

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

SEMINAR IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Political Science 5330

Fall 2019

Professor

Gaspare M. Genna, Ph. D.

Department of Political Science

Office: Benedict Hall 301

Office Hours: Mondays & Wednesdays 9-11am; Tuesdays 11am-noon; and by appointment

Phone: 747-6066

E-mail: ggenna@utep.edu

Class Time/Location: T 6-8:50pm/BEND 205

Catalog Description

Examines the political structures and the interactions that characterize the global nation-state political system.

Course Content

The aim of the course is to introduce the main theories and evidence of International Relations. Scholars approach the study of IR in various ways. However, the scholarship does have a long history in the utilization of a science based epistemology, one that we will deeply tap into during the semester. In addition, the subfield has moved away from the purely theoretical approach that marked the realist and neorealist era and is evolving towards more rigorous testing. In keeping pace with this evolution, we will study and judge the theories by first examining what they are attempting to explain, how well they explain, and if the empirical evidence supports their explanation.

After a relatively brief discussion of methodology, the course will tackle one broad question: Why are some states' relations characterized by conflict while others are cooperative? We will investigate this question in the areas of conflict and cooperation separately, and sometimes simultaneously. At the end of the course, however, we may see that conflict and cooperation are two sides of a continuum.

Course Policies

We will follow policies outlined in the 2019-2020 Graduate Catalogue (<http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/>). In addition, all participants will follow a professional decorum at all times.

Reasonable accommodations are in place for students with limitations due to disabilities, including learning disabilities. Please see me personally within the first two weeks to discuss any special needs you might have. If you have a documented disability and require specific accommodations, you will need to contact the Center for Accommodations and

Support Services (CASS) in 302 Union East within the first two weeks of classes. CASS can also be reached in the following ways:

Web: <http://sa.utep.edu/cass/>

E-Mail: cass@utep.edu

Phone: (915) 747-5148 voice or TTY

Course Obligations

There is a mix of obligations you must meet to fulfill the requirements of the course. This includes 1) participation in discussions; 2) two exams (midterm and final); and 3) five essays on the course readings. Late assignments will be accepted only under extreme circumstances.

All assignments that are completed outside the seminar are to be typed using the following format:

- 1) double spaced (no extra lines in-between paragraphs),
- 2) new times roman font (12 point),
- 3) 1 inch margins,
- 4) title page (title, course, name, and date),
- 5) page numbers (page one is the first page of text),
- 6) stapled with no plastic cover of any type, and
- 7) citations (footnotes or endnotes) and a bibliography when necessary.

Participation

What distinguishes a seminar format from the lecture variety is the degree of student participation. During the seminar, the professor will present the ideas of the weeks' readings (the course Blackboard page has a folder with all the course readings) and pose several questions that will begin our discussion. While he has certain broad goals each evening, there will be a degree of flexibility to where the discussion will take us. The aim is to leave each evening with a deeper understanding of the readings so that students can synthesize and offer a constructive critique of the research and research agenda of the scholarship.

Exams

There will be two take home exams for the course: one midterm and one final. The examination answers will be in an essay format. The lengths are approximately five pages for the midterm and approximately seven pages for the final, excluding references. The midterm will cover the material presented up to October 15 and the final will be cumulative. The professor will post the exam questions 24 hours before they are due. The exams are due by 6pm October 15 and December 10, respectively. Students will upload their exams using the Blackboard course site. Please do not email exams directly to the professor. Collaboration on the exams is strictly prohibited.

Essays

You will need to write five essays that synthesize and critique a particular week's readings in five to seven pages. Please upload them onto Blackboard. Each essay is due one week after the particular week you choose. Which week you choose is up to your discretion with one exception: please do not write an essay based on the first night's readings.

A synthesis and critique needs to answer the following questions, but organized in a thematic manner. First, what are the major points of the readings? What are they trying to explain and what are the explanations? While it is tempting to create a ledger of all that was said, recall that you only have five to seven pages. Instead present the answers to the questions in the critique. The critique should answer the following: What are the major problems of the readings? What can be done to improve the explanations and/or testing of the theories? We will discuss the essays' content on the first night and follow-up as the semester progresses.

