

## INTL 6000

### Foundations of International Security and Nonproliferation Policy

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This course is designed to help students explore several national and international security challenges. The seminar will also aim to assist you in gaining some of the knowledge, skills and abilities that will be needed for working in the field of international policy, namely in the arena of international security and nonproliferation policy.

We will touch upon some of the key national and international security policy challenges of our time: terrorism, major power rivalries, cyber-security, and weapons proliferation. We will look at how the United States is seeking to respond to these challenges knowing that many of you will be looking to work in the U.S. policy community upon graduation.

Careers working in policy often require oral presentations and written reports. This class will provide you the opportunity to hone your skills in making presentations and preparing briefs for an increasingly hurried policy community. You will receive critical feedback on both your ability to communicate orally and in writing.

We will also have practitioners and others from the policy community speak to you about their work in an effort to shed light on key international issues as well as the skills that they use in their work.

We will discuss current national and international security issues over the course of the semester: these include challenges from China and Russia, terrorism, cyber-attacks and security, North Korea and Iran, and other issues. We will also talk about how the United States and others respond to these issues using statecraft and sanctions, intelligence, and military action. All students should regularly read the New York Times and consider a subscription to Foreign Policy (online) and the Foreign Policy Situation Report.

#### Grading:

Class Participation (20%)

Each student is expected to complete the required reading and to be prepared to participate actively in discussions. One student will be selected for each seminar to lead a discussion of the week's readings. This can be done by either preparing a Powerpoint presentation on the key points of readings and overall themes, or by preparing a handout. The content and delivery of the briefings will be evaluated along with participation in additional class discussions each week. Pop quizzes may be administered to ensure that reading is being completed.

#### Issue Briefs (20%)

You are expected to prepare 2 policy briefs that address a contemporary international policy challenge. The issue briefs from various "think tanks" in Washington can serve as models. Consider taking a look at the "Backgrounder" published by the Council on Foreign Relations or Brookings Policy Brief Series. The brief can explain a particular policy problem and policy options, or the brief can include an explanation of the problem and proposed policy recommendations with justification. The briefs are to be 2-5 pages in length. The first brief is due by October 21. The second brief is due by November 20. Alternatively, students may provide a summary of one of the recommended books in the syllabus. This summary will be shared with all students in the class.

#### Exam (30%)

This exam will be a take home exam and will include a range of essay questions that ask you to reflect upon the readings and discussions from the semester. As such, it is important that you take notes on readings and presentations.

#### Research Paper (30%)

Students will have an opportunity to explore a policy issue that is of interest to them. All students will be expected to develop a research paper. The paper should have a clear hypothesis/argument along with supporting evidence. The paper should be focused on a national or international security policy issue. Each student should identify a topic and provide a general outline for the research paper by week 4 of the class. Students will also be asked to present their research papers to the class at the end of the semester.

#### Readings

I have provided a list of readings for each week's seminar. Students should come prepared to discuss having taken a few notes on readings. Most of the readings are available via Galileo. You may wish to purchase books online via Amazon. Students will be asked to identify and share other readings relevant to the week's topic.

15 weeks:

Week 1 (August 11): Class Overview, Introductions, and Careers in International Policy

## Week 2 (August 18): Great Power Conflict: The Russia Challenge

- Masha Gessen, *The Man Without a Face: The Unlikely Rise of Vladimir Putin*, (New York, NY: Penguin Group Press, 2013).
- Gideon Rose, "Putin's Russia," *Foreign Affairs*, May/June 2016, <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/russian-federation/2016-04-20/putins-russia>.
- Leslie Holmes (2008) Corruption and Organised Crime in Putin's Russia , *Europe-Asia Studies*, 60:6, 1011-1031, DOI: 10.1080/09668130802161249
- Andrew Monohagan, "Putin's Russia: Shaping a Grand Strategy," *International Affairs*, Volume 89, Issue 5, September 2013, pp. 1221-1236.

### *Recommended:*

- John J. Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* (New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2001).

