

Georgetown University  
Department of Government

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**Contemporary U.S. Foreign Policy**

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ICC 108

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This course provides a survey of American foreign policy since World War II. Topics include the origins, evolution and end of the Cold War, American adaptation to the post-Cold War era, the post-9/11 era, and analysis of major issues in contemporary U.S. foreign policy.

(Prerequisite: Government 006 or equivalent. Not available to students who have taken Govt. 279.)

**Required Books:** (all except Gaddis available in paperback)

Foreign Affairs, *America & The World: Debating the New Shape of International Politics* (NY: Norton, 2002). ISBN: 0-87609-315-2

Gaddis, John L., *Surprise, Security, and the American Experience* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2004.) 0-674-01174-0

Hastedt, Glenn P. (ed.), *Annual Editions: American Foreign Policy. 2004/2005* (Guilford CT: McGraw Hill/Dushkin, 10<sup>th</sup> ed., 2004). 0-07-295029-3

Hook, Steven W. and John Spanier, *American Foreign Policy Since World War II* (Washington, DC: CQ Press, 16<sup>th</sup> edition, 2004.) 1-56802-818-0

Jentleson, Bruce W. (ed.), *Perspectives on American Foreign Policy: Readings and Cases* (NY: Norton, 2000). 0-393-97564-9

Lieber, Robert J. (ed.), *Eagle Rules? Foreign Policy and American Primacy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (NY: Prentice-Hall and Woodrow Wilson Center, 2002). 0-13-090987-4

Power, Samantha, *A Problem From Hell: America and the Age of Genocide* (NY: HarperCollins Perennial, 2003). 9-780060-541644

*The 9/11 Commission Report: Final Report of the National commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States* (NY: W.W. Norton, 2004). 0-393-32671-3

**Course Requirements:**

- 1. Attendance at lecture and participation in class discussion (including response sheet at end of each class)**
- 2. Reading assignments, as indicated on syllabus.**
- 3. Mid-term Exam #1, Wednesday, October 6**
- 4. Mid-term Exam #2, Wednesday, November 10**
- 5. Final Exam, Friday, December 17, 12:30-2:30 p.m.**

**Grading:**

Mid-term Exam #1: 25%

Mid-term Exam #2: 25%

Class participation (including response sheet at end of each class): 10%

Final Exam: 40%

## **Course Outline and Required Reading:**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

**1 Sep Course Purpose and Organization**

**6 Sep HOLIDAY: LABOR DAY**

**8 Sep How to Think About Foreign Policy**

Hook & Spanier, xiii-xvi, 1-23 (for reference: U.S. Administrations since WW II and Chronology of Events, 378-393)

Bruce Jentleson, *Perspectives*, 3-8

Lieber, *Eagle* Preface, xi-xv

Stephen Walt, "International Relations: One World, Many Theories," *Foreign Policy*, Spring 1998 (on reserve)

Samantha Power, Preface, xi-xxi

### **II. THE COLD WAR ERA**

**13 Sep From World War to Cold War**

Hook & Spanier, 24-32

Kissinger, "Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Coming of World War II," *Perspectives*, 65-74

Mr. X (George Kennan), "The Sources of Soviet Conduct," *Perspectives*, 125-129

**15 Sep The Containment Doctrine**

Hook & Spanier, 33-62

Joseph M. Jones, "The Golden Age," *Perspectives*, 98-105

Melvin Leffler, "The American Conception of National Interest and the Beginnings of the Cold War, 1945-48," *Perspectives*, 106-118

**20 Sep Cold War in Europe and Problems of Extended Deterrence**

Hook & Spanier, 62-80

Bernard Brodie, "Strategy in the Missile Age," *Perspectives*, 119-124

**22 Sep The Cuban Missile Crisis**

Hook & Spanier, 104-111

"A Glimpse into the Abyss: The Cuban Missile Crisis," in Lieber, *No Common Power* (NY: Prentice-Hall, 2001), pp. 164-183 (on reserve)

**27 Sep Vietnam**

Hook & Spanier, 112-137

Case Study: Neustadt & Bennett, "Americanizing the Vietnam War," *Perspectives*, 130-155

**29 Sep The Rise and Fall of Detente**

Hook & Spanier, 138-161

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- 4 Oct           The Oil Decade and After**  
Hook & Spanier, 162-185  
"Oil and Power After the Gulf War," *International Security*,  
Summer 1992 (on reserve), 155-176  
Fouad Ajami, "The Summoning," *America & World*, 71-80
- 6 Oct           MID-TERM EXAM #1**
- 11 Oct          MID-SEMESTER HOLIDAY/COLUMBUS DAY**
- 13 Oct          Cold War in the Third World and the Reagan Doctrine**  
Hook & Spanier, 186-213
- 18 Oct          Revolution in Eastern Europe, End of the Cold War & the Soviet Collapse**  
Hook & Spanier, 214-240
- III.**
- 20 Oct          A New World Order? Desert Storm: The Gulf Crisis and War**  
Hook & Spanier, 241-257, 264-279  
Case Study: "The Gulf Crisis: Building a Coalition for War," *Perspectives*, 226-253  
Samuel P. Huntington, "The Clash of Civilizations," *America & World*, 43-70 (Also  
available in *Perspectives*, 297-304)  
Francis Fukuyama, "The End of History," *America & World*, 1-28 (Also in  
*Perspectives*, 292-296)
- 25 Oct          Bosnia and Kosovo**  
Hook & Spanier, 295-316  
Power, "Bosnia," 247-328; "Kosovo," 443-474  
Ivo Daalder, "The U.S. & Europe: From Primacy to Partnership?" *Eagle*, 70-96  
Raymond Tanter, *Balancing in the Balkans*: NY: St. Martin's Press, 1999 (available  
on Lauinger library reserve, electronically and in hard copy:  
Preface, Two Schools of Thought: Globalism and Tribalism, pp. vii-xix  
Chapter Four, Coercive Diplomacy, pp. 57-88  
OPTIONAL: Case Study, "Getting to Dayton: Negotiating an End to the War in  
Bosnia," *Perspectives*, 204-225
- 27 Oct          Rwanda and the Problem of Humanitarian Intervention: Frontline Video:**  
**"Triumph of Evil"**  
Hook & Spanier, 282-287  
Power, "Rwanda: 'Mostly in a Listening Mode,'" 329-389
- 1 Nov          Globalization I: Video, "Commanding Heights: Battle for the World Economy"**  
Benjamin J. Cohen, "Containing Backlash: Foreign Economic Policy in an Age of  
Globalization," *Eagle*, 299-323  
Hook & Spanier, 358-360
- 3 Nov          Globalization II**

