

GVPT 624: National Security and International Relations

Term: Spring 2022

Credits : 3 hours

Meeting Time: Wednesdays 1:00-3:45p

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Course Description from Graduate Catalog : This course will address key topics in International Relations and U.S. National Security from a historical perspective and a contemporary outlook. Focus will be on policy and challenges faced in international relations and national security. Students will learn the major approaches to empirical research in both fields. Students will learn to analyze and apply datasets from both areas to contemporary issues.

University/College/Departmental Requirements Satisfied: This course supports the Applied Political Analytics Master of Science program (APAN). As such, students must be enrolled in the APAN program to enroll in this course.

Technology Required: Access to a desktop or laptop computer.

Assessment and Evaluation:

Research Paper – 30%

Database Project Assignment -30%

Critical Thinking Paper -20%

Attendance and Participation- 20%

Attendance and Participation:

Course attendance and participation during class discussions is required. Students are also required to attend class unless there is an urgency (illness, religious observations, other emergencies) must be communicated to the instructor in advance.

Classes will take place in-person and will involve both discussions led by the instructor and discussions led by students. The subject of the discussions will be the readings for the week, the media supplements assigned most weeks, and relevant additional topics as they come up. Your active participation in this seminar is important both for both the quality of the discussions and for your grade in this class.

All readings are available online and readings with book chapters will be uploaded on ELMS. Students should complete readings in advance and ponder on key questions including:

- What are the authors key arguments and theories?
- Are the authors arguments convincing?
- What are opposing views from other authors on the topic?

1. Database Project:

This is a group project to identify a topic in International Relations relevant to your area of interest or expertise. More details on the project will be available on ELMS.

- What issue did you select? (Issue due in class **February 16th**)
- What dataset might you use and why?
- Which variables are applicable to your study?
- What are the dependent and independent variables?
- What statistical models might you use on the project?
- What conclusions and observations are present?
- **Presentation due in class March 16th**

2. Critical Thinking Paper (Focus on National Security):

- This will be a group project. More details on the project will be available on ELMS.
- Consider pressing issues in national security (e.g. natural disasters, potential environmental hazards, security issues such as gun violence, knife crimes)
- Pick ONE area of interest as your term project. (**Submission of area of interest due in class March 30th**)

Consider the following while drafting your paper:

- What were the effects, damages, including short-term and long-term consequences?
- How did the government respond to the disaster?
- What are the competing perspectives on the issue?
- What government agencies were involved and why?
- If you were in-charge of an agency such as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or the Department of State (DoS) how would you handle this?
- Summary of policy recommendations with suggestions on disaster prevention and preparedness
- Critical thinking paper is **due in class May 4th BUT draft, discussion on topic issue is due March 30th.**

3. *Final Research Paper: Focus on IR*

- The research paper will be a 10 page paper addressing any question within the topic area of national security OR international relations. More details will be available on ELMS.
- The paper must include a background on the topic including the theoretical focus and appropriate scholars involved, databases that could be used, a literature review, and policy implications.
- Ideally such a paper should be the framework to understanding the topic selected in more detail. **Due in class May 4th**

Academic Integrity

Cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, plagiarism and self-plagiarism will not be tolerated and will result in severe consequences including failing the class and/or program.

University Policies

Please see a list of university policies [here](#).

Accommodations

If you have any disability issues that require test taking and other modifications in the classroom, please notify me. Please review the disability statement from UMD [here](#).

Alteration of the Syllabus

The instructor reserves the right to revise or amend this syllabus. Should any alterations be made, students will be notified via e-mail and in-class.

Course Outline and Reading Assignments

Please be advised this schedule may change with advance notice being given to students

Week 1: January 26th	Introduction -Overview of course syllabus. -Course expectations -Group division <i>Classical Realism:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morgenthau, H. J., & Thompson, K. W. (1985). Politics among nations : the struggle for power and peace (6th ed.). Knopf. Read Chapter 1• Carr, E. H. (1964). The twenty years' crisis, 1919-1939: an introduction to the study of international relations (1st
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	<p>Harper torchbook, Ser. Harper torchbooks. academy library, tb 1122). Harper & Row. Read Chapter 4 & 5</p> <p><i>Neo-Realism</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cox, R. W. (1997). The new realism : perspectives on multilateralism and world order (Ser. International political economy series. multilateralism and the un system). United Nations University Press. Read Chapter 8 <p>The Flipside (Debate on Realism)</p> <p>What you can read: <i>Realism (and the Security Dilemma)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperation under the Security Dilemma, Jervis (1978) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keohane, R. O. (1986). Neorealism and its critics (Ser. The political economy of international change). Columbia University Press. Read Chapter 4 • Waltz, K. N. (1979). Theory of international politics (Ser. Addison-wesley series in political science). Addison-Wesley Pub. Read Chapter 5 • Keohane, R. O. (1986). Neorealism and its critics (Ser. The political economy of international change). Columbia University Press. Read Chapter 9
<p>Week 2: February 2nd</p>	<p>Introduction to International Relations</p> <p><i>Historical Overview of International Politics</i> -Theoretical and Conceptual Tools used in International Relations</p> <p>Key Themes: anarchy, relations among states in the world order, hegemony, international organizations</p> <p>What you need to read:</p> <p><i>Liberalism</i></p> <p>Required Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doyle, M. W. (1986). Liberalism and World Politics. <i>The American Political Science Review</i>, 80(4), 1151–1169. https://doi.org/10.2307/1960861 • Keohane, R. O., & Martin, L. L. (1995). The Promise of Institutional Theory. <i>International Security</i>, 20(1), 39–51. https://doi.org/10.2307/2539214

