### Origins of World War I

- I. Puzzle: Why Did a Century of Peace Come to An End?
- II. Events Leading to World War I
  —10 Steps [See Supplement available on-line, return to PS 12 homepage]
- III. Answers #1 and #2: The "War Guilt" Debate
  - A. The "First Shots" from the Archives
  - B. The War Guilt Commission
  - C. The Revisionist View
    - —Harry Elmer Barnes
- IV. Answer #3: Domestic and International Constraints on Choice
  - A. Immediate Causes: Four Decisions
    - 1. Austria's Response to Serbia
    - 2. Germany's "Blank Check"
    - 3. Russia's Full Mobilization
    - 4. Germany's Two-Front War
  - B. Constraints on Choices
    - —Sidney Fay
    - 1. Nationalism
    - 2. Militarization of Policy
    - 3. Alliance System
      - —Triple Alliance [Germany-Austria-Italy]
      - —Triple Entente [France-Russia-England]

### Origins of World War II

- I. Background: Europe After World War I
  - A. Collapse of Monarchies
  - B. New Nation-states in Eastern Europe
  - C. Limits on German Power
    - 1. Loss of Territory
    - 2. Limits on Military
    - 3. Reparations Payments
- II. Answer #1: Deterrence Failure
  - —Appeasement
  - A. Nine German Assaults on the "Versailles" Order
    - 1. Withdrawal from the League of Nations
    - 2. Intimidation in the Saar Plebiscite
    - 3. Repudiation of the Versailles Disarmament Clause
    - 4. Remilitarization of the Rhineland
    - 5. Intervention in Spanish Civil War
    - 6. Anschluss: Annexation of Austria
    - 7. Demands for Sudetenland: the Munich Conference
    - 8. Invasion of Bohemia and Moravia
    - 9. Invasion of Poland
  - B. The Other Axis Powers
    - 1. Japan in Manchuria and China
    - 2. Italy in Ethiopia (Abyssinia)
- III. Answer #2: Sources of Aggression
  - A. Dissatisfaction with the "Versailles" Order
  - B. Hyper-nationalism
  - C. Failure of Domestic Economies
- IV. Two Models of War Origin: Spiral vs. Deterrence Models
  - A. Crisis Spiraling Out of Control
  - B. Failure of Balancing / Failure of Deterrence

### Origins of the Cold War

- I. Background: Major Changes at the End of World War II
  - A. Defeat and Occupation of the Axis Powers and their Allies
  - B. Decline of Britain and France as Great Powers
  - C. Growing Involvement of USA and USSR in European and Asian Affairs
- II. From Collaboration to Confrontation:
  - A. Disagreement Over the Shape of the Peace, 1945
    - —Yalta and Potsdam Conferences
  - B. Communization of Eastern Europe, 1945-1948
  - C. Growing Western Solidarity, 1947-1949
  - D. Division of Asia, 1945-1949
  - E. Direct East-West Confrontations, 1948 and 1950
- III. The Orthodox Answer
  - A. Soviet Expansionism
    - 1. Three Orthodox Explanations
      - a. The Soviet Leader—Joseph Stalin
      - b. The Soviet Ideology—Marxism-Leninism
      - c. The Needs of the Soviet System—Totalitarianism
      - The Pattern of Soviet Expansion
  - B. The American Response—Containment
    - —George Kennan [Mr. X]. Foreign Affairs, March 1947.
- IV. The Revisionist Answer
  - A. Soviet Security Interests in Eastern Europe
  - B. Explaining American Expansionism
    - 1. The American Leader—Harry Truman
    - 2. American Political Culture—Paranoia about Communism
    - 3. The Needs of the American System—Capitalism
- V. The Systemic Answer: The Power Transition from Multipolarity to Bipolarity
  - A. The Rise of Two Superpowers
  - B. The Power Vacuum Left by Decline of Other Powers

