POLITICAL SCIENCE 240/IRGN 254: International Relations Theory

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Tuesdays, 1:30 PM – 4:20 PM

Course readings:

The following books are available for purchase at the UCSD bookstore:


Copies of these books are also on reserve at the IR/PS library. All other readings are available on the course website (some through JSTOR): http:// /

Course requirements. Written (75%): three five-page papers due before the class session in question. Participation (25%): active participation in the seminar discussions and leadership role in those discussions when designated.

I. January 8. Introduction: international relations, politics, and paradigms

Katzenstein, Keohane, and Krasner, eds., *Exploration and Contestation in the Study of World Politics*, articles by Katzenstein, Keohane, and Krasner; Wœver; Milner; Ruggie. [Also available in *International Organization* 52, 4 (Autumn 1998).]


II. January 15. Identifying units: states and other international actors


III. January 22. Preferences and perceptions: individuals, groups and beliefs


Miles Kahler, “Rationality in International Relations,” in Katzenstein, Keohane, and Krasner, eds., *Exploration and Contestation in the Study of World Politics*, pp. 279-301.


### IV. January 29. Domestic institutions and international behavior

Ronald Rogowski, “Institutions as Constraints on Strategic Choice,” in Lake and Powell, eds., *Strategic Choice*, pp. 115-136


Milner, *Interests, Institutions, and Information*, chapters 1-4, 9 and one of the remaining chapters (5-8)


V. February 5. Relations among units: bargaining, strategic interaction, and alliance formation


VI. February 12. Relations among units: anarchy, hierarchy, and networks


Keck and Sikkink, *Activists Beyond Borders*, chapters 1, 4 and 6.

VII. February 19. Relations among units: international institutions
Judith Goldstein, Miles Kahler, Robert O. Keohane, and Anne-Marie Slaughter, eds., Legalization and World Politics, chapters by Abbott et al., Abbott and Snidal, Kahler. [Also available in International Organization 54, 3 (Summer 2000)]

VIII. February 26. Systems, environments, and outcomes

Miles Kahler, Evolution, Choice, and International Change,” in Lake and Powell, eds., Strategic Choice, pp. 165-196
Bruce Russett and John Oneal, Triangulating Peace: Democracy, Interdependence, and International Organizations (New York: W. W. Norton, 2001), chapters 1, 4-6.

IX. March 5. Explaining war


X. March 12. Is international politics different? Human rights and internal war


Keck and Sikkink, *Activists Beyond Borders*, chapters 3 and 5.


