

McGill University

Political Science 360

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY: STRATEGIES OF WAR AND PEACE

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Much of known history has been characterized by the waging of wars and the endless search for peace. Countries fought wars on the basis of strategic myths and beliefs, while peace-makers devised plans for reducing conflict and the eventual abolition of war itself. This course deals with different strategies of war (both conventional and nuclear) and peace in comparative and historical perspectives. During the first half of the semester, we will discuss strategy as applied to war with the aid of a number of case studies. In the second half, we will devote our attention to different strategies for attaining peace among nation states in a semi-anarchic international system.

Required Reading Materials: The textbook, T.V. Paul, *Asymmetric Conflicts: War Initiation by Weaker Powers* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004) and a reader containing all other course materials (prepared by H.D. Eastmans) are available at the McGill bookstore for purchase.

Evaluation:

Conference Participation	10%
Mid-term Examination	20%
Research Paper	20%
Final Examination	50%

The exams consist of identifications and essays. Students are expected to actively participate in conferences and to make presentations on assigned topics.

The research paper (12 double-spaced pages maximum, including bibliography) may be on any one of the strategies of war or peace discussed in the course, its application to a case (a war, crisis, or event of peace) and an explanation of how the strategy contributed to the event's occurrence. Also when applicable, discuss an alternative strategy (or strategies) that might have prevented the war or crisis from breaking out or improved the prospects for attaining peace. The materials for the paper may be drawn from the course readings, although some library research is recommended. You must provide footnotes for cited materials. The paper should be written exclusively for this course. Be aware that according to University regulations, plagiarism and double submission carry severe penalties. The papers are due on November 24, 2008.

Section I: Strategies of War

9/3 **Introduction**

John Baylis and James J. Wirtz, "Introduction," in Baylis et.al., *Strategy in the Contemporary World*, 2nd edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007:1-15.

9/5 **Security, Strategy; Grand Strategy**

Freedman, L. ed. *War*, Oxford University Press, 1994:191-214.

9/8 **Economic Dimensions of Security**

Murdoch, Clark A., "Economic Factors as Objects of Security," in K. Knorr ed., *Economic Issues and National Security*, Lawrence: Regents Press of Kansas, 1977:67-98.

Jonathan Kirshner, "Political Economy in Security Studies after the Cold War," *Review of International Political Economy* 5(1) 1998:64-91.

9/10 **Military Power**

Art, Robert "To What Ends Military Power?" *International Security*, Spring 1980:3-35.

9/12 **Technology/Revolution in Military Affairs/Global Spread of Arms**

Eliot Cohen, "Technology and Warfare," in Baylis et al., *Strategy in the Contemporary World*, 141-59.

Paul, T.V., "Great Equalizers or Agents of Chaos? Weapons of Mass Destruction and the Emerging International Order," in Paul T.V. and John A Hall, *International Order and the Future of World Politics*, Cambridge University Press, 1999, 373-391.

9/15 **Military Doctrines; Conventional Strategies**

Posen, B., *The Sources of Military Doctrine*, Cornell University Press, 1984:13-33.

Mearsheimer, J., *Conventional Deterrence*, Cornell, 1984:33-60.

9/17 **Nuclear Deterrence**

Patrick M. Morgan, *Deterrence Now*, Cambridge University Press, 2003, 1-41.

Paul, T.V. "Complex Deterrence: An Introduction," in T.V. Paul, Patrick Morgan, James Wirtz eds., *Complex Deterrence: Theory and Practice in a New Era* (University of Chicago Press, forthcoming, 2009).

Section II: Understanding War

9/22 **What is War? Types of Wars.**

John Vasquez, *The War Puzzle*, Cambridge University Press, 1993:21-49.

K.J. Holsti, *The State, War, and the State of War*, Cambridge University Press, 1996:19-40.

T.V. Paul, *Asymmetric Conflicts: War Initiation by Weaker Powers*, Cambridge University Press, 1994: 3-37, 179-89.

Andrew Kydd and Barbara Walter, "The Strategies of Terrorism," *International Security* 31(1), Summer 2001:49-80.

9/24 **Theories of War: Systemic Explanations**

Greg Cashman, *What Causes War?* Lexington Books, 1993:224-266.

9/29 **Theories of War: Societal Explanations**

Jack Levy, "Domestic Politics and War," *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 18(4), 1988: 653-73.

10/1 **Theories of War: Psychological Explanations**

Nicholson, *Rationality and the Analysis of International Conflict*, 45-62.

Jack Levy, "Misperception and Causes of War: Theoretical Linkages and Analytical Problems," *World Politics*, 36, October 1983: 76-99.

10/6 **Mid-term Examination**

Section III: Case Studies

10/8 **World War I**

Nye, J. *Understanding International Conflicts*, Harper Collins, 1993:58-73.