# Was 9/11 the End of a Long Peace?

- I. Debate #1: Was the Cold War a Long Peace?
  - —John Lewis Gaddis
  - A. Conventional View: The Cold War as Protracted Conflict
    - 1. Central System—Two Blocs
      - a. Superpower Crises
        - -Berlin 1948, 1959, 1961
        - —Cuba 1962
      - b. Military Standoff in the Central System
        - —NATO vs. Warsaw Pact
    - 2. Superpower Expansion in the Peripheral System
      - a. Superpower Fight over Decolonization
      - b. Use of Political Instability in New States
      - c. Harnessing Third World Inter-state Conflicts
        - -Arab-Israel Wars
        - -India-Pakistan Wars
    - 3. The Nature of Conflict in the Cold War
      - a. Central Wars by Substitute Means
        - —Arms Races and Crises
      - b. Displacement of Warfare to the Periphery
        - —J. David Singer
        - —Warfare through Proxies
  - B. Challengers' Case: No wars among the major powers in the central system
    - 1. John Mueller: No wars among 48 wealthiest 1945-88
    - 2. Jeffrey Record: Europe 1600-1945 (29 wars or one new war every 12 years)
      - vs. Europe 1945- (0 wars among great powers)
- II. Debate #2: Why the Long Peace?
  - A. Bipolarity
    - -Kenneth Waltz
    - 1. Consequences: Negotiating Peace and Caution
    - 2. Rules of Engagement: Avoiding Direct Conflict
  - B. Nuclear Weapons
    - —Costs of Warfare and Great-Power Restraint
  - C. American Economic Hegemony
    - -Rules of Conduct in a Liberal Economic Order
  - D. Obsolescence of War
    - -John Mueller: A cognitive shift so that war is *unimaginable*

- III. Debate #3: Will the End of the Cold War Bring More Conflict?
  - N.B.: Even political scientists cannot study the future. So we ask: Have comparable shifts in the international system in the past produced more or less conflict?
  - A. If Polarity is most important:
    - 1. Shift to Multipolarity from bipolarity will produce more conflict
    - 2. Shift to Unipolarity will produce less conflict
  - B. If Nuclear Technology is most important:
    - 1. End of Cold War is insignificant
    - 2. Proliferation will generalize the restraining effect of nuclear weapons
  - C. If Economic Hegemony is most important:
    - -American hegemonic decline will lead to more conflicts
  - D. If Ideas are most important:
    - 1. The Rejection of War will deepen
    - 2. Or a new Clash of Civilizations will produce new and more intense conflicts
  - E. Changes in the Fundamentals of the International System
    - 1. New Actors
    - 2. New Issues

# Theories of Foreign Policies, I

- I. Images and Levels of Analysis
  - A. Level = Cases that are Compared
    - 1. State-actor: Comparing states
    - 2. Systemic: Comparing International Systems
    - 3. The level of analysis affects both
      - a. How you ask your question and
      - b. How you frame your answers
  - B. Three Intellectual Traditions
    - 1. Political Realism
    - 2. Political Economy
    - 3. Political Sociology
- II. Political Realist Approach
  - A. Classical Realism
    - 1. Three Assumptions about All States
      - a. Unitary Actor
      - b. Rational Decisionmaking
      - c. Pursuit of National Interest Defined as Power

(These cannot explain why some states pursue different foreign policies.)

- 2. Three Differences among States that Explain Why They Behave Differently
  - a. Power Capabilities
  - b. Threats to their Power Interest
  - c. Opportunities to Defend or Expand Power
- 3. Application: Foreign Policies at the End of the Cold War
  - —USA and its Allies: Changed Power Positions, Threats, and Opportunities
- B. Domestic Power Constraints on Leaders
  - 1. Civil-military Relations and Cult of the Offensive
    - —Jack Snyder: Civil-Military Relations → Doctrine → For Pol Behavior
  - 2. The Theory of Totalitarianism
    - —Survival of totalitarian regimes necessitates expansion
  - 3. Democratic Poitics
    - —Democracies are less likely to pursue aggressive foreign policies due to domestic power constraints on leaders of democracies
    - a. Electoral Connection
    - b. Institutional Checks in Decision Making

