

# INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

TERM: Spring 2025  
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## COURSE SUMMARY

This graduate seminar examines contemporary scholarship on international conflict. The course seeks to familiarize students with salient theoretical perspectives and debates, with an eye toward assisting students in conducting original research. Course topics include rationalist and psychological frameworks, domestic institutions, leaders and advisers, international institutions, norms and culture, technology, diplomacy, and power transitions. Course readings include a range of qualitative, quantitative, and experimental methods.

## WHY TAKE THIS COURSE?

This course is best suited for doctoral students with a substantive interest in international conflict. The course includes a sampling of “classic” works, but intentionally focuses on more recent books and articles. The course is designed to expose students to a range of topics, authors, and research methodologies. Any course design requires choices, two of which are worth noting. First, most of the readings focus on explanations for conflict and war. Second, the readings focus on *international* conflict, meaning that the authors focus on the reasons why state leaders threaten or use violence against states. The course’s focus is not intended to privilege this facet of the literature but rather to provide analytical focus for course discussions. Multiple courses could easily be built around other explanatory concepts (polarity, climate change, arms trade, etc.), observable outcomes (cooperation, civil war, terrorism, migration, etc.), or through other conceptual lenses (human security, world state, etc.). Students should feel free to explore these topics in their assignments.

## COURSE READINGS AND PREREQUISITES

Required readings will be provided on the Canvas website. While there are no prerequisites, we will be engaging with contemporary political science research. Students should plan to encounter technical methodologies. The first week’s readings provide some background but students who have not previously taken coursework in research design should read *Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research* and *Rethinking Social Inquiry: Diverse Tools, Shared Standards*. Students unfamiliar with quantitative methods should consult additional chapters in *Mostly Harmless Econometrics: An Empiricist’s Companion* as necessary.

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## COURSE POLICIES

### ASSIGNMENTS

**Preparation and Participation (25%).** Students are expected to carefully read all assigned materials before class and be prepared to discuss them in a critical, constructive way. There are only five required readings per week; invest time in engaging with the details. Classroom comments should not only identify weaknesses in the readings but also propose suggestions for how future research might address them. Students will be responsible for leading two class discussions, in which they are responsible for locating, reading, organizing, and introducing a reasonable sample of the recommended readings for that week. Leaders are encouraged to draw attention to how the readings relate to one another within and between weeks.

**Theoretical Response Papers (25%).** Students will write two short (500 words) response papers for weeks that they serve as discussion leaders. The response papers should focus on the theoretical readings. Please submit response papers to Canvas by **Tuesday at 6pm**. Students who miss class are required to write an additional response paper for that week.

**Historical Review Note (10%).** Students will write two short (500 words) discussion papers for two other weeks they do *not* serve as discussion leaders. Discussion papers should focus on one of the conflicts listed for that week. The discussion papers should briefly summarize a few explanations that historians and political scientists offer for the conflict. Please post discussion papers to Canvas by **Tuesday at 6pm**. Students should be prepared to provide a brief overview of their note during the class discussion.

**Research Design (40%).** Think of this as a research article from a scholarly journal without the empirical results. The paper should frame a research question in an engaging and compelling way, succinctly and coherently review existing literature, advance a theory that makes an original contribution, and propose a realistic method for testing the argument. Research designs should be approximately 5-7,000 words (including footnotes and tables) depending on the style of scholarship. A two-page memo describing the research question is due by **Thursday April 2 at 9am**—and should identify the replication the student plans to perform. The research design is due on **Monday May 5 at 9am**.

### EVALUATION CRITERIA

The evaluation criteria for participation, response papers, and the research design are generally the same. An exemplary response paper, for example, makes an argument that demonstrates mastery of the assigned material, critically engages with the authors' arguments, and advances a original or novel insight into the week's topic. An above average response paper meets some of these criteria. A satisfactory response paper makes a good faith effort.

### ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND COLLABORATION

Plagiarism violates the academic policies of Brown University and the norms of the scholarly community. Consequences for plagiarism are often severe, and can include suspension or expulsion. Students are encouraged to discuss course material and assignments with classmates. This is critical to academic work. In the end, however, all assignments must be your own work. You

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should acknowledge assistance given by other students. For example, if a classmate provided comments on an earlier draft, simply include a footnote acknowledging the assistance (you will see this practice in every assigned reading).

#### ACCESSIBILITY

Brown University is committed to full inclusion of all students. Please inform me if you have a disability or other condition that might require accommodations or modification of any of these course procedures. You may speak with me after class or during office hours. For more information contact Student and Employee Accessibility Services (401-863-9588; SEAS@brown.edu).

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## COURSE SCHEDULE

### COURSE INTRODUCTION (JANUARY 22)

#### WEEK 1. THE STUDY OF WAR (FEBRUARY 5)

Levy, Jack S. "The Causes of War and the Conditions of Peace." *Annual Review of Political Science* 1.1 (1998): 139-165.

Fazal, Tanisha. "Is War In Decline?" *Annual Review of Political Science*. 28 (2025).

Angrist, Joshua, and Jörn-Steffen Pischke. *Mostly Harmless Econometrics: An Empiricists Guide*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2009. Chapters 2 and 3.

Slater, Dan, and Daniel Ziblatt. "The Enduring Indispensability of the Controlled Comparison." *Comparative Political Studies* 46.10 (2013): 1301-1327.

Bassan-Nygate, Lotem, Jonathan Renshon, Jessica L.P. Weeks, and Chagai M. Weiss. "The Generalizability of IR Experiments Beyond the U.S." *American Political Science Review*. On-line first.

#### *Recommended (Methodology)*

Fischer, David Hackett. *Historians' Fallacies: Toward a Logic of Historical Thought*. Harper-Collins, 1970.

Tetlock, Philip E., and Aaron Belkin, eds. *Counterfactual Thought Experiments in World Politics: Logical, Methodological, and Psychological Perspectives*. Princeton University Press, 1996.

Mosley, Layna, ed. *Interview Research in Political Science*. Cornell University Press, 2019.

Trachtenberg, Marc. *The Craft of International History: A Guide to Method*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2006.

McDermott, Rose. "The Ten Commandments of Experiments." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 46.3, (2013): 605–610.

#### *Recommended (Empirical Patterns)*

Paret, Peter, ed. *Makers of Modern Strategy from Machiavelli to the Nuclear Age*. Princeton University Press, 1986.

Goldstein, Joshua S. *Winning the War on War: The Decline of Armed Conflict Worldwide*. Penguin, 2012.

Braumoeller, Bear F. *Only the Dead: The Persistence of War in the Modern Age*. Oxford University Press, 2019.

Reiter, Dan, Allan C. Stam, and Michael C. Horowitz. "A Revised Look at Interstate Wars, 1816–2007." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 60.5 (2016): 956-976.

Altman, Daniel. "The Evolution of Territorial Conquest after 1945 and the Limits of the Norm of Territorial Integrity," *International Organization*, 74.3 (2020): 490–522.

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WEEK 2. POWER AND STRATEGIC INTERACTION (FEBRUARY 12)

Fearon, James. "Rationalist Explanations for War." *International Organization* 49.3 (1995): 379–414.

Levy, Jack S. "Declining Power and the Preventive Motivation for War." *World Politics* 40.1 (1987): 82–107.

Debs, Alexandre, and Nuno P. Monteiro. "Known Unknowns: Power Shifts, Uncertainty, and War." *International Organization* 68.1 (2014): 1–31.

Min, Eric. *Words of War: Negotiation as a Tool of Conflict*. Cornell University Press, 2025. Chapters 1, 2, 6.

Kertzer, Joshua D. "Microfoundations in International Relations." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 34.1 (2017): 81–97.