Grades

Each obligation will be given a score out of a total 100 points and have the weights found below in determining students' final grades for the course. Letter grades will be based on the absolute scale.

Requirement	Due	Weight
Midterm Exam	October 15	15 percent
Final Exam	December 10	25 percent
Five Essays	Students Discretion	40 percent (8 percent each)
Participation	All Meetings	20 percent

All letter grades have the following distribution of points:

Points	Letter
90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
59 and below	F

Readings

August 27 – The Scientific Study of International Relations

- 1) Singer, J. David. 1961. "The Level-of-Analysis Problem in International Relations." World Politics 14 (1).
- 2) Shepsle, Kenneth A. and Mark S. Bocheck. 1997. Analyzing Politics: Rationality, Behavior, and Institutions. Chapters 1 & 2
- 3) Elman, Colin and Miriam Fendius Elman. 2003. "Introduction: Appraising Progress in International Relations Theory" in Elman and Elman (eds.), Progress in International Relations Theory: Appraising the Field.
- 4) Elman, Colin and Miriam Fendius Elman. 2003. "Lessons from Lakatos" in Elman and Elman (eds.), Progress in International Relations Theory: Appraising the Field.
- 5) Hoover, Kenneth and Todd Donovan. 2004. The Elements of Social Scientific Thinking (8th edition). Chapters 1 & 2

September 3 – Realism and Neorealism and Their Assessments

- 1) Waltz, Kenneth N. 1986. "Anarchic Orders and Balances of Power," in Robert Keohane (ed), Neorealism and Its Critics.
- 2) Keohane, Robert. 1986. "Realism, Neorealism, and the Study of World Politics," in Robert Keohane (ed), Neorealism and Its Critics.
- 3) Ashley, Richard K. 1986. "The Poverty of Neorealism," in Robert Keohane (ed), Neorealism and Its Critics.
- 4) Waltz, Kenneth N. 1986. "Reflections on Theory of International Politics: A Response to My Critics," in Robert Keohane (ed), Neorealism and Its Critics.
- 5) Jervis, Robert. 2003. "Realism, Neoliberalism, and Cooperation: Understanding the Debate," in Elman and Elman (eds), Progress in International Relations Theory: Appraising the Field.

September 10 – Power Transition Theory

- 1) Siverson, Randolph M. and Ross A. Miller. 1996. "The Power Transition: Problems and Prospects," in Jacek Kugler and Douglas Lemke (eds). Ann Parity and War: Evaluations and Extensions of the War Ledger.
- 2) Vasquez, John A. 1996. "When Are Power Transitions Dangerous? An Appraisal and Reformulation of Power Transition Theory," in Jacek Kugler and Douglas Lemke (eds), Parity and War: Evaluations and Extensions of The War Ledger.
- 3) Lemke, Douglas. 2002. Regions of War and Peace. Chapter 2.
- 4) DiCicco, Jonathan M. and Jack S. Levy. 2003. "Power Transition Research Program: Lakatosian Analysis," in Elman and Elman (eds), Progress in International Relations Theory: Appraising the Field.
- 5) Ikenberry, G. John, et. al. 2009. "Introduction: Unipolarity, State Behavior, and Systemic Consequences." World Politics, 61 (1).

September 17 – Hegemonic Stability Theory

- 1) Krasner, Stephen D. 1976. "State Power and the Structure of International Trade." World Politics, 28 (3).
- 2) Snidal, Duncan. 1985. "The Limits of Hegemonic Stability Theory." International Organization, 39 (4).
- 3) Gowa, Joanne. 1989. "Rational Hegemons, Excludable Goods, and Small Groups: An Epitaph for Hegemonic Stability Theory?" World Politics, 41 (3).
- 4) Lake, David A. 1992. "Leadership, Hegemony, and the International Economy: Naked Emperor or Tattered Monarch with Potential?" International Studies Quarterly 37 (4).
- 5) Bussmann, Margit and John R. Oneal. 2007. "Do Hegemons Distribute Private Goods? A Test of Power-Transition Theory." The Journal of Conflict Resolution, 51 (1).

