

POLS 1160 (10977): Introduction to INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Northeastern University, Fall 2013

Lectures: Tuesday 11.45am – 1.25pm
 Thursday 2.50pm – 4.30pm
Classroom: 237 Richards Hall

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Course Description: The course will provide the students with a general conceptual framework and analytical tools to understand, analyze, and interpret international issues and events. This course focuses on introducing students to the methodological and theoretical components of the analysis of international relations between states. By the conclusion of the course the students should have a greater understanding of the structure of the international system and of decision-making processes within that system. Topics covered will include causes of conflict and war, causes of inequalities among states, the nature of economic and trade relations between states, and the consequences of globalization.

To achieve its goals, the course provides students with a range of case studies, introducing them to the modern political and economic ties between countries around the world.

Essential Readings: All readings of the syllabus are required. The textbook for this course is available at the Northeastern University bookstore. Make sure you purchase the correct edition:

- Kegley, Charles W. and Gregory A. Raymond. 2014. *The Global Future: A Brief Introduction to World Politics, 5th ed.* Wadsworth, Cengage Learning. (**Textbook**)

Additional assigned articles and material will be available through the course's Blackboard site or send to all students by e mail. If you have any problems opening them, please contact the course instructor.

It is required that you follow current events on a daily basis. Be prepared to refer to new sources such as nytimes.com, new.bbc.co.uk or economist.com. The library also offers access to many news sources through its website, see for instance the *LexisNexis* database.

Course requirements:

Participation: 10%
2 opinions: 20% (10% each)

Mid term exam:	20%
Paper:	25%
Presentation:	10%
Final exam:	15%

Final grades will be determined using the following percentage scale:

A = 100 – 93, A- = 92 – 90, B+ = 89 – 87, B = 86 – 83, B- = 82 – 80, C+ = 79 – 77, C = 76 – 73, C- = 72 – 70, D+ = 69 – 67, D = 66 – 63, D- = 62 – 60, F = < 60.

Participation: Attendance is mandatory. The instructor keeps track of attendance. If you have circumstances that preclude you from attending, you are expected to inform the instructor in a timely manner. Students are expected to read the assigned texts thoroughly and come to class prepared to contribute to the discussion and to answer any question.

Use of laptops in class is allowed, yet should be limited to taking notes and reviewing course material. Any other use of computers will not be tolerated. The use in any way of cell phones is not allowed in class.

Opinions: Each student will write two short opinion pieces. For each the student is asked to find and come prepared to discuss a current event news article that relates to one of the broad topics that covered in class. Instructions for completing these opinions will be distributed during the course. All assignments will be submitted through Blackboard. No deadline extension will be offered. Opinions handed in after the specified time will have ten percent subtracted from their final score for each day they are late.

Research Paper: Each student will write a research paper. Instructions for completing this paper will be distributed during the course. The paper for this course will be no more than 10 – 12 pages, double spaced. The paper will require the use of outside resources. Students MUST cite any and all sources used. All assignments will be submitted through Blackboard. No deadline extension will be offered. Papers handed in after the specified time will have ten percent subtracted from their final score for each day they are late.

Presentation: Students will present their paper in a formal 10 minute long Power Point (or similar presentation tool) presentation. A question & answer session will follow. Instructions for completing the presentation will be distributed during the course.

Mid term exam: The midterm exam will cover all the material up to that point. See the course outline below for the specific date of the midterm exam.

Final Exam: The final exam will focus on all the material covered after the midterm exam. See the course outline below for the specific date of the final exam.

Respect for Others: Discussions in a political science course can occasionally be controversial and disconcerting for some. Students should remember that this is an

academic environment in which the primary objective is learning. Though it is not necessary to agree with another's viewpoint (including the instructor's), students are expected to be respectful of other people's perspectives and ideas.

Academic Honesty: WARNING. The Department of Political Science takes very seriously the issue of academic honesty. Any student who appears to violate the University's Academic Honesty and Integrity Policy may be referred to the University's Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution. The Academic Honesty and Integrity Policy includes cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, and other types of dishonest activities. Plagiarism is broadly defined as taking ideas, concepts, or actual words of another person and passing them off as your own work. Of particular note is the increase in cut-and-paste plagiarism, which involves downloading phrases from websites or other internet sources. (See <http://www.northeastern.edu/osccr/academichonesty.html>).