# **Realism: Power and Strategy**

- I. Power: Influence and Force
  - A. Power: A political actor has power over another to the extent that the first can get the second to do something that the second would not otherwise have done.
  - B. Power=Influence and Force
    - 1. Simple Influence
    - 2. Brute Force
    - 3. Threat of Force as Influence
    - 4. Use of force as influence
- II. States; Instruments of Power
  - A. Economic Rewards and Sanctions
  - B. Diplomacy and Propaganda
  - C. Armed Forces
    - 1. Brute *force*
    - 2. Armed *influence* 
      - a. Deterrence: Do *not* change your current behavior
      - b. Compellence: *Do* change your current behavior
- III. Strategy: The Prudent Use of Power
  - A. Three Essential Elements of Influence
    - 1. Influencing Other's Choice by Influencing Other's Expectation of your Reaction
      - —Threats and Promises
    - 2. The Problem of "Cheap Talk"
      - —Costless Commitments vs. Costly Fulfillment
    - 3. The Credible-Commitments Problem
  - B. Tactics for Making Credible Commitments
    - 1. Inflating the Apparent Importance to You
      - —Invoking a Principle
      - —Staking your Reputation for Future Action
    - 2. Tying your Hands
      - —Physically Eliminating Option of Non-fulfillment
      - —Delegating Fulfillment to Third Party with Incentive to Fulfill
    - 3. Incremental Implementation of Threat or Promise

# Theories of Foreign Policy, II

- III. Political-Economic Tradition
  - A. Origins and Premises
    - 1. Adam Smith: Individuals as Consumers
    - 2. Karl Marx: Individuals as Producers
    - 3. Economic Foundations of Conflict and Cooperation
  - B. Marxian Tradition
    - —Vladimir Lenin. Imperialism: The Highest Stage of Capitalism
    - 1. Monopoly Capitalism as a Stage of Capitalism
    - 2. Division of the Third World (Colonialism)
    - 3. War among Imperialist Powers
  - C. Positive Political Economy
    - —Joseph Schumpeter. The Sociology of Imperialisms
    - 1. Capitalists' Interests Harmed by War
    - 2. Mercantilism and Empires prior to Capitalism
    - 3. Non-capitalist States and Modern Empires
- IV. Political-Sociological Tradition
  - A. Origins and Premises
    - 1. Emile Durkheim
    - 2. Max Weber
    - 3. Conflict and Cooperation due to Diverging or Shared Identities, Beliefs, Values
  - B. Idiosyncrasies of Leaders
    - —Truman's Learning: Trauma of Munich
  - C. Regime or Leadership Ideologies
  - D. Political Culture
    - —Louis Hartz. The Liberal Tradition in America
    - 1. Lockean Liberalism (John Locke)
    - 2. Liberal Absolutism
    - 3. Pragmatism at Home, Crusades Abroad
- V. A Footnote About Theory
  - A. Structure of Theories [Premises → Theoretical Development → Hypotheses]
  - B. Counterfactual Claims

Given the importance of a particular causal factor  $(x_1)$ ,

the outcome (y) would have been different in this case,

if the value of  $x_1$  had been different.

This is *not* the same as saying that another causal factor  $(x_2)$  was more important.

