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JSIS 598 Field Seminar in Peace, Violence, and Security

Goals of the Seminar

The purpose of this seminar is to expose students to a selection of key works across the social sciences in the Peace, Violence, and Security (PVS) field. This field exposes students to theoretical and foreign policy debates about global security challenges, conflicts, and violence, as well as issues of their prevention. Through a survey of the major concepts, theories, and controversies in these debates, the seminar will help both graduate and doctoral students gain a solid appreciation of the fundamental approaches in the social sciences to PVS-related works.

Course Mechanics

Each week students will read the required reading for the week. Typically, this will feature a single book, but it may also be a set of articles. These will be discussed in class. Successful graduate seminars require active discussion of the materials, and students are expected to be fully prepared for course meetings. Students will take five of the required weekly reading assignments over the quarter and write an essay of about 1000 words due before class that week. One time per quarter, students will write a 2500-3000 words essay covering both that week's required *and* supplementary readings. Neither the short nor the longer papers should be just summaries of the readings, but essays that discuss what is useful in each set of readings, what is not, and what use these readings can be put to in understanding the main themes of the course. (A sample of this kind of writing will be handed out on the first day of class.)

Students will be expected to give a class presentation about their long essay. This way the entire class will be exposed to some of the supplementary reading by hearing these reports, and everyone will get to read at least one week's worth. Working with the professor and others, doctoral students should also use that opportunity to begin firming up a reading list in their week of interest that can feed into their general exam preparation and also dissertation-related work.

Each short essay will make up 10% of the course grade, the longer essay will count as 30% of the course, and the quality of each student's class discussion will make up the other 20%.

All the books are available for purchase, and are also on reserve at Odegaard Library. Articles marked with an asterisk (*) in the syllabus are available on-line through the UW library e-journals subscriptions or through the UW library e-reserves system. Although the PVS themes remain the same, students are advised that the course contents and readings may be updated from year to year by the professor of record.

WEEKLY TOPICS AND READINGS

WEEK ONE: INTRODUCTION – WHY ARE THERE MAJOR WARS?

Read Robert I. Rotberg and Theodore K Rabb, editors. *The Origins and Prevention of Major Wars* (Cambridge University Press, 1989).

Supplemental readings:
Geoffrey Blainey, *The Causes of War* (Free Press, 1988).
Kenneth Waltz, *Man, the State, and War* (third edition, Columbia University Press, 2001).

WEEK TWO: A HISTORICAL VIEW OF MILITARY INSTITUTIONS AND WARS

Read Charles Tilly, *Coercion, Capital, and European States* (second edition, Blackwell, 1992).

Supplemental readings:
Paul Kennedy, *The Rise and Fall of Great Powers* (second edition, Vintage, 1989).
John Keegan, *A History of Warfare* (Alfred A. Knopf, 1994).

WEEK THREE: RATIONALITY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Read John Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics.* (W.W. Norton, 2003).

Supplemental Readings:
Stephen Walt, *The Origins of Alliances* (Cornell University Press, 1990).
Charles A. Kupchan, *How Enemies Become Friends* (Princeton University Press, 2010).

WEEK FOUR: GAME THEORETICAL APPROACHES TO CONFLICT AND CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

Read Robert Dodge, *Schelling's Game Theory: How to Make Decisions* (Oxford University Press, 2012).

Supplementary Readings:
Anatol Rapoport, *Two-person Game Theory: The Essential Ideas* (University of Michigan Press, 1966).
Robert Axelrod, *The Evolution of Cooperation* (second edition, Basic Books, 2006).

WEEK FIVE: IDEOLOGY AND CONFLICT

Read Melvin Leffler, *For the Soul of Mankind: The United States, The Soviet Union, and the Cold War* (Hill and Wang, 2007).

Supplementary Readings:
Michael Walzer, *Just and Unjust Wars.* (fourth edition, Basic Books, 2006).
John Lewis Gaddis, *Surprise, Security, and the American Experience* (Harvard University Press, 2004).

WEEK SIX: CIVIL WAR

Read Stathis Kalyvas, *The Logic of Violence in Civil War* (Cambridge University Press, 2006).

Supplementary Readings:
Jonathan Spence, *God's Chinese Son: The Taiping Heavenly Kingdom of Hong Xiuquan* (W.W. Norton, 1996).
Ann Hironaka, *Neverending Wars* (Harvard University Press, 2005).

WEEK SEVEN: PERCEPTIONS AND MISPERCEPTIONS

Read Graham Allison and Philip Zelikow, *Essence of Decision: Explaining the Cuban Missile Crisis* (Longman, 1999).

Supplementary Readings:
Mark Lawrence, *The Vietnam War.* (Oxford University Press, 2008).
Robert Jervis, *Why Intelligence Fails: Lessons from the Iranian Revolution and the Iraq War* (Cornell University Press, 2011).

WEEK EIGHT: UNRESTRAINED AND CATASTROPHIC MASS VIOLENCE

Read Timothy Snyder, *Bloodlands: Europe Between Hitler and Stalin* (Basic Books, 2010).

Supplementary Readings:
Philip Gourevitch, *We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed With Our Families* (Picador, 1998).
Yang Jishen, *Tombstone: The Great Chinese Famine,* 1958-1962 (Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2012).

WEEK NINE: THE CULTURAL SOURCES OF INTERNAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT

Read John Dower, *Cultures of War: Pearl Harbor, Hiroshima, 9-11, Iraq.* (W.W. Norton, 2010).

