

# INTA 2100 Great Power Relations

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## Course Description:

This course juxtaposes competing explanations for the patterns of conflict and cooperation among states, illustrated by the relations among the great powers of Europe and Asia during the last few centuries. Topics to be covered include conceptual frameworks with which to make sense of international relations; balance of power and polarity issues; trade; regional organizations and non-traditional security challenges.

## Required Texts:

Kenneth Waltz, *Man, the State and War* (Columbia University Press, 1959).

Paul Kennedy, *The Rise and Fall of Great Powers* (Random House, 1987).

T.R. Reid, *The United States of Europe: The New Superpower and the End of American Supremacy* (Penguin 2004).

Warren Cohen, *East Asia at the Center: Four Thousand Years of Engagement With the World* (Columbia University Press, 2000).

## Course Requirements:

Students must have completed all their readings for each class and are expected to participate in classroom discussions. Students must also keep up with current events in world politics by regularly reading a high quality news source like *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, or *The Washington Post*.

Regular attendance is expected in this class and will prove to be crucial for your success in the class. If you miss class on a day where we have a quiz, you will be given a zero on that quiz. Also, please note that Georgia Tech's Honor Code is in effect for this course.

The course grade will be as follows:

3 Quizzes 20% (you can drop the lowest grade)  
Midterm 40%  
Final 40%

The quizzes will not be announced in advance and will cover the readings and class lectures. The quizzes, midterm and final exam will consist of multiple choice and fill in the blank questions. The final will not be cumulative. However, since many discussions build upon each other, you need to understand the material from the midterm to do well on your final.

## **Readings**

### **Jan. 11 Introduction**

Syllabus; Importance of Studying World Politics

### **Jan. 13 Theories and Paradigms in International Relations**

Kenneth Waltz, *Man, the State and War*, pp. 1-79

### **Jan. 18 Theories and Paradigms in International Relations (cont'd): Levels of Analysis**

Kenneth Waltz, *Man, the State and War*, pp. 1-79

### **Jan. 20 Personality and Generations**

Saul Friedlander and Raymond Cohen: "The Personality Correlates of Belligerence in International Conflict," *Comparative Politics* 7 (January 1975), pp. 155-186. **(T-Square)**

Michael Roskin: "From Pearl Harbor to Vietnam: Shifting Generational Paradigms of Foreign Policy," in Ikenberry, pp. 351-371. **(T-Square)**

### **Jan. 25 Capitalism and Imperialism**

Waltz, *Man, the State, and War*, pp. 124-158

### **Jan. 27 Domestic Politics**

Ivo Feierabend, "Expansionist and Isolationist Tendencies of Totalitarian Political Systems: A Theoretical Note," *Journal of Politics* 24 (Nov. 1962): 733-742. **(T-Square)**

Graham T. Allison: "Conceptual Models and the Cuban Missile Crisis," in Ikenberry, G. John, ed. *American Foreign Policy: Theoretical Essays*. Glenview, IL: Scott, Foresman, 1989, pp. 415-459. **(T-Square)**

**Feb. 1            Structural Realism/Balance of Power**

Waltz, *Man, the State, and War*, pp. 159-238

Kenneth Waltz, *Theory of International Politics*, pp. 102-128 **(T-Square)**

**Feb. 3            Polarity**

Karl Deutsch and J. David Singer: "Multipolar Power Systems and International Stability," in James Rosenau, ed., *International Politics and Foreign Policy: A Reader in Research and Theory*, revised ed. New York: The Free Press, 1969, pp. 315-324. **(T-Square)**

**Feb. 8            Game Theory**

Prisoners' Dilemma, Game of Chicken

**Feb. 10          Hegemonic Stability Theory**

George Modelski: "The Long Cycle of Global Politics and the Nation-State," *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 20 (April 1978), pp. 214-235. **(T-Square)**

Arthur Stein, "Coordination and Collaboration: Regimes in an Anarchic World," in Stephen Krasner, ed., *International Regimes*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1983, pp. 115-140. **(T-Square)**

**Feb. 15          Regimes**

Stephen Krasner, "Structural Causes and Regime Consequences: Regimes as Intervening Variables," in Stephen Krasner, ed., *International Regimes*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1983, pp. 1-21. **(T-Square)**

Susan Strange, "*Cave! Hic Dragones*: A Critique of Regime Analysis," in Stephen Krasner, ed., *International Regimes*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1983, pp. 337-354. **(T-Square)**

**Feb. 17          MIDTERM**

**Feb. 22          Trade**

Richard Rosecrance, *The Rise of the Trading State*, pp. 22-43; 155-162; 211-229. (T-Square)

**Feb. 24      Prospects for Peace in the Post-Cold War World**

John Mearsheimer, "Back to the Future: Instability in Europe After the Cold War," in Sean Lynn Jones, ed., *The Cold War and After: Prospects for Peace*. Cambridge: MIT Press, 1991, pp. 141-192. (T-Square)

Paul Kennedy, *The Rise and Fall of Great Powers*, chapters 1-4

**March 1      Prospects for Peace in the Post-Cold War World (cont'd)**

Paul Kennedy, *The Rise and Fall of Great Powers*, chapters 5-8

**March 3      Regional Organizations: NATO**

NATO Handbook (skim)

<http://www.nato.int/docu/handbook/2001/index.htm#CH1>

(also see main NATO website <http://www.nato.int/>)

**March 8      EU-US Relations**

T.R. Reid, *The United States of Europe: The New Superpower and the End of American Supremacy* (Penguin 2004), entire text.

**March 10     The Emergence of the International System in Asia**

Cohen, chapters 1-3

**March 15     The Mongol Ascendancy and the Coming of Islam**

Cohen, chapters 4-5

**March 17     To be announced**

**March 21-25 Spring Break**

**March 29     East Asian International Order Disrupted**

Cohen, chapters 6-8

**March 31     The Ascendance of Japan and War**

Cohen, chapters 9-11

- April 5**      **The Cold War in East Asia**  
Cohen, chapter 12
- April 7**      **Regional Organizations in East Asia**  
Michael Green and Bates Gill, *Asia's New Multilateralism: Cooperation, Competition, and the Search for Community*. (New York: Columbia University Press, 2009), chapter 1 **(T-Square)**  
  
(excerpts from Northeast Asian History Foundation's DVD on need for further reconciliation)
- April 12**     **East Asian Economic Power**  
Cohen, chapter 13
- April 14**     **Non Traditional Security and Future Challenges**  
Green and Gill, chapter 12 **(T-Square)**
- April 19**     **Human Rights in East Asia**  
Mely Caballero-Anthony, "Non-Traditional Security Challenges, Regional Governance, and the ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC)," *Asia Security Initiative Policy Series Working Paper No.7*, September 2010. **(T-Square)**
- April 21**     **Non-Western View of international Relations**
- April 26**     **Nunn film and discussion**
- April 28**     **Wrap-up**