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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 N. Rosenau, "Pre-theories and Theories of Foreign Policy,” in Rosenau, The Scientific Study of Foreign Policy

February 1. A Democratic peace?
Tom Farer, “To Shape the Nation’s Foreign Policy: Struggles for Dominance Among American International Relations Scholars,” Diogenes, 51, 3 (2004), pp. 71-84.

Amy Zegart, Flawed by Design, Introduction, Ch. 1.

February 15. Policy-Making in Non-Democratic States
He Li, “The Role of Think Tanks in Chinese Foreign Policy,” Problems of Post-Communism, 49, 2 (March/April, 2002), pp. 33-44.
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, 1999), pp. 3-38; Part 3 in 1, 3 (Fall, 1999), pp. 3-66.

Zbigniew Brzezinski, Samuel P. Huntington, Political Power: USA/USSR (New York, 1964), Ch. 9.
Michael Altfeld, “‘The Decision to Ally: A Theory and a Test,” Western Political Science Quarterly, 37, 4 (December, 1984), 523-554.

March 1. Private Consultations: Preliminary Discussion of Research Topics

March 7. National Cultures and International Cultures

March 22. Private Consultations

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

April 5. Student Reports
April 12. Student Reports
April 19. Student Reports
April 26. Student Reports

May 3. Review and Conclusions.