Supplementary Readings:
Ashutosh Varshney, *Ethnic Conflict and Civic Life: Hindus and Muslims in India* (second edition, Yale University Press, 2003).
David Cook, *Understanding Jihad* (University of California Press, 2005).

WEEK TEN: CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ISSUES

Read Amita Acharya and Bary Buzan, *Non-Western International Relations Theory* (Routledge, 2010).

Supplementary Readings:
Joseph Nye, *The Future of Power* (Public Affairs, 2011).
Joseph Cirincione, *Bomb Scare, the History and Future of Nuclear Weapons* (Columbia, 2007).

RESERVOIR READING LIST

The syllabus below identifies a "reservoir" reading list, which doctoral students can also use to advance and deepen their general knowledge of this field in preparation for the General Examination in the JSIS Ph.D. Program. In consultation with the professor of record and/or their JSIS advisors, doctoral students are advised to **use and supplement** the required, supplemental, and reservoir reading lists to further explore theories, concepts, and controversies that may be of more specialized interest to advancing their exam preparation and their dissertation work. The reservoir reading list also identifies works and topics that may not necessarily appear on the actual required syllabus in a given quarter.

Interested students should know that this seminar and its readings will also serve as a gateway for further study in the more specialized graduate course offerings within the PVS field. Within the Jackson School, these include (1) the graduate courses identified in the *Student Handbook* of the JSIS Ph.D. Program (Appendix III, Representative Graduate Courses by Jackson School Ph.D. Program Foundational Fields), a copy of which is available online at http://jsis.washington.edu/phd/; as well as (2) 600-level Independent Study and Research courses with Faculty Advisors (FAs) and/or individual JSIS faculty members that expand upon the themes represented in the works in this seminar. Students seeking to enroll in PVS-related courses outside the Jackson School may petition the JSIS Ph.D. Program Committee.

Geoffrey Blaine, *The Causes of War* (Free Press, 1973 [Third Edition, 1988]).

Hans Morgenthau, *Politics Among Nations* (Knopf 1948 [reprinted 1985]).

Kenneth Waltz, *Theory of International Politics* (Random House, 1979).

Michael E. Brown, Owen R. Cote, Jr., Sean M. Lynn-Jones, and Steven E. Miller, *Theories of War and Peace* (The MIT Press [An International Security Reader]), 2000).

Edward Hallett Carr, *The Twenty Years' Crisis, 1919:1939: An Introduction to the Study of International Relations* (Harper Torchbooks, 1964).

Thomas Schelling, *The Strategy of Conflict* (Harvard University Press, 1960 [reprinted 1980]).

James Wellman and Clark Lombardi. *Religion and Human Security: A Global Perspective*. New York: Oxford University Press. 2012.

Yuen Foong Khong, *Analogies at War: Korea, Munich, Dien Bien Phu, and the Vietnam Decisions of 1965* (Princeton University Press, 1992).

Jervis R. *Perception and Misperception in International* Politics (Princeton University Press, 1976).

Allison Stanger, *One Nation Under Contract: The Outsourcing of American Power and the Future of Foreign Policy* (Yale University Press, 2009).

Jared Diamond. *Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies* (W. W. Norton & Co., 2005).

Albert O. Hirschmann. National Power and the Structure of Foreign Trade (University of California Press, 1981).

Anthony D. Smith, *Nationalism: Theory, Ideology, and History* (Polity 2001 [second edition, 2010]).

Daniel Chirot and Clark McCauley, *Why Not Kill them All? The Logic and Prevention of Mass Political Murder.* (Princeton University Press, 2010).

Benedict Anderson, *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism* (Verso, 1983 [New edition, 2006]).

Drew Gilpin Faust, *This Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War* (Vintage 2008 [reprint 2009]).

Michael Doyle, *Ways of War and Peace: Realism, Liberalism, and Socialism* (W. W. Norton & Co., 1997).

Emmanuel Adler and Michael Barnett, eds., *Security Communities* (Cambridge University Press, 1998).

Gene Sharp and Bruce Jenkins, *Civilian Based Defense: A Post-Military Weapons System* (Princeton University Press, 1990).

Robert Gilpin, *War and Change in World Politics* (Cambridge University Press, 1983).

Peter Katzenstein, ed., *The Culture of National Security* (Columbia University Press, 1996).

International Security, special Issue: *Debating the Democratic Peace.*

Jeremi Suri, *Power and Protest: Global Revolution and the Rise of Détente* (Harvard University Press, 2005).

David Armstrong, *Revolution and World Order: The Revolutionary State in International Society* (Oxford University Press, 1993).

Steven Van Evera, *Causes of War* (Cornell University Press, 2001).

John Dower, *War without Mercy: Race and Power in the Pacific War* (Pantheon, 1987)

G. John Ikenberry and Michael Mastunduno, eds., *International Relations Theory and the Asia-Pacific* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2003).

Cyntia H. Enloe. *Maneuvers: The International Politics of Militarizing Women's Lives*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2000.

Hugh Gusterson. *Nuclear Rites : A Weapons Laboratory at the End of the Cold War*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1996.

Catherine Lutz. *Homefront : A Military City and the American Twentieth Century*. Boston: Beacon Press, 2001.

Ayesha Siddiqi. *Military Inc.: Inside Pakistan's Military Economy*. Ann Arbor, MI: Pluto Press, 2007.

John Kelsay. *Arguing the Just War in Islam*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2007.