*Historical Discussion: World War I (1914); US Invasion of Iraq (2003)*

*Recommended (Information, Perception, and Shifting Power)*

Blainey, Geoffrey. *Causes of War*. Simon and Schuster, 1988.

Vasquez, John A. *The War Puzzle*. Cambridge University Press, 1993.

Van Evera, Stephen. *Causes of War: Power and the Roots of Conflict*. Cornell University Press, 1999.

Copeland, Dale C. *The Origins of Major War*. Cornell University Press. 2000.

Reiter, Dan. *How Wars End*. Princeton University Press, 2009.

Weisiger, Alex. *Logics of War: Explanations for Limited and Unlimited Conflicts*. Cornell University Press, 2013.

Weisiger, Alex. "Learning from the Battlefield: Information, Domestic Politics, and Interstate War Duration." *International Organization* 70.2 (2016): 347–375.

Ramsay, Kristopher W. "Information, Uncertainty, and War." *Annual Review of Political Science* 20 (2017): 505–527.

Yoder, Brandon K. "Retrenchment as a Screening Mechanism: Power Shifts, Strategic Withdrawal, and Credible Signals." *American Journal of Political Science* 63.1 (2019): 130–145.

Beckley, Michael. "The Peril of Peaking Powers: Economic Slowdowns and Implications for China's Next Decade." *International Security* 48.1 (2023): 7-46.

Debs, Alexandre. "Mutual Optimism and War, and the Strategic Tensions of the July Crisis." *American Journal of Political Science* 66.2 (2022): 271–284.

*Recommended (Selected Critiques)*

Gartzke, Eric. "War is in the Error Term," *International Organization* 53:3 (1999), 567–587.

Rathbun, Brian C. "Uncertain about Uncertainty: Understanding the Multiple Meanings of a Crucial Concept in International Relations Theory." *International Studies Quarterly* 51.3 (2007): 533–557.

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WEEK 3. COMMUNICATION AND SIGNALING (FEBRUARY 19)

Schelling, Thomas. *Arms and Influence*. Yale University Press, 1966. Chapters 1, 2, and 3.

Glaser, Charles L. "The Security Dilemma Revisited." *World Politics* 50.1 (1997): 171–201.

Coe, Andrew J., and Jane Vaynman. "Why Arms Control Is So Rare." *American Political Science Review*, 114.2 (2020): 342–355.

Pauly, Reid B.C. "Damned If They Do, Damned If They Don't: The Assurance Dilemma in International Coercion." *International Security* 49.1 (2024): 91–132.

Quek, Kai. "Are Costly Signals More Credible? Evidence of Sender-Receiver Gaps." *The Journal of Politics* 78.3 (2016): 925–940.

*Historical Discussion: Korean War (1950); Sino-Vietnamese War (1979)*

*Recommended (Intentions and the Security Dilemma)*

Jervis, Robert. "Cooperation Under the Security Dilemma." *World Politics*, 30.2 (1978): 167–186.

Schweller, Randall L. "Neorealism's Status Quo Bias: What Security Dilemma?" *Security Studies* 5.3 (1996): 90–121.

Kydd, Andrew. "Sheep in Sheep's Clothing: Why Security Seekers Do Not Fight Each Other." *Security Studies* 7.1 (1997): 114–155.

Mearsheimer, John J. *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics*. W.W. Norton, 2001.

Jervis, Robert. "Was the Cold War a Security Dilemma?" *Journal of Cold War Studies* 3.1 (2001): 36–60.

Kydd, Andrew H. *Trust and Mistrust in International Relations*. Princeton University Press, 2005.

Tang, Shiping. "The Security Dilemma: A Conceptual Analysis" *Security Studies* 18 (2009): 587–623.

Rosato, Sebastian. "The Inscrutable Intentions of Great Powers." *International Security* 39.3 (2014): 48–88.

Joseph, Michael F. "A Little Bit of Cheap Talk is a Dangerous Thing: States Can Communicate Intentions Persuasively and Raise the Risk of War." *The Journal of Politics* 83.1 (2021): 166–181.