Van Evera, S. "The Cult of the Offensive and the Origins of World War I," *International Security*, Summer 1984: 58-107.

10/15 **World War II: The European Theater**

Nye, J. *Understanding International Conflicts*, New York: Longman, 74-89.

Alexandroff A. and R. Rosecrance, "Deterrence in 1939," *World Politics*, April 1977: 404-24

10/20 **World War II: The Pearl Harbor Attack**

Paul, *Asymmetric Conflicts*, pp. 64-85.

Russett, B., "Pearl Harbor: Deterrence Theory and Decision Theory," *Journal of Peace Research*, 2, 1967:89-105.

10/22 **The Korean War; The Strategy of Guerrilla Warfare**

Paul, *Asymmetric Conflicts*, pp. 86-106.

Baylis, "Revolutionary Warfare," in John Baylis, et. Al., eds. *Contemporary Strategy*: New York: Holmes & Meier, 1987, 209-29.

10/27 **The Vietnam War**

Gelb and Betts, *The Irony of Vietnam*, 1978:9-26, 249-71.

Mack, Andrew, "Why Big Nations Lose Small Wars: The Politics of Asymmetric Conflict," *World Politics*, Jan. 1975:175-200.

Section IV: Strategies of Peace

10/29 **Dimensions of Peace and Security**

Buzan, B., "Is International Security Possible?," in Ken Booth ed., *New Thinking About Strategy and International Security*, London: Harper Collins, 1991:31-55.

Commission on Human Security, Final Report, New York: United Nations, 2003: 2-19.

11/3 **Realpolitik Approaches**

Paul and Hall eds., *International Order and the Future of World Politics*, 1-15.

Paul, T.V. et al, eds., *Balance of Power: Theory and Practice in the 21st Century* (Stanford: University Press, 2004): 1-25.

Mathews, R. et al. eds. *International Conflict and Conflict Management*, Prentice Hall, 1984: Chapters by Elrod, Osgood, and Gaddis, 411-27; 435-53.

11/5 **Arms Control and Disarmament**

Larsen, Jeffrey A. ed., *Arms Control*, Boulder, CO, Lynne Rienner, 2002, 1-15; 371-92.

Booth, "Disarmament and Arms Control," in Baylis et al., *Contemporary Strategy*, 140-83.

11/10 Diplomacy and International Law

Christer Jonsson and Karin Aggestam, "Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution," Conference Paper, May 2007.

Zartman, W. and M. Berman, *The Practical Negotiator*, Yale University Press, 1982:81-86; 143-146; 199-202.

Schachter, O., "The Role of International Law in Maintaining Peace," in Thompson, et al, *Approaches to Peace* 67-120.

11/12 Liberal and Constructivist Approaches

Doyle M., "Liberalism and World Politics," *American Political Science Review*, December 1986:1151-69.

Russett, Bruce and John Oneal, *Triangulating Peace* New York, W.W. Norton, 2001:125-55.

Adler, Emanuel and Michael Barnett eds., *Security Communities*, Cambridge University Press, 1998:29-64.

11/17 International Organizations; Regimes

Chester A. Crocker et al. eds., *Turbulent Peace* (Washington D.C., USIP Press, 2001) Chapters by Ekens and Oudraat, 517-528; 323-51.

Jervis, R. "Security Regimes," *International Organization*, Spring 1982:357-78.

11/19 Conflict Resolution & Conflict Prevention

Kriesberg, L. "The Development of the Conflict Resolution Field," in I. W. Zartman and J. L. Rasmussen eds., *Peacemaking in International Conflict*, Washington D.C. US institute of Peace Press, 1997:51-77.

Lund, Michael S., *Preventing Violent Conflicts*, Washington D.C.: US Institute of Peace Press, 1996:31-49.

11/24 Peacekeeping/Peace-building

David S., "Internal War: Causes and Cures," *World Politics*, 49, July 1997:552-76.

Karns, M. and K. Mingst, "The Evolution of United Nations, Peacekeeping and Peacemaking," in M. Klare and Y. Chandrani eds. *World Security: Challenges for a New Century*, St. Martins, 1998:200-27.

Gilligan, Michael and Stephen J. Stedman, "Where do the Peacekeepers Go?" *International Studies Review* 5(4), 2003:37-54.

11/26 New Security Challenges: Security in a Changing World

Norrin Ripsman and T.V. Paul, "Globalization and the National Security State: A Framework for Analysis," *International Studies Review* 7(2), June 2005:179-227.

Litfin, K. "Environmental Security in the Coming Century," in Paul and Hall eds. *International Order and the Future of World Politics*, 328-47.

John Mueller, *Retreat from Doomsday: The Obsolescence of Major War*, New York: Basic Books, 1989:217-265.

12/1 Review