September 24- The Role of Institutions in International Relations

- 1) Keohane, Robert O. 1983. "Demand for International Regimes," in Stephen D. Krasner (ed), International Regimes.
- 2) Krasner, Stephen D. 1983. "Structural Causes and Regime Consequences: Regimes as Intervening Variables," in Stephen D. Krasner (ed), International Regimes.
- 3) Snidal, Duncan. 1986. "The Game Theory of International Politics," in Kenneth A. Oye (ed), Cooperation Under Anarchy.
- 4) Koremenos, Barbara, Charles Lipson, and Duncan Snidal. 2001. "Rational Design of International Institutions." International Organization 55 (4).
- 5) Keohane, Robert O. and Lisa L. Martin. 2003. "Institutional Theory as a Research Program," in Elman and Elman (eds), Progress in International Relations Theory: Appraising the Field.

October 1 – The Democratic Peace

- 1) Maoz, Zeev and Bruce Russett. 1993. "Normative and Structural Causes of Democratic Peace, 1946-1986." The American Political Science Review, (87) 3.
- 2) Ray, James L. 1995. Democracy and International Conflict: An Evaluation of the Democratic Peace Proposition. Chapter 1
- 3) Russett, Bruce M. and Harvey Starr. 2000. "From Democratic Peace to Kantian peace: Democracy and Conflict in the International System," in Manus I. Midlarsky (ed), Handbook of War Studies II.
- 4) Ray, James L. 2003. "A Lakatosian View of the Democratic Peace Research Program," in Elman and Elman (eds). Progress in International Relations Theory: Appraising the Field.
- 5) Hayes, Jarrod. 2009. "Identity and Securitization in the Democratic Peace: The United States and the Divergence of Response to India and Iran's Nuclear Programs." International Studies Quarterly. 53 (4).

October 8 – Decision Makers and Decision Making

- 1) Allison, Graham T. 1969. "Conceptual Models and the Cuban Missile Crisis." The American Political Science Review, 63 (3).
- 2) Janis, Irving L. 1972. Victims of Groupthink: A Psychological Study of Foreign-Policy Decisions and Fiascoes. Chapters 1 & 8.
- 3) Zagare, Frank. 1990. "Rational Choice Models and International Relations Research" International Interactions. 15 (4).
- 4) Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce and Randolph M. Siverson. 1995. "War and the Survival of Political Leaders: A Comparative Study of Regime Types and Political Accountability." The American Political Science Review, 89 (4).
- 5) Levy, Jack S. 2013. "Psychology and Foreign Policy Decision-Making." In Leonie Huddy, David O. Sears, and Jack S. Levy (eds), The Oxford Handbook of Political Psychology.

Midterm Examination due October 15 by 6pm

October 22 – The Theory of Deterrence

- 1) Brodie, Bernard. 1959. Strategy in the Missile Age. Chapter 8
- 2) Jervis, Robert. 1979. "Deterrence Theory Revisited." World Politics, 31 (2).
- 3) Kugler, Jacek and Frank Zagare. 1990. "The Long Term Stability of Deterrence." International Interactions, 15 (3/4).
- 4) Zagare, Frank C. 1996. "Classical Deterrence Theory: A Critical Assessment." International Interactions 21 (4).
- 5) Signorino, Curtis S. and Ahmer Tarar. 2006. "A Unified Theory and Test of Extended Immediate Deterrence." American Journal of Political Science, 50 (3).

