

**Politics of Global Problems / Intro to IR**  
**Political Science H145**  
**Fall 2005**

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**Course Description**

Many people argue that after the end of the Cold War and 9/11, much of what we have come to understand about how the world works no longer makes sense. Others say that international relations, by which they mean relations among sovereign states in anarchy, remain fundamentally unchanged. This course gives students the conceptual tools to begin thinking about this question and others like it. It is divided into three parts, reflecting three major themes of life in an anarchic system: War and Peace, International Political Economy, and Global Governance. Throughout the course, discussion will be grounded in real world problems; but the primary emphasis is less on current events or history than on concepts and theories. The goal is for students to develop the analytical and theoretical skills necessary for thinking critically about how states relate to one another in the international system, or in ‘anarchy.’

**Requirements**

There are no prerequisites for this course.

Students are responsible for all readings listed on the syllabus. Given the importance of assimilating ideas and not just facts, it is important to keep up with the reading on a week by week basis.

Participation. Attendance is expected. Students are expected to arrive to class on time, to stay for the duration of the class period, to have read the assigned material, and to participate – ask questions, join discussion – in an active, informed, and thoughtful manner (10% of grade).

Midterms: These exams will take place in class on **Wednesday, October 19** and **Wednesday, November 9**. Students will be asked to explain and state the significance of core concepts; they also will be given a choice of essay questions and asked to answer one of them. These essays will ask students to contrast and evaluate different ideas and authors, and/or to synthesize and coherently present their own argument.

Final Examination: This exam will take place on **WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7**, from 7:30 – 9:18 a.m., in this classroom. It will have the same form as the mid-terms, although it will concentrate primarily on material from the final third of the course.

### **Exam policies**

No books, notes, or other aids will be permitted.

A review sheet will be handed out one week in advance.

Exams must be taken when scheduled, except in the case of documented medical or family emergency.

### **Grade schedule**

- Midterm I: 25%
- Midterm II: 25%
- Final Exam: 40%
- Participation: 10%

### **Academic Misconduct**

It is the responsibility of the Committee on Academic Misconduct to investigate or establish procedures for the investigation of all reported cases of student academic misconduct. The term “academic misconduct” includes all forms of wrongdoing wherever committed; illustrated by, but not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations. For additional information, see the Code of Student Conduct ([http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/info\\_for\\_students/csc.asp](http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/info_for_students/csc.asp)).

### **Disability Services**

Students with disabilities that have been certified by the Office for Disability Services will be appropriately accommodated, and should inform the instructor as soon as possible of their needs. The Office for Disability Services is located in 150 Pomerene Hall, 1760 Neil Avenue; telephone 292-3307, TDD 292-0901; (<http://www.ods.ohio-state.edu>).

### **Readings**

All readings are required. The following required book is available for purchase at all OSU Bookstores:

Shimko, Keith L. 2005. *International Relations: Perspectives and Controversies*. NY: Houghton Mifflin. ISBN: 0-618-21548-4.

There also is a reading packet, (\$8.50, including tax) through Zip Publishing. To facilitate your purchase of the packet, a Zip representative will be in class at 9:15 a.m. on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>; or contact Zip directly: 380 Wyandotte Ave.; 614-263-0833;

[www.zippublishing.com](http://www.zippublishing.com). Readings in the packet are designated **PACKET** in the syllabus. **All packet readings also are available on reserve at the main library.**

All remaining readings are available on-line and accessible through OSU library's OSCAR system.

## CALENDAR

**Wed., Sept. 21: Course Introduction**

**Mon., Sept. 26: Perspectives on the States System and the Logic of Anarchy**

Shimko, Chapter 1: "Change and Continuity in International History," pp. 11-43.

Shimko, Chapter 2: "Contending Perspectives on International Politics," pp. 65-66.

## WAR AND PEACE

**Wed., Sept. 28: The Third Image I: The Balance of Power and the Security Dilemma**

Shimko, Chapter 2: "Contending Perspectives on International Politics," pp. 44-51.

Shimko, Chapter 5: "Power Politics," pp. 120-130.