- C. Why Theory?
  - —Theory as a Road Map ("a little white lie about reality",

"a useful simplification")

- 1. Theories Spotlight the Most Important Causes
- 2. Theories Permit Generalization across many Cases
- 3. Theories Permit us to Predict the likely Consequences of our Actions

# **The International System of States**

- I. The Levels of Analysis Distinction: One Last Time
- II. The Modern International State System
  - A. The Medieval Order
    - 1. Diversity of Types of Actors
    - 2. No Supreme Rulers
  - B. Rise of the Sovereign State, circa 1500-
    - 1. Centralizing Monarchies
    - 2. Jean Bodin: The Sovereign
  - C. International Recognition of the Sovereign State
    - -1648. Peace of Westphalia
- III. Six International Systems since 1648
  - 1667-1713 Wars of Louis XIV
  - 1713-1792 The Ancien Régime
  - 1792-1814 Wars of the French Revolution and Napoleonic Wars
  - 1815-1914 The Century of Peace
  - 1914-1945 Wars of German Ascendancy
    - (or -1991) and Cold War
  - 1945 (or 1992)-? The Contemporary Long Peace
- IV. The Ancien Régime, 1713 to 1792
  - 1. Flexible Alliances
  - 2. (Example) War of the Spanish Succession
- V. The "Century of Peace," 1815-1914
  - A. The Concert of Europe, 1815-?
    - —1815. Congress of Vienna
    - 1. Routine Summit Conferences
    - 2. Countering Domestic as well as International Threats to the Peace
  - B. The Pax Britannica
    - 1. Military and Economic Hegemony
    - 2. Imposing and Enforcing an Order
  - C. Challenges to the Peace in Nineteenth-Century Europe
    - 1. Nationalism
    - 2. Imperialism

### **Security Dilemma**

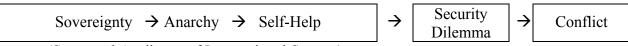
- I. Analytic Perspectives in the Third Image (See chart on next page)
  - A. Realists
  - B. Idealists
  - C. Neo-Liberals
  - D. Constructivists
- II. Realists and the Security Dilemma

Anarchy → Security Dilemma → Conflict

A. Background: Prisoners' Dilemma

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		+1		+5
Palm				
	+1		-5	
		-5		-1
Fist				
	+5		-1	

- 1. A Game = A situation involving interdependent choices
- 2. A Competitive Game = Choices to benefit one side, harm the other(s)
- 3. A Perverse Outcome = When all select their better options, all are worse off
- B. Security Dilemma
- III. Structural Sources of the Security Dilemma
  - A. Sovereignty
    - 1. Peace of Westphalia (1648)
    - 2. Background: Rise of Modern State
    - 3. Thirty Years' War
    - 4. Fundamental Principle in International Diplomacy
      - —in 1648: "pro rege, pro religio" (as the ruler, so the religion)
      - —Sovereignty = exclusive territorial jurisdiction of the state
  - B. Anarchy
    - —Not chaos, but the absence of government (legislative or executive authority)
  - C. Self-Help
    - —Each state is the ultimate guarantor of its own survival
  - D. The Security Dilemma
    - —In a world of self-help every attempt by a state to increase its power to defend its security diminishes the power and security of others.



(Structural Attributes of International System)

# **ANALYTIC APPROACH**

LEVEL OF ANALYSIS				POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY
STATE- ACTOR	CLASSICAL REALISM	DOMESTIC POLITICS		
INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM	STRUCTURAL REALISM	IDEALISM	NEO- LIBERALISM	CONSTRUCTIVISM
	TRADITIONALISTS		MODERNISTS	

### **Unipolarity—Hegemonic Stability?**

- I. Realists and International Power
  - A. Polarity
    - —Unipolar, Bipolar, Multipolar
    - -Kenneth Waltz. Theory of International Politics
  - B. Technology of Warfare
- II. Hegemonic Stability—The Theory
  - A. Mechanisms of Stability
    - 1. Hegemon as Enforcer of Order
    - 2. Rules of Order Created by the Hegemon
    - 3. Willing Compliance by most Subordinate Powers
      - —Security for Small Powers
      - —Framework for Cooperation for Mutual Benefit
    - 4. Self-interest of Hegemon to Provide Order
  - B. Why War?
    - 1. Hegemonic Decline and Transition
    - 2. Alternating Periods of War and Long Peace
      - —George Modelski. The Long-Cycles Theory
    - 3. Engines of Change
      - —A. F. K. Organski. Power-Transition Theory
        - —Timing and Extent of Industrialization (France  $\rightarrow$  Britain  $\rightarrow$  USA)
- III. Is This a Model for the New World Order?
  - A. Case for Pax Americana
    - 1. American Military Predominance
    - 2. The Liberal International Order
  - B. Critics of Pax Americana
    - 1. The Transitory Nature of Unipolarity
      - —Christopher Layne. Unipolar Illusion
    - 2. America's Economic Decline
      - —Paul Kennedy. Hegemonic Decline
    - 3. A Democracy will not Pay the Costs of Hegemony
    - 4. There are No Longer any Benefits to Being #1
      - —Robert Jervis