The instructor will clarify specific guidelines on fair use of material for this class. If a proven violation involves an exam of course assignment, the student shall receive a failing grade for the assignment, in addition to sanctions imposed by the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution. Individual faculty, with the support of the Department, can impose harsher penalties, as they deem necessary.

Policy on Incompletes: Except in the direst circumstances, incompletes in this course are not possible. Would the instructor agree to an incomplete, a form of the Political Science Department must be filled out. It represents a contract between student and the instructor on when and how the course will be completed.

Amendments: The instructor reserves the right to change this syllabus during the semester. In the event of a change, the class will be informed at the next session and an updated copy of the syllabus will be posted on Blackboard. Students are required to have the latest version of the syllabus.

Dates to remember:

Tuesday September 24	OPINION 1 Due through turn-it-in drop box on Blackboard
Thursday October 24	Mid-term Exam
Tuesday November 5	OPINION 2 Due through turn-it-in drop box on Blackboard
Thursday November 21	Final Paper due through turn-it-in drop box on Blackboard and Presentation due through e mail to j.eijmberts@neu.edu
Thursday December 5	Questions (optional) / Reading Day

Tentative course schedule:

Week 1	Thursday September 5	Introduction of the course. Have textbook with you. Download & read the course syllabus from the course Blackboard site.
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- Week 2 Tuesday September 10 Methodology.
 Read: Johnson & Reynolds "Political Science Research Methods"
 Chapter 4 p. 103 – 128. ON BLACKBOARD.
- Introduction International Relations
- Read: (textbook) Kegley & Raymond, chapter 1
 Snyder, Jack. "One World, Rival Theories" *Foreign Policy*
 (Nov./Dec. 2004): 53 – 62. ON BLACK BOARD.
 Bull, Hedley "The Idea of International Society: Does Order
 Exist in World Politics?". *The Anarchical Society: A Study of
 World Politics*, The Macmillan Press Ltd., London (1977):
 24-27, 41, 51-52. ON BLACK BOARD.
- Thursday September 12 Approaches - Realism
 Read: (textbook) Kegley & Raymond, chapter 2 p. 25 – 31
- Morgenthau, Hans J. "Six Principles of Political Realism."
 ON BLACK BOARD.
- Wolfowitz, Paul "Think Again: Realism." *Foreign Policy*
 August 24, 2009. ON BLACK BOARD.
- Waltz, Kenneth N. "The Origins of War in Neorealist
 Theory." ON BLACK BOARD.
- Week 3 Tuesday September 17 Approaches – Liberalism and Constructivism
 Read: (textbook) Kegley & Raymond, chapter 2 p. 31 – 38
 Doyle, Michael W. "Kant's Perpetual Peace" ...begin at
 "Liberal Internationalism" p. 1155 ON BLACK BOARD.
- Background: Kant, Immanuel "Perpetual Peace, and Other
 Essays on Politics, History, and Morals." (1983) Hackett
 Publishing, Indianapolis (IN), USA.
- Read: (textbook) Kegley & Raymond, chapter 2 p. 38 – 42
 Wendt, Alexander "Anarchy Is What States Make of It: The
 Social Construction of Power Politics." *International
 Organization* Vol. 46, no. 2 (Spring 1992): 391 – 425. ON
 BLACK BOARD
- Thursday September 19 Alternative approaches
 Read: (textbook) Kegley & Raymond, chapter 2 p. 42 – 53
 Tickner, J. Ann "Man, the State, and War: Gendered
 Perspectives on National Security." From *Gender in
 International Relations: Feminist Perspectives on Achieving*

Global Security. Columbia University Press, New York NY
USA (1992): 27 – 66.