Waltz, Kenneth, "The Origins of War in Neorealist Theory," in Robert Rotberg and Theodore Rabb, eds. *The Origins and Prevention of Major Wars* (NY: Cambridge University Press, 1989), pp. 39-52. **PACKET**

**Mon., Oct. 3: The Third Image II: Hegemonic War**

Christensen, Thomas J., "The Contemporary Security Dilemma: Deterring a Taiwan Conflict," *Washington Quarterly*, 25, 4 (2002), pp. 7-21. ON LINE

Roy, Denny, "China's Reaction to American Predominance," *Survival*, 45, 3 (2003): 57-78. ON LINE

**Wed., Oct. 5: The Second Image: Liberalism and the Democratic Peace**

Shimko, Chapter 2: "Contending Perspectives on International Politics," pp. 51-54.

Shimko, Chapter 4: "War and Democracy," pp. 97-119.

Doyle, Michael, "Liberalism and World Politics," *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 80 (December 1986), pp. 1151-1169. ON LINE

**Mon., Oct. 10: The Second Image II: Democratic Imperialism?**

Snyder, Jack, "Imperial Temptations," *The National Interest*, 71 (2003), pp. 29-40. ON LINE.

Kurtz, Stanley, "Democratic Imperialism: A Blueprint," *Policy Review*, 118 (2003), pp. (11 pages). ON LINE.

McFaul, Michael, "Democracy Promotion as a World Value," *Washington Quarterly*, 28, 1 (2004), pp. 147-163. ON LINE.

**Wed., Oct 12: The First Image: Human Nature, Misperception**

Shimko, Chapter 3: "War and Human Nature," pp. 71 – 96.

Jervis, Robert, "War and Misperception," in Robert Rotberg and Theodore Rabb, eds., *The Origin and Prevention of Major Wars* (NY: Cambridge University Press, 1989), pp. 101-126. **PACKET**

**Mon., Oct. 17: Is Collective Security Possible?**

Shimko, Chapter 2: "Contending Perspectives on International Politics," pp. 55-65.

Shimko, Chapter 5: "Power Politics," pp. 130-144.

Kagan, Robert, "Power and Weakness," *Policy Review*, 113 (2002), pp. (20 pages). ON LINE

**Wed., Oct. 19: MIDTERM I**

**INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY**

**Mon., Oct. 24: Introduction to the International Political Economy**

Gilpin, Robert, "The Nature of Political Economy," in Robert Art and Robert Jervis, eds. *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues* (NY: Pearson Longman 2005), pp. 281-297. **PACKET**

Keohane, Robert, "Hegemony in the World Political Economy," in Robert Art and Robert Jervis, eds. *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues* (NY: Pearson Longman 2005), pp. 298-310. **PACKET**

Krugman, Paul, "Competitiveness: A Dangerous Obsession," *Foreign Affairs*, 73, 2 (1994), pp. 28-44. ON LINE

**Wed., Oct. 26: International Trade**

Shimko, Chapter 6: "Free Trade," pp. 146-169.

Pastor, Robert, "North American's Second Decade," *Foreign Affairs*, 83, 1 (Jan/Feb, 2004), pp. 124-135. ON LINE

Rodrik, Dani, "Trading in Illusions," *Foreign Policy*, March/April, 2001, pp. ##. ON LINE.

**Mon., Oct. 31: Development**

Shimko, Chapter 7: "The IMF, Global Inequality, and Development," pp. 170-194.

Finnegan, W, "The Economics of Empire," *Harpers Magazine*, May 2003, pp. 41-54. ON LINE

Birdsall, Nancy, "Life is Unfair," *Foreign Policy*, 111 (Summer 1998), pp. 76-92. ON LINE

**Wed., Nov. 2: Globalization**

Shimko, Chapter 8: "Globalization and Sovereignty," pp. 195-220.

Slaughter, Anne-Marie, "The Real New World Order," *Foreign Affairs*, 76, 5 (Sept./Oct. 1997), pp. 183-197. ON LINE

**Mon., Nov. 7: NGO's and Global Civil Society**

Matthews, Jessica T., "Power Shift," *Foreign Affairs*, 76, 1 (1997), pp. 50-66. ON LINE.