## Week 3: Rising China (August 25)

- Richard McGregor, *The Party: The Secret World of China's Communist Rulers* (New York: Harper Collins, 2010).
- John J. Mearsheimer, The Gathering Storm: China's Challenge to US Power in Asia, *Chinese Journal of International Politics* (2010) 3 (4): 381-396 at <doi:10.1093/cjip/poq016>.
- Barry Buzan, "China in International Society: Is 'Peaceful Rise' Possible?," *Chinese Journal of International Politics* (2010) 3 (1): 5-36.
- Alastair Iain Johnston, "How New and Assertive Is China's New Assertiveness?" *International Security*, Spring 2013, Vol. 37, No. 4, 7-48.
- Richard, Loren Thompson, "Five Reasons why China will not be a Threat to the United States," *Forbes*, June 6, 2014, at <<http://www.forbes.com/sites/lorenthompson/2014/06/06/five-reasons-china-wont-be-a-big-threat-to-americas-global-power/#5bdbd5641b5c>>.
- James Holmes and Toshi Yoshihara, "Small-Stick Diplomacy in the South China Sea," *National Interest*, April 23, 2012 at <<http://nationalinterest.org/commentary/small-stick-diplomacy-the-south-china-sea-6831>>.

## Week 4 (September 1): Nuclear North Korea and Proliferation Concerns

- See North Korea profile at Nuclear Threat Initiative, at <<http://www.nti.org/learn/countries/north-korea/>>.

- North Korea's Nuclear Threat: How to Halt Its Slow but Steady Advance, Arms Control Association, Feb. 19, 2016, at <[https://www.armscontrol.org/reports\\_list](https://www.armscontrol.org/reports_list)> .
- Arms Control Association, Chronology of U.S.-North Korea Nuclear and Missile Diplomacy, at <<https://www.armscontrol.org/factsheets/dprkchron>>.
- Max Fisher, "Maybe North Korea's Nuclear Goals are More Serious Than Once Thought," *New York Times*, July 13, 2016.
- Terence Roehrig, "North Korea's Nuclear Weapons: Future Strategy and Doctrine," *Policy Brief*, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, May 2013 at <[http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/publication/23074/north\\_koreas\\_nuclear\\_weapons.html](http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/publication/23074/north_koreas_nuclear_weapons.html)>
- Michael Cohen, "North Korea, Nuclear Weapons and No Good Options? A Controlled Path to Peace?" *Asian Journal of Peace Building* (Nov. 2013), pp. 179-215.
- Christopher R. Hill "The Elusive Visions of a Non-nuclear North Korea," *The Washington Quarterly*, 2013, Vol. 36:2, pp. 7-19 at <<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/0163660X.2013.791078>> .

Recommended:

- Scott D. Sagan, "Why Do States Build Nuclear Weapons," *International Security*, winter 1996/97, Vol. 21, No. 3 pp. 54-86.

#### Week 5 (September 8): Terrorism and WMD Threats (September 8)

- Wolfgang Rudischhauser "Could ISIL Go Nuclear," *NATO Review*, at <<http://www.nato.int/docu/Review/2015/ISIL/ISIL-Nuclear-Chemical-Threat-Iraq-Syria/EN/index.htm>>.
- Igor Khripunov, "The Social and Psychological Impact of Radiological Terrorism," *The Nonproliferation Review*, Vol. 13, Issue 2, July 2006, pp. 275-316.
- "Senator Nunn Testifies before the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism, September 10, 2008 at <<http://www.nti.org/analysis/testimonies/senator-nunn-testifies-commission-prevention-weapons-mass-destruction-proliferation-and-terrorism/>>.
- Daniel Byman, "Understanding the Islamic State – A Review Essay," *International Security* 2016 40:4, 127-165.
- WMD Commission, *Weapons of Terror* (2006), pp. 17-86 at: <[http://www.un.org/disarmament/education/wmdcommission/files/Weapons\\_of\\_Terror.pdf](http://www.un.org/disarmament/education/wmdcommission/files/Weapons_of_Terror.pdf)> .

Recommended:

- Bunzel, Cole. *From Paper State to Caliphate: The Ideology of the Islamic State*. 2016.