# Multipolarity—The Classic Balance of Power

I. The Case *For* the Balance of Power

Definition: The balance of power is an international order that emerges almost automatically in a multipolar world, that maintains the status quo through a flexible alliance mechanism, and that has important spillover consequences, including security and peace for all states.

- A Multipolarity
- B. Automaticity
- C. Equilibrium
- D. Flexible Alliance Mechanism
- E. Consequences—Peace and Security
- II. The Case *Against* the Balance of Power
  - A. Missing Preconditions—Irrelevant
    - 1. Multipolarity
    - 2. "Dynastic" Politics
      - a. Momentary Allies and Enemies
      - b. Balancing by Shuffling Territories
      - c. Versus the Rise of Nationalism
  - B. Implications of Polarity for Deterrence and Cooperation
    - 1. Deterrence of Aggression under Multipolarity
      - a. Difficulty of Forming Coalition in order to Defend Status Quo
      - b. Uncertainty Whether any Great Powers will Balance: Free-Riding
      - —Thus, in multipolar world it remains uncertain whether an invincible coalition in defense of the status quo will form and this leads potential aggressors to conclude that aggression has a chance of success.
    - 2. Peaceful Settlements of Disputes under Multipolarity
      - —More parties must become involved and this increases delay or failure
  - C. Undesirable Means to Maintain the Balance
    - 1. Intervention in Small States
    - 2. Reciprocal Compensation
    - 3. Warfare
- III. The Concert of Great Powers
  - A. The Concert of Europe, 1815-1914, as a Model
    - 1. Proactive Responses to International and Domestic Threats
    - 2. Routine Summit Diplomacy
  - B. Critics' Case: Sustained Great Power Unity Unlikely
    - —Breakdown in Unanimity after 7 years (1822)
    - 1. British Reluctance to Cooperate in Crushing Constitutionalism
    - 2. Growth in Nationalism in Mid-century

### **Balance of Terror**

- I. Strategic Nuclear Weapons
- II. The Mutual Hostage Relationship
  - —Definition: The balance of terror is a relationship of mutual deterrence in which each side has a second-strike or retaliatory capability to inflict unacceptable damage on an enemy.
  - A. Mutual Deterrence
  - B. Second-Strike (Retaliatory) Capability
  - C. Unacceptable Damage
  - D. Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD)
- III. Differences with Balance of Power
  - A. The Role of Armed Forces
    - 1. BOP: Armed forces Balancing Armed Forces
    - 2. BOT: Retaliation with Unacceptable Damage
  - B. The Role of Alliances
    - 1. BOP: Strengthening the Defenders of the Status Quo
    - 2. BOT: Extending Nuclear Commitments to Non-nuclear States
- IV. Responses from the Critics
  - A. Nuclear Weapons are Largely Irrelevant
    - —No taming effect beyond the nuclear stalemate
  - B. Technology Will Undermine Stability
    - 1. First-Strike Technologies
      - —Accuracies + Yields
    - 2. Defensive Capabilities
  - C. Proliferation Undermines Stability
  - D. Nuclear Weapons Do No Inject Restraint
    - 1. Overextending Nuclear Commitments
    - 2. Nuclear Utilization Targeting Strategy
      - NUTS vs. MAD
    - 3. Nuclear Brinkmanship