Robinson, Piers, "The CNN Effect," *Review of International Studies*, 25 (1999), pp. 301-310. ON LINE.

Deibert, Ronald, "International Plug 'n Play? Citizen Activism, the Internet, and Global public Policy," *International Studies Perspectives*, 1, 3 (2000): 255-272. ON LINE.

**Wed., Nov 9: MIDTERM II**

## GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

### **Mon., Nov. 14: International Law and Criminal Justice**

Shimko, Chapter 9: "International Law," pp. 221-244.

Kissinger, Henry, "The Pitfalls of Universal Jurisdiction," *Foreign Affairs*, 80, 4 (July/August, 2001), pp. 86 + (11 pages). **PACKET**.

Roth, Kenneth, "Response: The Case for Universal Jurisdiction," *Foreign Affairs*, 80, 5 (Sept/Oct, 2001), pp. 150-154. ON LINE

### **Wed., Nov. 16: United Nations**

Barnett, Michael, "Bringing in the New World Order: Liberalism, Legitimacy and the United Nations," *World Politics*, 49, 4 (1997), pp. 526-551. ON LINE.

Glennon, Michael J. "Why the Security Council Failed," *Foreign Affairs*, 82, 3 (2003), pp.16-35. ON LINE.

Responses by Edward Luck, Anne-Marie Slaughter, and Ian Hurd, *Foreign Affairs*, 82, 4 (2003), pp. 201-205. ON LINE.

### **Mon., Nov. 21: Humanitarian Intervention**

Shimko, Chapter 10: "The United Nations and Humanitarian Intervention," pp. 245-268.

Roberts, Adam, "NATO's 'Humanitarian War over Kosovo,'" *Survival*, 41, 3 (1999), pp. 102-122. **PACKET**.

### **Wed., Nov. 23: Nuclear Proliferation**

Shimko, Chapter 11: "Nuclear Proliferation," pp. 269-292.

Feinstein, Lee and Anne-Marie Slaughter. "A Duty to Prevent," *Foreign Affairs* (January/February, 2004), pp. 136-150. ON LINE

Sariolghalam, Mahmood, "Understanding Iran: Getting Past Stereotypes and Mythology," *Washington Quarterly*, 26, 4, (2003), pp. 69-82. ON LINE.

**Mon. Nov 28: Terrorism**

Shimko, Chapter 12: "International Terrorism," pp. 293-316.

Pape, Robert, "The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism," *American Political Science Review*, 97, 3 (August, 2003), pp. 343-362. ON LINE.

**Wed., Nov. 30: The Global Environment**

Shimko, Chapter 13: "The Global Commons," pp. 317-346.

Assuncao, Lucas, "Turning its Back to the World? The United States and Climate Change Policy," in David M. Malone and Yuen Foong Khong, eds. *Unilateralism and U.S. Foreign Policy: International Perspectives* (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner), pp. 297-317. **PACKET.**

**FINAL EXAM: WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7, 7:30 – 9:18 a.m.**

**Language to be included in all syllabi of courses useful on the GEC:**

**Political Science 100, 145, and 245 syllabi must include this language:**

### **5. Diversity: International Issues**

**Goals/ Rationale:**

Diversity: International Issues courses help students become educated, productive, and principled citizens of their nation and the world.

**Learning Objectives:**

1. Students exhibit an understanding of political, economic, cultural, physical, and social differences among the nations of the world, including a specific examination of non-Western culture.

**Political Science 100, 101, 145, 201, 210 and 245 syllabi must include this language:**

### **7. Social Science**

**Goals/Rationale:**

Courses in social science help students understand human behavior and cognition, and the structures of human societies, cultures and institutions.

**Learning Objectives:**

1. Students understand the theories and methods of scientific inquiry as they are applied to the studies of individuals, groups, organizations, and societies.
2. Students comprehend human differences and similarities in various psychological, social, cultural, economic, geographic, and political contexts.
3. Students develop abilities to comprehend and assess individual and social values, and recognize their importance in social problem solving and policy making.