## Week 6 (September 15): Transnational Organized Crime

- Office of the Director of National Intelligence, *2011: The Threat to U.S. National Security Posed by Transnational Organized Crime*, at [https://www.dni.gov/files/documents/Special%20Report\\_The%20Threat%20to%20U.S.%20National%20Security%20Posed%20by%20Transnational%20Organized%20Crime.pdf](https://www.dni.gov/files/documents/Special%20Report_The%20Threat%20to%20U.S.%20National%20Security%20Posed%20by%20Transnational%20Organized%20Crime.pdf).
- Thomas M. Sanderson, "Transnational Terror and Organized Crime: Blurring the Lines," *SAIS Review of International Affairs*, Vol. 24, No. 1, Winter –Spring 2004, pp. 49-61.
- Peter Andreas, "Gangster's Paradise: The Untold History of the United States and International Crime," *Foreign Affairs*, March/April 2013.
- The Global Regime for Transnational Crime, *Issue Brief*, Council on Foreign Relations, Updated June 25, 2013, at <http://www.cfr.org/transnational-crime/global-regime-transnational-crime/p28656>.
- Please Review the web-site of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime at <https://www.unodc.org>.

### Recommended:

- Maggy Lee, ed., *Human Trafficking*, (Portland, OR: William Publishing, 2007).

## Week 7 (September 22): Cybersecurity

- Sico van der Meer, Netherlands Institute of International Relations, Foreign Policy Responses to International Cyber-attacks, *Policy Brief*, September 2015, at [https://www.clingendael.nl/sites/default/files/Clingendael\\_Policy\\_Brief\\_Foreign%20Policy%20Responses\\_September2015.pdf](https://www.clingendael.nl/sites/default/files/Clingendael_Policy_Brief_Foreign%20Policy%20Responses_September2015.pdf).
- Five Things to Know: The Administration's Priorities on Cybersecurity, The White House, at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/issues/foreign-policy/cybersecurity>.
- National Strategy, Roles, and Responsibilities Need to be Better Defined and More Effectively Implemented, *GAO-13-187*, February 14, 2013.
- Lindsay, Jon R. "The Impact of China on Cybersecurity: Fiction and Friction." *International Security* 39, no. 3 (Winter 2014/15): 7-47.
- Goodman, Seymour E. and Herbert Lin, National Research Council (U.S.), Committee on Improving Cybersecurity Research in the United States, *Toward a Safer and more Secure Cyberspace*, National Academies Press, 2007 at <http://www.nap.edu/catalog/11925/toward-asafer-and-more-secure-cyberspace>.

## Week 8 (September 29): Sanctions and Statecraft (September 29)

- Etel Solingen, *Sanctions, Statecraft and Nuclear Proliferation*, (Cambridge University Press, 2012)
- Andrea Berger, "From Paper to Practice: The Significance of New UN Sanctions on North Korea," *Arms Control Today*, Vol. 46, May 2016, pp. 8-15.

- Joshua Stanton, "North Korea: The Myth of Maxed-Out Sanctions," *Fletcher Security Review*, 2015.
- *UN Sanctions*, Special Research Report, November 2013, at <[http://www.securitycouncilreport.org/atf/cf/%7B65BF9B-6D27-4E9C-8CD3-CF6E4FF96FF9%7D/special\\_research\\_report\\_sanctions\\_2013.pdf](http://www.securitycouncilreport.org/atf/cf/%7B65BF9B-6D27-4E9C-8CD3-CF6E4FF96FF9%7D/special_research_report_sanctions_2013.pdf)>.

Recommended:

- Meghan L. O'Sullivan, *Shrewd Sanctions: Statecraft and State Sponsors of Terrorism* (Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press, 2003), pp. 11-44.

### Week 9 (October 6): Sectoral Sanctions and "Smart" Sanctions

- Mark Daniel Jaeger, "Sectoral Sanctions: The Long Arm of Coercive Diplomacy," *CSS Analyses in Security Policy*, No.176, June 2015 at <<http://e-collection.library.ethz.ch/eserv/eth:49385/eth-49385-01.pdf>>.
- Samuel Charap and Bernard Sucher, "Why Sanctions on Russia Will Backfire," *New York Times*, 5 March 2015.
- Moises Naim, "Can Putin Bomb His Way Out of Sanctions," *The Atlantic*, December 8, 2015, at , <<http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2015/12/putin-russia-sanctions-syria-ukraine/419265/>>.
- The White House, "A New Tool against Cyber Threats," at <<https://medium.com/the-white-house/a-new-tool-against-cyber-threats-1a30c188bc4#.ioppgtad8>>.
- Daniel W. Drezner, "Sanctions Sometimes Smart: Targeted Sanctions in Theory and Practice," *International Studies Review* (2011), Vol. 13, pp. 96-108.
- Emma Ashford, "Not-So-Smart Sanctions: The Failure of Western Restrictions Against Russia," *Foreign Policy*, Vol. 95, No.1, January-February 2016, accessed at <<http://object.cato.org/sites/cato.org/files/articles/ashford-foreign-affairs-v95n1.pdf>>.
- Remarks by the Acting Under Secretary Adam Szubin at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies Annual Forum, April 13, 2011, at <<https://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/jl0419.aspx>>.
- Uri Friedman, "Smart Sanctions: A Short History," *In Box*, April 23, 2012, at <<http://foreignpolicy.com/2012/04/23/smart-sanctions-a-short-history/>>.