October 29 – National Cycles and International Relations

- 1) Modelski, George. 1978. "The Long Cycle of Global Politics and the Nation-State." Comparative Studies in Society and History, 20 (2).
- 2) Doran, Charles F. and Wes Parsons. 1980. "War and the Cycle of Relative Power." The American Political Science Review, 74 (4).
- 3) Goldstein, Joshua S. 1985. "Kondratieff Waves as War Cycles." International Studies Quarterly, 29 (4).
- 4) Doran, Charles. 2003. "Confronting the Principles of the Power Cycle" in Manus Midlarsky (ed), Handbook of War Studies II.
- 5) Tessman, Brock F. and Steve Chan. 2004. "Power Cycles, Risk Propensity, and Great-Power Deterrence." Journal of Conflict Resolution, 48 (2).

November 5 – Constructivism

- 1) Wendt, Alexander. 1992. "Anarchy is What States Make of It: The Social Construction of Power Politics." International Organization, 46 (2).
- 2) Wendt, Alexander. 1994. "Collective Identity formation and the International State." American Political Science Review, 88 (3).
- 3) Finnemore, Martha and Kathryn Sikkink. 1998. "International Norm Dynamics and Political Change." International Organization 52 (4).
- 4) Barkin, J. Samuel. 2003. "Realist Constructivism." International Studies Review. 5 (3).
- 5) Sala, Brian R., John T. Scott, and James F. Spriggs II. 2007. "The Cold War on Ice: Constructivism and the Politics of Olympic Figure Skating Judging." Perspectives on Politics, 5 (1).

November 12 – Domestic Politics and International Relations

- 1) Putnam, Robert D. 1988. "Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two-Level Games." International Organization, 42 (3).
- 2) Fearon, James D. 1994. "Domestic Political Audiences and the Escalation of International Disputes." American Political Science Review 88 (3).
- 3) Mayer, Frederick W. 1998. Interpreting NAFTA: The Science and Art of Political Analysis. Chapter 5
- 4) Moravcsik, Andrew. 2003. "Liberal International Relations Theory: A Scientific Assessment," in Elman and Elman (eds), Progress in International Relations Theory: Appraising the Field.
- 5) Jacobs, Lawrence R. and Benjamin I. Page. 2005. "Who Influences U.S. Foreign Policy." The American Political Science Review, 99 (1).

November 19 – International Trade: Cooperation and Conflict

- 1) Polachek, Solomon W. 1980. "Conflict and Trade." The Journal of Conflict Resolution, 24 (1).
- 2) Pollins, Brian M. 1989. "Conflict, Cooperation, and Commerce: The Effect of International Political Interactions on Bilateral Trade Flows." American Journal of Political Science, 33 (3).
- 3) Sayrs, Lois W. 1990. "Expected Utility and Peace Science: An Assessment of Trade and Conflict." Conflict Management and Peace Science, 11 (1).
- 4) Gowa, Joanne and Edward D. Mansfield. 1993. "Power Politics and International Trade." The American Political Science Review, 87 (2).
- 5) Mansfield, Edward D. and Rachel Bronson. 1997. "Alliances, Preferential Trading Arrangements, and International Trade." The American Political Science Review, 91 (1).
- 6) Baker, Andy. 2005. "Who Wants to Globalize? Consumer Tastes and Labor Markets in a Theory of Trade Policy Beliefs." American Journal of Political Science, 49 (4).

November 26 – Regional Integration

- 1) Haas, Ernst B. 1961. “International Integration: The European and the Universal Process.” International Organization, 15 (3).
- 2) McKay, David. 1997. “On the Origins of Political Unions: The European Case.” Journal of Theoretical Politics, 9 (3).
- 3) Mansfield, Edward D., Helen V. Milner, and B. Peter Rosendorff. 2000. “Free to Trade: Democracies, Autocracies, and International Trade” The American Political Science Review, 94 (2).
- 4) Genna, Gaspare M. and Taeko Hiroi. 2004. “Power Preponderance and Domestic Politics: Explaining Regional Economic Integration in Latin America and the Caribbean, 1960-1997.” International Interactions, 30, (2).
- 5) Schneider, Christina J. 2017. “The Political Economy of Regional Integration.” Annual Review of Political Science, 20.

Final Exam due December 10 at 6pm