Week 4 Tuesday September 24 Actors in IR – Foreign Policy
OPINION 1 DUE
Introduction paper / Snell Library

Read: (textbook) Kegley & Raymond, Chapter 1 p. 4 - 8

Read: (textbook) Kegley & Raymond, chapter 4

Thursday September 26 Actors in IR continued – IGOs / NGOs

Read: (textbook) Kegley & Raymond, Chapter 5 & 6

Barnett, Michael N. and Martha Finnemore “The Politics,
Power and Pathologies of International Organizations.”
International Organization Vol. 53 no 4 (Autumn 1999):
699 – 732 ON BLACK BOARD

Kick, Margaret E. and Kathryn Sikkink “Advocacy Networks
in International Politics.” From *Activists Beyond Borders:
Advocacy Networks in International Politics*. Cornell
University Press, Ithaca NY USA (1988). ON BLACK BOARD.

Milner, Helen V. “Globalization, Development, and
International Institutions: Normative and Positive
Perspectives.” In *Perspectives on Politics* (Dec. 2004) Vol. 3
No. 4. ON BLACKBOARD.

Review: Websites United Nations (www.un.org) &
European Union (www.europa.eu)

Week 5 Tuesday October 1 IR in Historical Perspective

Read: (textbook) Kegley & Raymond, chapter 3 p. 54 - 62
Wilson, Woodrow “Fourteen Points.” *Address to U.S.
Congress* on January 18, 1918. ON BLACK BOARD

Background: Van Evera, Stephen “The Cult of the
Offensive and the Origins of the First World War.”
International Security Vol. 9 no. 1 (Summer 1984): 58 –107
ON BLACK BOARD.

Thursday October 3 Continued

Read: (textbook) Kegley & Raymond, chapter 3 p. 62 – 79
Marshall, George C. “Marshall Plan Speech” Harvard,
Cambridge MA, USA (1947) ON BLACK BOARD.

Read: (textbook) Kegley & Raymond, chapter 4 p. 88 - 101

Week 6 Tuesday October 8 Nature & Origins of War
Introduction mid term exam format.

Read: (textbook) Kegley & Raymond, chapter 7

Jervis, Robert “War and Misconception.” *Journal of
Interdisciplinary History*. Vol 18 no 4 (Spring 1988): 675 –
700 ON BLACK BOARD

Von Clausewitz, Carl “War As an Instrument of Policy.”
From *On War*. London (1911). ON BLACKBOARD.

Thursday October 10 Power and Security

Read: (textbook) Kegley & Raymond, chapter 8 p. 182 - 188

Week 7 Tuesday October 15 Towards Peace

Read: (textbook) Kegley & Raymond, chapter 8 p. 188 - 210

Mearsheimer, John J. and Stephen M. Walt. “Un
Unnecessary War.” *Foreign Policy* (Jan./ Feb. 2003): 51 –
59. ON BLACK BOARD.

Organski, A. F. K. “Criticism of Balance of Power Theory.”
From *World Politics*, 2nd ed., Alfred Knopf, New York NY,
USA (1968): 282-283, 286-290. ON BLACK BOARD

Kaplan, Morton A. "Some Problems of International
Systems Research," in *International Political Communities:
An Anthology* Doubleday & Co, New York NY, USA (1966):
469-501. ON BLACK BOARD

Thursday October 17 Towards Peace - continued

Read: (textbook) Kegley & Raymond, chapter 10

Axelrod, Robert *The Evolution of Cooperation* Basic Books,
New York NY, USA (1984): 173-179, 181-182, 189-191 ON
BLACK BOARD

Hoffman, Stanley "The Debate about Intervention" from *Turbulent Peace*, Ed. Chester A. Crocker, Fen Osler Hampson, and Pamela Aall, United States Institute of Peace Press, Washington D.C. USA (1996): 274-301 ON BLACK BOARD

Week 8 Tuesday October 22 Discussion - Review

Read: Sadowski, Yaya *The Myth of Global Chaos*. Brookings Institute Press, Washington D.C. USA (1998): 1-2, 4-5, 170-172, 176-177, 192, 205-206, 254-257. ON BLACK BOARD.

Kaplan, Robert D. "The Coming Anarchy." *Atlantic Monthly* (Feb. 1994). ON BLACK BOARD

Thursday October 24 **MID TERM EXAM**

Week 9 Tuesday October 29 International Political Economy.