### Week 10 (October 13): U.S. Counterterrorism and Intelligence Policy

- Stuart Gottlieb, Chp. 7. "Change and Continuity in America's Counterterrorism Strategy Under Obama," in Hook and Scott, eds. *U.S. Foreign Policy Today: American Renewal*.

- Jennifer Sims, "U.S. Intelligence Policy: Where do We Stand?" Hook and Scott, eds. *U.S. Foreign Policy Today: American Renewal*.
- Andrew Nolan, "Foreign Surveillance and The Future Standing of Sue Post-Clapper," *CRS Report for Congress*, July 10, 2013.
- Marshall Curtis Erwin, "Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) Acquisition: Issues for Congress," *CRS Report for Congress*, April 16, 2013.
- National Strategy for Counterterrorism, June 2011, The White House, at [https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/counterterrorism\\_strategy.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/counterterrorism_strategy.pdf).
- Ben Jones, "Despite Obama's New Executive Order, U.S. Drone Policy May Still Violate International Law," July 7, 2016, *Washington Post*.

#### Week 11 (October 20): Developing a Grand Strategy for Security?

- Barry R. Posen and Andrew L. Ross, "Competing Visions for U.S. Grand Strategy," *International Security* 21:3 (Winter 1996/97), pp. 5-53.
- Daniel Deudney and G. John Ikenberry, "Democratic Internationalism: An American Grand Strategy for a Post-exceptionalist Era," Council on Foreign Relations working paper (November 2012), at <http://www.cfr.org/united-states/democratic-internationalismamerican-grand-strategy-post-exceptionalist-era/p29417>.
- Paul D. Miller, "Five Pillars of American Grand Strategy," *Survival: Global Politics and Strategy*, Vol. 54, Issue 5, 2012, pp. 7-44.
- Peter Feaver, "What is Grand Strategy and Why Do We Need It?" April 8, 2009 at <http://foreignpolicy.com/2009/04/08/what-is-grand-strategy-and-why-do-we-need-it/>.

#### Week 12 (October 27): U.S. Defense Policy

- Rosa Brooks, *How Everything Became War and the Military Became Everything: Tales from the Pentagon* (Simon & Schuster, 2016).

#### Week 13 (Nov. 3): International Policy and Program Evaluation – GAO and others

- GPRA Modernization Act, HR 2142, available at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-111hr2142enr/pdf/BILLS-111hr2142enr.pdf>.
- *Results-Oriented Government: GPRA Has Established a Solid Foundation for Achieving Greater Results*, GAO-04-38, Mar. 10, 2004.
- Marian Leonardo Lawson, "Does Foreign Aid Work? Efforts to Evaluate U.S. Foreign Assistance," Congressional Research Service, June 23, 2016 at <https://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/R42827.pdf>.
- *Combating Terrorism: State Should Review How It Addresses Holds Placed During the Foreign Terrorist Organization Designation Process*. GAO-15-439SU. Published: April 21, 2015.

- Combating Terrorism: Foreign Terrorist Organization Designation Process and U.S. Agency Enforcement Actions GAO-15-629: Published: Jun 25, 2015 at <<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-15-629>> .
- Anne Daugherty Miles, "The U.S. Intelligence Community: Selected Cross-Cutting Issues," CRS Report for Congress, April 12, 2016 at <<https://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/intel/R44455.pdf>>.

Week 14 (November 10): Skill Sets for International Policy Careers: Communication, Interpersonal, Cultural, Project Management, Problem Solving, Strategic Thinking

Week 15 (November 17): Student Research Presentations