Political Science 26060
Comparative Foreign Policy
Spring, 2006

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Course Requirements:

1. Timely completion of the readings, participation in class discussion.
2. One summary paper tying together the readings for any particular week. This paper should be circulated
    to the entire class at least one full day before the class meets.
3. Commentary on one student's summary paper.
4. For the weeks of either February 8, February 15, or February 22: a brief descriptive analysis of the
    foreign policy structure, content, and process, of one of the following: 1) a presidential democracy
    other than the United States or France (if that's what France is); 2) a parliamentary democracy
    other than Britain, Japan, or Germany; 2) a dictatorship other than China, the USSR, or Nazi
    Germany; 3) a "large" power; 4) a "small" power.
5. A major research paper.
6. Preliminary presentation of the findings of the research paper to the class. An outline of the research
    project should be circulated to the class at least one day before the relevant class meeting.
7. A critique of the research project of some other class member.

January 25. Foreign Policy and International Politics
Kenneth Waltz, Theory of International Politics, Chs. 1, 4.
James A. Caporaso, "Across the Great Divide: Integrating Comparative and International Politics,"
    International Studies Quarterly, 41 (1997), pp. 563-592.
James N. Rosenau, "Pre-theories and Theories of Foreign Policy," in Rosenau, The Scientific Study of
    Foreign Policy
Graham Allison, "Conceptual Models and the Cuban Missile Crisis," American Political Science Review,
    September, 1969, pp. 689-718.
Robert Putnam, "Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two-Level Games," International
    Organization, Summer, 1988, pp, 427-460.
Alexander Wendt, "Anarchy Is What States Make of It: The Social Construction of Power Politics,"
    International Organization, Spring, 1992, pp. 391-425.
Maja Zehfuss, "Constructivism and Identity: A Dangerous Liaison," European Journal of International
    Relations, September, 2001, pp. 315-349.

February 1. A Democratic peace?
Nils Petter Gleditsch, "Democracy and Peace," Journal of Peace Research, 29, 4 (November, 1992), pp.
    369-376.
Zeev Maoz, Bruce Russett, "Normative and Structural Causes of Democratic Peace, 1946-1986" American
    Political Science Review, 87, 3 (September, 1993), pp. 624-638.
Christopher Layne, "Kant or Cant: The Myth of the Democratic Peace," International Security, 19, 2
    (Autumn, 1994), pp. 5-49.
Margaret Hermann, Charles Kegley, "How Democracies Use Intervention: A Neglected Dimension in
    Studies of the Democratic Peace," Journal of Peace Research, 33, 3 (August, 1996), pp. 309-322.
John Mearsheimer, "Back to the Future: Instability in Europe After the Cold War," International Security,
    15, 1 (Summer, 1990), pp. 5-56.
Tom Farer, "To Shape the Nation's Foreign Policy: Struggles for Dominance Among American
    International Relations Scholars," Diogenes, 51, 3 (2004), pp. 71-84.
Philip Schrodt, "Democratic Peace or Liberal Peace: The Debate," International Studies Review, 6, 2
    (Summer, 2004), pp. 292-294.
Erik Gartzke, "Kant We All Just Get Along? Opportunity, Willingness, and the Origin of the Democratic
    Peace," American Journal of Political Science, 42, 1 (January, 1997), pp. 1-27).

Zeev Maoz, "The Controversy Over the Democratic Peace: Rearguard Action or Cracks in the Wall?" International Security, 22, 1 (Summer, 1997), pp. 162-198.

February 8. Presidential and Parliamentary Democracy.
Juan Linz, "The Perils of Presidentialism," Journal of Democracy, 1, 1 (Winter, 1990), pp. 51-69.
Samuel P. Huntington, The Soldier and the State (1957), Chs. 14, 15.
Amy Zegart, Flawed by Design, Introduction, Ch. 1.
Gaynor Johnson, "Introduction: The Foreign Office and British Diplomacy in the Twentieth Century," Contemporary British History, 18, 3 (Autumn, 2004), pp. 1-12.
David Styan, "Jacques Chirac's 'Non': France, Iraq, and the United Nations, 1991-2003," Modern and Contemporary France, 12, 3 (August, 2004), pp. 371-385.
Kent E. Calder, "Japanese Foreign Economic Policy Formation: Explaining the Reactive State," World Politics, 40, 4 (July, 1988), pp. 517-541.

