

University of Georgia
INTL 8200

Energy Statecraft & Nonproliferation

Time: Tuesday, 12:30 – 3:15
Place: Military Building, Rm #2

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Course Description

This graduate seminar examines the role of energy in international politics with a particular emphasis on the link between energy and national security policy. The seminar explores the historical use of energy resources as a geopolitical tool, and highlights the strategic aspects of energy in the contemporary security environment. The seminar has three main objectives: The first is to critically examine the implementation of energy statecraft in the post WWII era with an eye towards identifying energy policy principles. The second is to project what role energy statecraft will play in China's pursuit of the Third Revolution. The final objective of the seminar is to put forward energy policy proposals aimed at addressing twenty-first century challenges. Throughout the semester students will construct an analytical framework to evaluate and assess the utility of energy statecraft. Guest lecturers from both government and the private sector will supplement class discussions and course materials to offer policy perspectives and provide career advice.

Required Text

The Third Revolution: Xi Jinping and the New Chinese State. Elizabeth Economy. 2018.

Recommended Text

The Prize: The Epic Quest for Oil, Money, and Power. Daniel Yergin, 1990. Simon and Schuster, New York, New York.

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1stQW6i1Ko&list=PLOr8q_slscQNSXOzbaEUUZf_83FeEyJZx)

All other readings for the seminar are either accessible through the University of Georgia library system or will be provided by the instructor.

Grading

Course Requirements and Grading Components

Weekly Policy Memos and Participation:	20%	Weekly
Group Presentation and Policy Memo #1:	25%	11 September
Group Presentation and Policy Memo #2:	25%	23 October
Final Presentation and Policy Memo:	30%	13 & 27 November

Weekly Policy Memos and Class Participation (20%)

Students must email weekly policy memos by 12:00 on the Monday prior to class. The memo should be no more than 2 pages and must briefly identify and discuss key elements of the weekly reading assignment such as the primary actors, their objectives, resources, strategies, policies, and outcomes. Each memo should summarize and put forth broader “lessons learned” that were gleaned from the readings. Reading assignments are listed on the syllabus the day they will be discussed in class. Each student is expected to complete the required readings and be prepared to participate actively in discussions.

Group Presentations and Policy Memos (50%) There will be two group presentations. Each presentation must be accompanied by a policy memo, which is limited to 4 pages, and due by email 12:00 on the Monday prior to class.

Group Presentation and Policy Memo #1: *Energy Statecraft in the Post-WWII Era*

Group presentation #1 will address the following question: *How was energy leveraged as a geopolitical tool during the post-WWII era?* The memo should conclude with a list of policy principles that were derived from week 1 – 4 lectures and readings. The policy memo and presentation are **due September 10, 2018**.

Group Presentation and Policy Memo #2: *The Role of Energy in China’s Third Revolution*

Group presentation #2 will address the following question: *What role will energy statecraft play in China’s 3rd Revolution?* The memo should conclude with a list of policy principles that were derived from week 6 – 9 lectures and readings. The policy memo and presentation are **due October 22, 2018**.

Final Presentation and Policy Memo (30%) *Energy Statecraft in the 21st Century*

The final presentation and policy memo will address the following question: *What role will energy statecraft play in the twenty-first century?* The memo should conclude with a list of policy principles that were derived from week 1 – 13 lectures and readings. The final presentation is **due November 13, 2018**. The final policy memo is limited to 5 pages and is **due by email November 26, 2018**.

Administrative Issues

The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary. All academic work must meet the standards contained in the University of Georgia’s “Culture of Honesty” (http://www.uga.edu/honesty/ahpd/culture_honesty.htm). You are responsible to inform yourself about those standards before performing any academic work. Our policy for academic dishonesty

is very simple: Don't plagiarize: If you turn in a written assignment that is (in part) not your own work you will receive a failing grade for the course. Disciplinary proceedings to dismiss you from the University may be initiated against you.

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Important Dates

13 – 17 August: Drop Add
3 October: Midterm
17 October: Withdrawal Deadline
26 October: Fall Break
19-21 November: Thanksgiving Break

Course Schedule: The syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.

Week 1, Tuesday, 14 August

Course Overview

Week 2, 21 August

The Prize (Episodes 1-3)

Week 3, 28 August

The Prize (Episodes 4-5)

Week 4, 4 September

The Prize (Episodes 5-8)

Week 5, 11 September

Group Presentation and Policy Memo #1: *Energy Statecraft in the Post-WWII Era*

Week 6, 18 September

Guest Speaker: TBD

Week 7, 25 September

The Third Revolution (Chs. 1-3)

Week 8, 2 October

The Third Revolution (Chs. 4-5)

Week 9, 9 October

The Third Revolution (Chs. 6-8)

Week 10, 16 October

Group Presentation and Policy Memo #3: *The Role of Energy Statecraft in China's Third Revolution*

Week 11, 23 October

2017 Global Trends: Paradox of Progress, <https://www.dni.gov/files/documents/nic/GT-Full-Report.pdf>

2017 National Security Strategy, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/NSS-Final-12-18-2017-0905.pdf>

Energy Policy: 114th Congress Issues, <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42756.pdf>

Additional References:

2018 National Defense Strategy

2015 Quadrennial Development and Defense Review

Week 12, 30 October

Field Trip: Alvin W. Vogtle Electric Generating Plant

Week 13, 6 November

Guest Speaker: TBD

Week 14, 13 November

Individual Presentations

Week 15, 27 November

Course Conclusion

Policy Memo: *Energy Statecraft in the 21st Century*