Foreign Policy and How It Changed the World, Chapt. 1,2.

3. The Aftermath of the Spanish-American War and World War I: **February 11**

Merrill and Paterson Major Problems in American Foreign Policy Vol.1
 Chapt. 12 "Spanish American War"
 Chapt. 13 "The Open Door Policy to China"

M. Macmillan Paris - 1919 Chapt. 1,2,4,6,30

Merrill & Paterson Major Problems in American Foreign Policy, Vol. 2, 6th Ed.
 Chapt. 2 "W. Wilson & the League of Nations"
 Chapt. 3 "The 1920s"

II. The Major Post-World War II Policy Debates

4. The U.S. Soviet Rivalry & the Vietnam War: **February 18** (President's Day: No Class)

G. Kennan "The Sources of Soviet Conduct," Foreign Affairs,
(The "X" Article), July 1947, Vol. XXV, No. 4

M. Leffler "The American Conception of National Security,"
in Ikenberry, ed., pp.84-110

Merrill & Paterson Major Problems in American Foreign Policy, Vol. 2
Chapt. 11 "The Vietnam War"
Chapt. 12 "Nixon, Kissinger, & Detente"

5. Values and Religion in American Foreign Policy: **February 25**

J. Ikenberry "America's Liberal Grand Strategy," in Ikenberry, ed.
pp. 268-289

D. Kirkpatrick "For Evangelicals, Supporting Israel is 'God's Foreign
Policy'," New York Times, December 12, 2006

W.R. Mead "God's Country," Foreign Affairs, Sept./Oct. 2006,
pp. 24-43

J. Judis "The Chosen Nation," Carnegie Policy Brief # 37,
March 2005

6. Post Cold War Debates: **March 03**

F. Fukuyama The End of History and the Last Man (1992)
Introduction and Chapt. 1 & 2, pp. xi - 22

C. Krauthammer "The Unipolar Moment Revisted," The National Interest,
Winter 2002/03, pp. 5-17

J.L. Gaddis "International Relations Theory & The End of the
Cold War," International Security, Winter 1992/93,
pp. 5-58

7. Mid-Term Exam: **March 10**

III The Post 9/11 Era

8. Globalization and the World Economy:
March 24
- I.M.F. World Economic Outlook, April 2007, 1-46
- P. Peterson "Riding for a Fall," Foreign Affairs, Sept. / Oct. 2004, 111-125
- J. Stiglitz Globalization & Its Discontents, Chapt. 1,2
9. Preemption and Preventive War Doctrine:
March 31
- R. Zelikow "The Transformation of National Security,"
The National Interest, Spring 2003, pp. 17-28
- A. Bacevich American Empire, Chapt. 5,6
- D. Rothkopf Running the World, Chapt. 12, 389-447
- D. Denoon Ballistic Missile Defense in the Post-Cold War Era
 Chapt. 1,6
10. The Effects of the Iraq War:
April 07
- B. Lewis What Went Wrong?, Chapt. 1
- S. Hadley "The Political Situation in Iraq," Nov. 8, 2006, as
 subsequently published in the New York Times
- T. Carpenter & M. Innocent "The Iraq War and Iranian Power," Survival,
 Winter 2007-08, 67-82

11. Responses to U.S. Dominance:
April 14

- R. Pape "Soft Balancing Against the U.S.," International Security, Summer 2005, pp. 7-45
- J. Muravchik "The Past, Present, and Future of Neoconservatism," Commentary, October 2007, 19-29
- R. Sutter "America and China's 'Peaceful Rise'," 64-74 in D. Denoon, ed., China: Contemporary Political, Economic and International Affairs (2007)
- D. Tierney "American's Quagmire Mentality," Survival, Winter 2007-08, 47-66
- C. Kupchan & P. Trubowitz "Dead Center: The Demise of Liberal Internationalism," International Security, Fall 2007, 7-44

12. Strategic Realignments in Asia:
April 21

- D. Denoon The Economic and Strategic Rise of China and India (2007), Chaps. 1, 5,6
- F. Leverett "Black is the New Green," The National Interest, Jan. / Feb. 2008, 37-45
- C. Raja Mohan "India and the Balance of Power," Foreign Affairs, July / August 2006, pp. 17-32
- T. Christensen "Fostering Stability or Creating a Monster?" International Security, Summer 2006, pp. 81-126
- A. Tellis "China's Military Space Strategy," Survival, Autumn 2007, 41-72

13, 14. Presentation of Papers:
April 28, May 05