	<p><i>Challenging Theories in I.R</i></p> <p>I) <i>African International Relations</i></p> <p>What you need to read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nkiwane, T. C. (2001). Africa and international relations: regional lessons for a global discourse. <i>International Political Science Review / Revue Internationale De Science Politique</i>, 22(3), 279–290. <p>II) <i>Asian International Relations (East Asia Focus)</i></p> <p>What you need to read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johnston, A. I. (2012). What (if anything) does east asia tell us about international relations theory? <i>Annual Review of Political Science</i>, 15(1), 53–78. https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev.polisci.040908.120058 <p>What you can read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mearsheimer, J. The Tragedy of Great Power Politics. • Mearsheimer, J. J. (1994). The False Promise of International Institutions. <i>International Security</i>, 19(3), 5–49. https://doi.org/10.2307/2539078
<p>Week 3: February 9th</p>	<p>International Conflict <i>Causes for War and Armed Conflict</i></p> <p>Key Themes: terrorism, civil conflict, great power wars, great power wars, humanitarian intervention</p> <p>Required Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bueno de Mesquita, B. B. (1985). Toward a Scientific Understanding of International Conflict: A Personal View. <i>International Studies Quarterly</i>, 29(2), 121–136. https://doi.org/10.2307/2600500 • Diehl, P. F. (2002). Chasing headlines: setting the research agenda on war. <i>Conflict Management and Peace Science</i>, 19(1), 5–26. • Vasquez, J. A. (2009). The war puzzle revisited (Ser. Cambridge studies in international relations, 110). Cambridge University Press. Chapter 1 & 2 • Fearon, J. D. (1995). Rationalist explanations for war. <i>International Organization</i>, 49(3), 379–414.

Week 4: February 16th

Alliances & Conflict

Key themes: alliances, alliance formation, war and alliances, balancing and band wagoning

Required Readings:

- Walt, S. M. (1987). The origins of alliances (Ser. Cornell studies in security affairs). Cornell University Press. <https://doi.org/10.7591/9780801469992>
Read Chapter 1 & 2
- Levy, J. S. (1981). Alliance formation and war behavior: an analysis of the great powers, 1495-1975. The Journal of Conflict Resolution, 25(4), 581–613.
- Leeds, B. A. (2003). Do alliances deter aggression? the influence of military alliances on the initiation of militarized interstate disputes. American Journal of Political Science, 47(3), 427–439.
- Schweller, R. L. (1994). Bandwagoning for profit: bringing the revisionist state back in. International Security, 19(1), 72–107.

What issue did you select for the database project? (Issue due in class **February 16th**

Week 5: February 23rd

Territorial Disputes

Key Themes: disagreements over territory, identity claims, maritime and other territorial disputes

Required Readings:

- Wiegand, K. E. (2011). Enduring territorial disputes : strategies of bargaining, coercive diplomacy, and settlement (Ser. Studies in security and international affairs). University of Georgia Press.
Read chapter 1 & 3
- Day, A. J., & Bell, J. (1987). Border and territorial disputes (2nd ed., rev. and updated, Ser. A keesing's reference publication). Longman.
Read on Middle-East and Africa chapters
- Gibler, D. M. (2007). Bordering on peace: democracy, territorial issues, and conflict. International Studies Quarterly, 51(3), 509–532.