Burtless, Lawrence, *et al.*, "Globophobia," *Perspectives*, 256-264  
Moises Naim, "The Five Wars of Globalization," *Foreign Policy*, Jan/Feb 2003, in Hastedt, 36-41

**8 Nov Environmental Policy**  
Hook & Spanier, 329-332  
Robert Paarlberg, "The Eagle and the Global Environment," *Eagle*, 324-341  
James K. Glassman, "Forget Kyoto," *AEI On the Issues*, January 2001 (on reserve)  
T. Homer-Dixon, "Environment, Scarcity and Violence," *Perspectives*, 278-290

**10 Nov MID-TERM EXAM #2**

**IV. THE POST-9/11 ERA**

**15 NovSeptember 11<sup>th</sup> & Its Implications: The Bush Doctrine & New Security Threats**

Gaddis, 35-67, 69-113  
Jack Snyder, "Imperial Temptations," *The National Interest*, Spring 2003, in Hastedt, 9-16  
Fouad Ajami, "The Century's Solitude," *Foreign Affairs*, Nov/Dec 2001: 2-16 (on reserve)  
President George W. Bush, "West Point Commencement Speech," *America & World*, 364-371  
*9/11 Commission Report*: 1-14, 329  
OPTIONAL: *The National Security Strategy of the United States of America*, September 20, 2002, <http://www.whitehouse.gov/nsc/nss.pdf> (on reserve)

**17 NovThe War on Terror and the War in Iraq**

Hook & Spanier, 352-354, 360-372  
Michael Scott Doran, "Somebody Else's Civil War," *America & World*, 278-298  
*9/11 Commission Report*, 47-70, 361-383  
Lieber, "The Folly of Containment," *Commentary*, April 2003, in Hastedt, 193-198  
John Mearsheimer & Stephen Walt, "An Unnecessary War," *Foreign Policy*, Jan/Feb 2003, pp. 50-59 (on reserve)  
Fouad Ajami, "Iraq and the Arabs' Future," *Foreign Affairs*, January/February 2003: 2-28 (on reserve)  
Power, "Iraq: 'Human Rights and Chemical Weapons Use Aside,'" 171-246  
OPTIONAL: President Bush's Iraq speech in London, 11/19/03:  
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/11/print/20031119-1.html>

**22 NovPolicy Toward Rising and Falling Powers: Russia, China, Japan, India**

Hook & Spanier, 257-260, 287-294, 316-323, 354-358  
Gail Lapidus, "Russia's Transformation & American Policy," *Eagle*, 97-132  
Edward Friedman, "Lone Eagle, Lone Dragon? How the Cold War Did Not End for China," *Eagle*, 194-213

**24 NovDemocratization and Foreign Policy; Democratic Peace**

Hook & Spanier, 260-264  
Fareed Zakaria, "The Rise of Illiberal Democracy," *America & World*, 132-153  
Michael W. Doyle, "An International Liberal Community," *Perspectives*, 305-313

Edward Mansfield & Jack Snyder, "Democratization and the Danger of War,"  
*Perspectives*, 314-323  
OPTIONAL: Tony Smith, "The U.S. and the Global Struggle for  
Democracy," *Perspectives*, 25-31

**29 Nov The U.S. & Europe**

Robert Kagan, "Power and Weakness," *America & World*, 211-243; also in *Policy Review*, June/July 2002 (on reserve).  
Craig Kennedy & Marshall Bouton, "The Real Transatlantic Gap," *Foreign Policy*, Nov/Dec 2002, in Hastedt, 44-50.

**1 Dec The U.S., the UN and International Organizations**

Stanley Hoffmann, "The United States and International Organizations," *Eagle*, 342-352  
Niall Ferguson, "A World Without Power," *Foreign Policy*, July/Aug 2004 (on reserve)

**6 Dec The U.S. and the Arab-Israeli Conflict**

Hook & Spanier, 279-282  
Harvey Sicherman, "A Cautionary Tale: The U.S. and the Arab-Israeli Conflict," *Eagle*, 152-172  
Text of President Bush's Address on the Middle East, June 24, 2002 (on reserve)

**8 Dec America Primacy and its Implications**

Hook & Spanier, 372-377  
Gaddis, 115-118  
Fareed Zakaria, "Why Do They Hate Us?" *America & World*, 260-277  
John Ikenberry, "America's Imperial Ambition," *America & World*, 372-389  
Charles Krauthammer. "The Unipolar Moment Revisited," *The National Interest*, No. 70, Winter 2002/03, pp. 5-17 (on reserve)  
OPTIONAL: Stephen Brooks & William Wohlforth, "American Primacy in Perspective," *America & World*, 245-259

**17 Dec FINAL EXAM: Friday, December 17, 12:30-2:30 p.m.**