Read: Gilpin, Robert "The Nature of Political Economy." From Chapter 1 *U.S. Power and the Multinational Corporation*. Basic Books, New York NY, USA (1975). ON BLACK BOARD

O'Neil, Patrick H. "Essentials of Comparative Politics." 3rd ed. Pages 87 – 96. W. W. Norton & Co. New York NY, USA (2010). ON BLACK BOARD

Russell Shorto, "Going Dutch: How I Learned to Love the European Welfare State." *The New York Times*. April 29, 2009.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/05/03/magazine/03european-t.html?pagewanted=all>

Thursday October 31 Globalization

Read: (textbook) Kegley & Raymond, chapter 10

"Globalization and Global Politics" *The Globalization of World Politics*. John Bayliss et al 5th ed. (2011)

Week 10 Tuesday November 5 North – South **Opinion 2 due**

Read: (textbook) Kegley & Raymond, chapter 11

Acemoglu, Daron "Root Causes: A Historical Approach to Assessing the Role of Institutions in Economic Development." *Finance & Development* (June 2003), p. 27 – 30. ON BLACK BOARD

Thursday November 7 ODA - Development

Read: "2005: Ranking the Rich" in *Foreign Policy* (Sept./Oct.2005) Issue 150, p.76 – 83. ON BLACK BOARD

"Foreign Aid and Domestic Governance" ON BLACK BOARD

Sachs, Jeffrey "Promises, Promises." In *Foreign Affairs* (2005). ON BLACK BOARD.

Week 11 Tuesday November 12 Cases:

Human Rights / Women's Rights

Read: "The Human Rights Revolution" ON BLACK BOARD
"Women's Rights as Human Rights" ON BLACK BOARD
"UN GIFT Human Trafficking Facts" ON BLACK BOARD

Cyber War

Read: Clarke, Richard A. and Robert K. Knake *Cyber War* – Chapter 8 "The Agenda" (2010). ON BLACK BOARD

"The Black Box" *Wired* (2012) ON BLACK BOARD

Thursday November 14 Cases:

Internet / Social Media in IR

Read: "The Truth about Twitter, Facebook and the Uprisings in the Arab World" *The Guardian*, Feb. 25, 2011.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/feb/25/twitter-facebook-uprisings-arab-libya>

"Internet Freedom if a Matter for the UN" *The Guardian*, Jun. 17, 2011.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/law/butterworth-and-bowcott-on-law/2011/jun/17/internet-freedom-matter-un>

Griffin, George "Egypt's Uprising: Tracking the Social

Media Factor." *PBS* Jun. 11, 2011

http://www.pbs.org/newshour/updates/middle_east/jan-june11/revsocial_04-19.html

International Governance of Climate Change

Read: "Governance of Environmental Issues" ON BLACK BOARD

"The Science of Ozone Depletion and Climate Change" ON BLACK BOARD

"The Debate about Global Warming" ON BLACK BOARD

Hoffmann, Matthew J. *Climate Governance at the Cross Roads*. Chapter 1 "Into the Void." P. 3 – 6 ON BLACK BOARD

"Global Warming: Facing the Problem after Copenhagen" ON BLACK BOARD

Review Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change website www.ipcc.ch

"Major Investors Press for Tough Carbon Emissions Treaty"

Boston Globe, Oct 20, 2011 p. A7:

http://articles.boston.com/2011-10-20/lifestyle/30302710_1_carbon-emissions-climate-change-climate-risk

Meltzer, Joshua "The United States' Impact on Australia's Climate Change Policy" Brookings Institute, Oct. 22, 2011.

http://www.brookings.edu/opinions/2011/0314_australia_climate_meltzer.aspx

Week 12 Tuesday November 19 Discussion: IR Questions

Read: (textbook) Kegley & Raymond, chapter 12

Huntington, Samuel "The Clash of Civilizations?" *Foreign Affairs* (Summer 1993): 22-49. ON BLACK BOARD

Thursday November 21 Presentations

Week 13 Tuesday November 26 Presentations:

	Thursday November	Thanksgiving NO CLASS
Week 14	Tuesday December 3	Presentations:
	Thursday December 5	READING DAY / Questions Final exam – 1 st session (?)
	TBA	Final Exam