<p>Week 6: March 2nd</p>	<p>Important Data Sets in International Relations & Conflict</p> <p>Required Readings: Sarkees, M. R., & Wayman, F. W. (2010). Resort to war : a data guide to inter-state, extra-state, intra-state, and non-state wars, 1816-2007 (Ser. Correlates of war series). CQ Press.</p> <p>ICOW data: Paul, R. H., Sara, M. L. M., Thomas, E. S., & Clayton, L. T. (2008). Bones of contention : comparing territorial, maritime, and river issues. <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i>, 52(1), 117–143. https://doi.org/10.1177/0022002707310425</p> <p>MID Data: https://correlatesofwar.org/data-sets/MIDs POLITY IV: (below the website page) http://www.systemicpeace.org/inscrdata.html Correlates of War Data: https://correlatesofwar.org/data-sets</p>
<p>Week 7: March 9th</p>	<p>Civil War and Conflict</p> <p>Key Themes: civil war, ethnopolitical rebellions, grievance, civil conflict</p> <p>Required Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sambanis, N. (2004). What is civil war? <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i>, 48(6), 814–858. • Fearon, J. D., & Laitin, D. D. (2003). Ethnicity, insurgency, and civil war. <i>The American Political Science Review</i>, 97(1), 75–90. • Rebecca, N. M. (2007). Women and the role of NGOs in conflict resolution in Africa. <i>Asian Women</i>, 23(4), 21–43. • Straus, S. (2006). <i>The order of genocide : race, power, and war in Rwanda</i>. Cornell University Press. Read Chapter 1 & 3 (e-book available via UMD libraries)
<p>Week 8: March 16th</p>	<p>Terrorism</p> <p>Key Themes: terrorism,</p> <p>Required Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crenshaw, M. (1981). The Causes of Terrorism. <i>Comparative Politics</i>, 13(4), 379- 399. • Carr, C. (2007). "Terrorism": Why the Definition Must Be Broad. <i>World Policy</i> • Elu, J.U. (2012). Terrorism in Africa and South Asia: economic or existential good? <i>Journal of</i>

	<p><i>Developing Areas</i>, Vol. 46, No. 1. <i>Journal</i>, 24(1), 47-50</p> <p>*Dataset project presentations due*</p>
<p>Week 9: March 23rd</p>	<p>Spring Break -no class</p>
<p>Week 10: March 30th</p>	<p>A Historical View of National Security</p> <p>Key Themes: What is national security? What threatens a country’s survival? National policy, U.S Approaches to National Security, processes, decision-making , national interest, evolution since WWII , cold war, security for survival</p> <p>Required Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jordan, A. A., Taylor, W. J., & Korb, L. J. (1993). American national security : policy and process (4th ed.). Johns Hopkins University Press. Read Chapter 1 & 2 • Bacevich, A. J. (2007). The long war : a new history of U.S. national security policy since world war II. Columbia University Press. Read the first chapter. • Mearsheimer, J. J. (1994). The false promise of international institutions. <i>International Security</i>, 19(3), 5–49. • Sarkesian, S. C., Williams, J. A., & Cimbala, S. J. (2008). <i>Us national security : policymakers, processes, and politics</i> (4th ed.). Lynne Rienner. Read chapter 7 <p>**Critical Thinking Paper Selection (Focus on National Security) Topic Due in Class***</p>
<p>Week 11: April 6th</p>	<p>The Constitution , International Law and National Security</p> <p>Key themes : hot topic issues in national security domestically and international, patriot act, detention centers, the Geneva convention</p> <p>Required Readings:</p> <p>*Geneva Convention and the treatment of detainees</p>

	<p>https://www.un.org/en/genocideprevention/documents/atrocities-crimes/Doc.32_GC-III-EN.pdf</p> <p>* Understanding the Patriot Act</p> <p>Case Study I: The Case of Russia and Ukraine Case Study II: Guantanamo Bay Case Study III: The Case of Edward Snowden</p>
<p>Week 12: April 13th</p>	<p>National Security, Cybersecurity and the Role of Military Intelligence in the United States</p> <p>Key Themes: understanding intelligence, what is military intelligence, how is it collected, intelligence gathering, agencies behind intelligence, careers in intelligence, the intelligence community and responsibilities</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Lieutenant D. E. Sigel. Naval Intelligence *****</p> <p>In Class-Meet in Groups (prep for final presentation) and final research paper due May 4th .</p>
<p>Week 13: April 20th</p>	<p>National Security, Nuclear Proliferation/Weapons and Arms Control</p> <p>What Role Do Nuclear Weapons Play in International Relations?</p> <p>Key Themes: arms control, nuclear agreements, the politics of nuclear weapons access, disarmament, arms embargo</p> <p>Required Readings:</p> <p>Ferguson, C. D. (2011). Nuclear energy : what everyone needs to know (Ser. What everyone needs to know). Oxford University Press. Chapter 1</p> <p>Harkavy, R. E. (1981). Pariah states and nuclear proliferation. International Organization, 35(1), 135–163.</p>

	<p>https://www.nytimes.com/2021/12/10/us/politics/iran-nuclear-us-israel-biden-bennett.html</p> <p>The Case Study I : The U.S. and Russia, North Korea and China</p> <p>Case Study II: The Iran Nuclear Deal</p>
<p>Week 14: April 27th</p>	<p>Homeland Security and National Security</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Karen Monaghan</p> <p>*****</p>
<p>Week 15: May 4th</p>	<p>Final Group Presentations and Class wrap up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Research Paper submission is due on ELMS • Critical paper (Focus on National Security) due in ELMS
<p>Week 16: May 12-May 18th</p>	<p>No Class. Final Exams (Last day of classes May 10th)</p>