### **International Institutions**

- I. Idealist Response to Realists: Replacing Anarchy by Building International Institutions
- II. International Adjudication
  - A. Proponents' Case
    - 1. Adjudication = The settlement of disputes by judicial bodies
    - 2. The Argument: Parallel With Domestic Order
    - 3. The Evidence: The World Court
      - —Permanent Court of International Justice, 1920-45
      - —International Court of Justice (ICJ), 1945-
    - 4. Examples of Other Courts
      - —Regional: European Courts of Justice (ECJ)
      - —Specialized: International Criminal Court (ICC)
  - B. Skeptics' Rebuttal—Absence of 3 out of 4 necessary conditions:
    - 1. Compulsory Jurisdiction (but states decide what in national jurisdiction)
    - 2. Impartial Judges (but judges tend to vote with national interests)
    - 3. Fair Procedure
    - 4. Binding Judgments (but no enforcement mechanism)
- III. Collective Security
  - A. CS = A commitment by all member states to preserve the peace among themselves —*Not* an alliance against a common enemy
    - 1. Woodrow Wilson and the League of Nations
    - 2. United Nations, 1945-
      - —Security Council
  - B. The Proponents' Case: Record of Peace-Keeping Operations (PKO)
  - C. The Skeptics' Rebuttal--Unworkable
    - 1. Great Powers Disagree over Aggression
      - a. Disagreements over Definition of the Concept "Aggression"
      - b. Disagreements over Applying the Concept in Specific Cases
    - 2. Great Powers are Seldom Willing to Pay the Price of Enforcement
- III. Supranational Governance
  - A. Proponents' Case
    - 1. The Necessary Steps
      - a. Common Law-making Institutions and Delegation of Power by States
      - o. Common Executive-Administrative Agencies and Delegation of Power
    - 2. Paths to Supranational Governance
      - a. Functional Integration
      - b. Federalism
  - B. Skeptics' Rebuttal
    - 1. Impractical: States Unwilling to Give up Sovereignty
      - a. Europe is Far from Supranational Governance
      - b. The European Model does not "Travel"
    - 2 Undesirable
      - a. Supranationalism makes Government more Remote from the Governed
      - b. World Government is Unlikely to be Democratic or even Stable

# **Transformation of Global Culture**

- I. Political-Sociological (Constructivist) Approach
- II. Stable vs. Revolutionary Systems
  - —Stanley Hoffmann
  - A. Consensus over Fundamental Rules
    - 1. Who Should be the Primary Actors?
    - 2. What Rules of Conduct Should They Observe?
  - B. Normative Consensus vs. Dissension
    - —Classification of Different International Systems
- III. Contemporary International Society
  - A. Growth of International Society
    - 1. Rooted in Shared Norms not Enforcement
    - 2. Bases of Compliance with Norms by States
      - a. Extended Sense of Self-interest
      - b. Internalization of Rules as Appropriate Behavior
  - B. Growth of International Regimes
    - 1. Shared Norms that Coordinate Behavior within Individual Areas
      - a. Example: International Diplomatic Practice
      - b. Example: Geneva Accords
    - 2. Formalization in International Law (Multilateral treaties/Conventions)
  - C. Optimist's View of Changes in Global Culture
    - 1. Kantian Internationalism and the Democratic Peace
      - —Michael Doyle
    - 2. Revulsion Against War
      - —John Mueller
    - 3. Postmaterialism
      - —Ronald Inglehart
- IV. Criticisms from Pessimistic Constructivists
  - A. Persistence of the Norm of Sovereignty
  - B. Resurgence of Nationalism
  - C. Clash of Civilizations
    - —Samuel P. Huntington
- V. Criticisms from Realists and Political Economists: The Limited Role of Ideas
  - A. No Enforcement Mechanisms
  - B. No Regimes in the Security Realm
  - C. No Security Spillover from Socio-Economic Regimes

