

**Selected Topics in International Relations:
New Releases for the Well-read Theorist**

This course is a tour d'horizon of recent work in international relations. Each week we will discuss, in depth, one book. We will talk about where the book fits in the field, where it attempts to take the field, we will assess the logic of the argument, the nature of the empirical work, its implications, etc. The books vary on a variety of dimensions. They evince a variety of methods and orientations. There are books by senior scholars and there are revised dissertations. There are works in international political economy and security as well as ones focused on ethnic conflict and nationalism.

Requirements: Course attendance, reading, in-class presentations, and perhaps a smallish paper.

Readings:

- Brooks, Stephen G. 2005. *Producing security: multinational corporations, globalization, and the changing calculus of conflict*. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press.
- Feaver, Peter. 2003. *Armed servants: agency, oversight, and civil-military relations*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press.
- Finnemore, Martha. 2003. *The purpose of intervention: changing beliefs about the use of force*. Cornell studies in security affairs. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
- Holsti, K. J. 2004. *Taming the sovereigns: institutional change in international politics*. Cambridge studies in international relations, 94. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Kahler, Miles and David A. Lake, eds. 2003. *Governance in a global economy: political authority in transition*. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press.
- Kahler, Miles and Barbara F. Walter, eds. 2006. *Territoriality and conflict in an era of globalization*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Mansfield, Edward D and Jack L Snyder. 2005. *Electing to fight: why emerging democracies go to war*. BCSIA studies in international security. Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press.
- Pape, Robert Anthony. 2005. *Dying to win: the strategic logic of suicide terrorism*. New York: Random House.
- Schultz, Kenneth A. 2001. *Democracy and coercive diplomacy*. Cambridge studies in international relations, 76. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Hawkins, Darren G., David A. Lake, Daniel L. Nielson and Michael J. Tierney, eds. 2006. *Delegation and agency in international organizations*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Press, Daryl G. 2005. *Calculating credibility: how leaders evaluate military threats*. Cornell studies in security affairs. Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press.
- Kydd, Andrew H. 2005. *Trust and mistrust in international relations*. Princeton, N. J.: Princeton University Press.
- Sartori, Anne E. 2005. *Deterrence by diplomacy*. Princeton, N. J.: Princeton University Press.
- Schweller, Randall L. 2006. *Unanswered threats: political constraints on the balance of power*. Princeton studies in international history and politics. Princeton, N. J.: Princeton University Press.