February 15. Policy-Making in Non-Democratic States
Chen Youwei, Dierdre Sabina, "China's Foreign Policy Making as Seen Through Tiananmen," Journal of Contemporary China, 12 (November 2003), pp. 715-739.
He Li, "The Role of Think Tanks in Chinese Foreign Policy," Problems of Post-Communism, 49, 2 (March/April, 2002), pp. 33-44.
Chen Youwei, "Viewing a Changing World from the PRC Embassy Window in Washington, DC," Journal of Contemporary China, 40 (February, 2002), pp. 161-172.
Song Zhongwei, "The Structural Influence of the Military in China's Foreign Policy-Making," Asian Studies Review, 24, 1 (March, 2000), pp. 71-95.
Mark Kramer, "The Early Post-Stalin Succession Struggle and Upheavals in East-Central Europe: Internal-External Linkages in Soviet Policy-Making," Journal of Cold War Studies, Part 1 in 1, 1 (Winter, 1999), pp. 3-55; Part 2 in 1, 2 (Spring, 199), pp. 3-38; Part 3 in 1, 3 (Fall, 1999), pp. 3-66.
David Lane, "The Gorbachev Revolution: The Role of the Political Elite in Regime Disintegration," Political Studies, 44, 1 (March, 1996), pp. 3-24.
Jürgen Angelow, "Accomplices with Reservations: German Diplomats and the Preparations for the Polish Campaign of 1939," Australian Journal of Politics and History, 50, 3 (September, 2004), pp. 372-384.

February 22. Big Powers and Small Powers.
Robert Gilpin, "The Theory of Hegemonic War," Journal of Interdisciplinary History, 18, 4 (Spring, 1988), pp. 591-613.
Mary Ann Tétreault, "The Declining Hegemony Thesis," Journal of Politics, 49, 1 (February 1987), p. 282-290.
Zbigniew Brzezinski, Samuel P. Huntington, Political Power: USA/USSR (New York, 1964), Ch. 9.
Edward A. Kolodziej, "French Strategy Emergent: General André Beaufre: A Critique," World Politics, 19, 3 (April, 1967), pp. 417-442.
Richard Ned Lebow, "Thucydides the Constructivist," American Political Science Review, 95, 3 (September 2001), pp. 547-560.
Michael Altfeld, ""The Decision to Ally: A Theory and a Test," Western Political Science Quarterly, 37, 4 (December, 1984), 523-554.
George T. Duncan, Randolf Siverson, ""Flexibility of Alliance Choice Partner in a Multipolar System: Models and Tests," International Studies Quarterly, 26, 4 (December, 1982), pp. 511-538.
G. John Ikenberry, "Institutions, Strategic Restraint, and the Persistence of American Postwar Order," International Security, 23, 3 (Winter, 1998), pp. 43-78.
Zheng Bijian, "China's 'Peaceful Rise' to Great Power Status," Foreign Affairs, 84, 5 (October, 2005), pp. 18-24.

March 1. Private Consultations: Preliminary Discussion of Research Topics

March 7. National Cultures and International Cultures
Alexander L. George, "Case Studies and Theory Development: the Method of Structured, Focused Comparison," in Diplomacy, edited by Paul Gordon Lauren (1979).

Christopher Achen, Duncan Snidal, "Rational Deterrence Theory and Comparative Case Studies" <u>World Politics</u>, 41, 2 (January 1989), pp. 143-169.

Michael Desch, "Culture Clash: Assessing the Role of Ideas in Security Studies," <u>International Security</u>, 23, 1 (Summer, 1998), pp. 141-170.

Jaw-ling Joanne Chang, "Negotiation of the 17 August 1982 US-PRC Arms Communiqué: Beijing's Negotiating Tactics," China Quarterly, 125 (March, 1991), pp. 33-54.

Errol Henderson, "The Democratic Peace Through the Lens of Culture," <u>International Studies Quarterly</u>, 42, 3 (September, 1998), pp. 461-484….

Leonard Schoppa, "The Social Context of Coercive International Bargaining," <u>International Organization</u>, 53, 2 (Spring, 1999), pp. 307-322.

March 22. Private Consultations

March 29. Domestic Pressures, Globalization, Constraints on Foreign Policy

Peter Gourevitch, "The Second Image Reversed: the International Sources of Domestic Politics," <u>International Organization</u>, 32, 4 (Autumn,1978), pp. 881-912.

Harold D. Lasswell, "The Garrison State," <u>American Journal of Sociology</u>, 41, 4 (January, 1941), pp. 455-468

Edward Cohen, <u>The Politics of Globalization in the United States</u> (Georgetown University Press, 2001), Ch. 4.

Stuart Kaufman, "The Fragmentation and Consolidation of International Systems," <u>International Organization</u>, 51, 2 (Spring, 1997), pp. 173-208.

Ann Florini, "The Evolution of International Norms," <u>International Studies Quarterly</u>, 40, 3 (September, 1996), pp. 363-389.

Paul Papayoanou, "Interdependence, Institutions, and the Balance of Power: Britain, Germany, and World War I," <u>International Security</u>, 20, 4 (Spring, 1996), pp. 42-76.

Stephen Walt, "Revolution and War," <u>World Politics</u>, 44,3 (April, 1992), pp. 321-368.

Edward Mansfield, Jack Snyder, "Democratization and the Danger of War," <u>International Security</u>, 20, 1 (Summer, 1995), pp. 5-38.

April 5. Student Reports

April 12. Student Reports

April 19. Student Reports

April 26. Student Reports

May 3. Review and Conclusions.