



INSS 1302: Geography and Security
Schedule of Readings
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Readings

Primary Text: Harm de Blij, *Why Geography Matters...More than Ever* (Oxford: University Press, 2012)

Each week of the course is broken up into two modules (A/B). Each module has its own set of readings, meaning that there are two sets of readings per week. Please ensure that you complete all of the readings for each module/week. Each module consists of a chapter from the principal textbook, *Why Geography Matters*, and many have supplemental readings that are available to download from the course website. The supplemental readings are what you will use to produce your reading journal entries.

Week 1

- **Week 1A**
 - de Blij, Chapter 1
 - Berdichevsky , “The Neglect Of Geography And Its Perils”
- **Week 1BA**
 - de Blij, Chapter 2
 - Map Article, National Geographic,
<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/map/12th-grade/>

Week 2

- **Week 2**
 - de Blij, Chapter 3
 - Eberstadt, “With Great Demographics Comes Great Power”
 - Macleod, “Population Paradox”

Week 3

- **Week 3A**
 - de Blij, Chapter 4
 - Hsu, “Politics and Climate Change”
 - McCormick, “Anthropology of an Idea”
- **Week 3B**
 - de Blij, Chapter 5
 - Scott, “The Securitization of Climate Change”
 - Newkirk, “Climate Change is Already Damaging American Democracy”

Week 4

- **Week 4A**
 - de Blij, Chapter 6
 - Gilsinian, “The Geography of Terrorism”
- **Week 4B**
 - de Blij, Chapter 7
 - Knapp, “The Concept and Practice of Jihad”

Week 5

- **Week 5**
 - de Blij, Chapter 8
 - Champion, “Does China Have What It Takes to Be a Superpower?”
 - Englund, “Beijing’s power play in the South China Sea . . .”

Week 6

- **Week 6A**
 - de Blij, Chapter 9
 - Walker, “Europe: Superstate or Superpower?”
 - Atwood, “Geography Factor In War”

- **Week 6B**
 - de Blij, Chapter 10
 - Rywkin, “Russia: In quest of superpower status”
 - Marshall, “Russia and the Curse of Geography”

Week 7

- **Week 7**
 - de Blij, Chapter 11
 - French, “Why Africa’s Future will Determine the rest of the World’s”
- de Blij, Epilogue