# **Transformation of Global Relations**

- I. The Neo-Liberals' Challenge
  - -Robert Keohane
- II. New Actors in Global Relations
  - —IGO: Inter-Governmental Organization
  - —INGO: International Non-Governmental Organization
  - —MNC: Multi-National Corporation
- III. New Relations Among Societies
  - A. Transnational Relations
    - —(vs. Inter-State Relations)
  - B. Complex Interdependence: Mutual Sensitivity/Vulnerability of Societies
    - 1. Trade
    - 2. Labor Movement
    - 3. Financial Transactions
- IV. Transformation of Societies
  - A. Breakdown of Inequalities
  - B. Internationalization of Societies
    - 1. Elites
    - 2. Interest Groups
    - 3. Political Cultures
- V. New Agenda of Politics
  - —Growing Irrelevance of the State as Decisionmaker
- VI. Cooperation and Conflict

### Why Would Rational Economic Actors Ever Go to War?

- I. The Positive Political Economy of Cooperation
  - A. Political Actors as Consumers
    - —Utility Maximizers
  - B. Joint Gains through Political Cooperation
    - —(Example) Villagers Creating Government
  - C. Prisoner's Dilemma
    - 1. Free Riders and Suckers
    - 2. Collective Action Problem
  - D. Cooperation Even Under Anarchy
    - 1. Mutual Monitoring
    - 2. Mutual Sanctioning
      - —In repeat play (iterated games): It may be a simple threat not to cooperate in the future if the other side defects now
- II. Mutual Gains in International Economics
  - A. Free Trade, Joint Gains, and Free Riders
  - B. Bretton Woods System
    - 1. GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade)
      - a. Most-Favored Nation Principle
      - b. WTO (World Trade Organization)
    - 2. IMF (International Monetary Fund)
      - a. Freely Convertible Currencies
      - b. Stable Exchange Rates
- III. Neo-Liberals: Why War?
  - A. War and a Shrinking Pie
    - 1. War is Costly
    - 2. A Contract to Avoid War that Leaves Both Better Off
  - B. Bargaining Failure
    - 1. Incomplete Information
      - —Incentive to misrepresent resolve and capabilities
    - 2. Credible Commitment
      - —Inability to credibly commit to abide by contracts
- IV. Comparison
  - A. Political Sociology
    - —Culture as base, Economics as superstructure
  - B. Political Realism
    - —Politics as base, Culture and economics as superstructure

# Are International Relations Really Changing? The Traditionalists Strike Back

- I. Relative Power
  - A. Unequal Power: State vs. New Actors
  - B. New Actors as Tools of States
    - 1. Extending Great Power Policies to Other Countries
    - 2. Directing Economic Development of Other Countries
    - 3. Influencing the Domestic Politics of Other Countries
- II. How Interdependent Are We?
  - A. Limits of Interdependence
    - —No more than 10 per cent of our lives
  - B. Decline of Interdependence Over Time
    - —Stephen Krasner
- III. Persistence/Deepening of Inequalities
  - —North-South Gap
- IV. Nationalist Backlash in Politics
  - A. Winners vs. Victims of Interdependence
    - 1. Producers with Mobile vs. Immobile Assets
    - 2. Migration, Jobs, and Worker Salaries
  - B. New Agenda of National Protection
- V. Conflicts Among the Interdependent
  - A. Interdependence and Conflict
  - B. New Competitive Economic Relations
    - —Lester Thurow: Niche vs. Head-to-Head Competition
  - C. Defensive State Policies Produce New Inter-state Conflicts
  - D. Security Threats Spawned by Interdependence
- VI. Continued Primacy of the State as Decisionmaker
  - A. The Failure of International Organizations
    - 1. IMF
    - 2. GATT / WTO
  - B. Preeminence of States as Decisionmakers
    - 1. Unilateral and Bilateral Responses to Economic Problems
    - 2. Response to New Security Challenges