Summer Session II (August 3 – Sept 5, 2009)  
MWF 2:00 – 3:50PM  
Solis 110 (Solis 109 Friday B section)  
Office Hours: Wed 11:00AM-1:00 PM  
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Course Description:  
Foreign policy stands at the nexus of domestic politics and international relations. This course is designed to familiarize students with U.S. foreign policy from three basic perspectives: history, politics, and current events. While instruction and materials focus on U.S. foreign policy, the tools acquired and insights developed in the course should be applicable to other countries as well.  

Course structure is dictated by the limited duration of instruction and by the three perspectives: Each Monday lecture focuses on politics and policy. Wednesday lectures will mostly cover the history of U.S. foreign policy, while Fridays are for discussions of current or topical issues. In order to facilitate a discussion, I plan to split the class on Fridays. I will lead one section and Ryan Jablonski, the course grader, will lead the other section. Ryan’s section will meet at ***.  

Course Requirements:  
- Class Participation (20% of course grade): Come to class. We will be taking attendance through the quizzes (see below). Be prepared to assert your ideas, especially on Fridays. There is a much larger premium on being willing to talk than on being ‘right.’  
- Quizzes (40% of course grade): Held most days. These are short quizzes at the beginning of class. We will ask for brief factual information about the readings. Grading is pass/fail and there are no make-ups. To do well, read the assignments and come to class on time.  
- Final Exam (40% of course grade): Essay exam, choice of questions. Bring exam book.  

Note #1: Students are encouraged to study and learn together. However, all written assignments must be the sole product of the person submitting the work. Don’t cheat and don’t plagiarize. If you have any questions about what constitutes a violation of academic integrity, please see me.  

Note #2: It is your responsibility to apprise me of any factor that may interfere with your ability to perform in this class well in advance of scheduled assignments. Appropriate measures for disabilities and other concerns will be taken in accordance with University of California policy.  

Note #3: In order to document requests, students seeking a change of grade must prepare a written memo detailing his or her request and citing reasons for requesting the proposed change.  

Required Readings:  
Two textbooks are assigned for this class (The textbooks are available at the UCSD bookstore. Alternately, you can buy the texts online if you prefer, or from another bookseller):  

- Papp, Daniel, Loch Johnson, John E. Endicott. 2005. AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY: HISTORY, POLITICS AND POLICY. New York: Pearson Longman. (Referred to as “Papp” in the schedule of assigned readings)
• Bernell, David.  2007.  *READINGS IN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY.*  New York: Pearson Longman.  (Referred to as “Bernell” in the schedule of assigned readings)

Students are also encouraged to familiarize themselves with major periodicals with a focus on international relations/foreign policy and follow the international section of major newspapers:
• Financial Times ([http://news.ft.com/world](http://news.ft.com/world))
• Washington Post ([http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/world](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/world))
• Foreign Affairs ([http://www.foreignaffairs.org](http://www.foreignaffairs.org))
• Foreign Policy in Focus ([http://www.fpf.org/](http://www.fpf.org/))
• The National Interest ([http://www.nationalinterest.org](http://www.nationalinterest.org))
• Foreign Policy Association ([http://www.fpa.org/](http://www.fpa.org/))

**DATE**    **TOPIC/ASSIGNMENT**

WEEK 1 (August 3 – 7):  Studying Foreign Policy/New Nation/(Nuclear Weapons/Proliferation)
  Monday August 3:  Introduction/Syllabus/Levels, Methods, and Concepts, Papp 1&2
  Wednesday August 5:  Designing a Nation, Papp 3, Bernell Part I
  Friday August 7:  (Discussion:  When should the United States use nuclear weapons?  What should the U.S. do to counteract nuclear proliferation?), Bernell 2

WEEK 2 (August 10 – 14):  Second Image/Expansion/(Practicing Foreign Policy)
  Monday August 10:  Domestic Politics (Institutions of Government), Papp 8, 9
  Wednesday August 12:  Empire, Papp 4
  Friday August 14:  (Discussion:  Are special interests [Israel, MNCs, labor unions] too powerful?  Is the United States an “empire”?  When is war “just”?), Bernell Part 2

WEEK 3 (August 17 – 21):  Third Image/A Great Power/(A Porous Nation, Globalization)
  Monday August 17:  International Politics (Instruments of Power), Papp 10, 11
  Wednesday August 19:  Power Foreign Policy, Papp 5
  Friday August 21:  (Discussion:  Should the United States allow more immigration?  Is the United States too pro-free trade?  What should we do about oil?), Bernell Part 3

WEEK 4 (August 24 – 28):  It's the Economy…/The Cold War/(Iraq and Afghanistan)
  Monday August 24:  Economics and Intervention, Papp 13, 14
  Wednesday August 26:  Structure, Strife, and Stability, Papp 6, Bernell Part 4

WEEK 5 (August 31 – September 4):  Hegemony and After (War on Terror, Nation Building)
  Monday August 31:  Democracy and Terror, Papp 12, 15
  Wednesday September 2:  Uncertain American Identity, Papp 7, Bernell Part 5
  Friday September 4:  (Discussion:  Under what conditions is torture justified?  Should the U.S. have a Guantanamo?  Will coerced democratization succeed?), Bernell Part 6

**Final Exam Saturday September 5, 3 – 6 PM, Room TBA.**