Kertzer, Joshua D., Ryan Brutger, and Kai Quek. "Perspective-Taking and Security Dilemma Thinking: Experimental Evidence from China and the United States." *World Politics* 76.2 (2024): 334–378.

*Recommended (Coercion, Reputation, and Credibility)*

Schelling, Thomas. *The Strategy of Conflict*. Harvard University Press, 1960.

Jervis, Robert. *The Logic of Images in International Relations*. Columbia University Press, 1970.

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- George, Alexander L., and Richard Smoke. "Deterrence and Foreign Policy." *World Politics* 41.2 (1989): 170–182.
- Fearon, James D. "Signaling Foreign Policy Interests: Tying Hands versus Sinking Costs." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 41.1 (1997): 68–90.
- Huth, Paul K. "Deterrence and International Conflict: Empirical Findings and Theoretical Debates." *Annual Review of Political Science* 2.1 (1999): 25–48.
- Sartori, Anne E. *Deterrence by Diplomacy*. Princeton University Press, 1998.
- Press, Daryl G. *Calculating Credibility: How Leaders Assess Military Threats*. Cornell University Press, 2005.
- Sechser, Todd S. "Goliath's Curse: Coercive Threats and Asymmetric Power." *International Organization* 64.4 (2010): 627–660.
- Slantchev, Branislav L. *Military Threats: The Costs of Coercion and the Price of Peace*. Cambridge University Press, 2011.
- Weisiger, Alex, and Keren Yarhi-Milo. "Revisiting Reputation: How Past Actions Matter in International Politics." *International Organization* 69.2 (2015): 473–495.
- McManus, Roseanne W. *Statements of Resolve: Achieving Coercive Credibility in International Conflict*. Cambridge University Press, 2017.
- Trager, Robert F. *Diplomacy: Communication and the Origins of International Order*. Cambridge University Press, 2017.
- Crescenzi, Mark J.C. *Of Friends and Foes: Reputation and Learning in International Politics*. Oxford University Press, 2018.
- Katagiri, Azusa and Eric Min. "The Credibility of Public and Private Signals: A Document-Based Approach." *American Political Science Review*, 113.1 (2019): 156–172.
- Schwartz, Joshua A., and Christopher W. Blair. "Do Women Make More Credible Threats? Gender Stereotypes, Audience Costs, and Crisis Bargaining." *International Organization* 74.4 (2020): 872–895.
- Kertzer, Joshua D., Jonathan Renshon, and Keren Yarhi-Milo. "How Do Observers Assess Resolve?" *British Journal of Political Science* 51.1 (2021): 308–330.
- Jervis, Robert, Keren Yarhi-Milo, and Don Casler. "Redefining the Debate over Reputation and Credibility in International Security: Promises and Limits of New Scholarship." *World Politics* 73.1 (2021): 167–203.
- Gilbert, Danielle, and Gaëlle Rivard Piché. "Caught Between Giants: Hostage Diplomacy and Negotiation Strategy for Middle Powers." *Texas National Security Review* (2022).
- Kardon, Isaac B., and Wendy Leutert. "Pier Competitor: China's Power Position in Global Ports." *International Security* 46.4 (2022): 9–47.
- Goldfien, Michael A., Michael F. Joseph, and Roseanne W. McManus. "The Domestic Sources of International Reputation." *American Political Science Review* 117.2 (2023): 609–628.

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WEEK 4. MATERIAL ORIGINS OF POWER (FEBRUARY 26)

Gilpin, Robert. *War and Change in World Politics*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1981. Chapters 3 and 4.

Narang, Vipin. *Nuclear Strategy in the Modern Era: Regional Powers and International Conflict*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2014. Chapters 1, 2, and 3.

Sechser, Todd S. and Matthew Fuhrmann. *Nuclear Weapons and Coercive Diplomacy*. Cambridge University Press, 2017. Chapter 1 and 5.

Cunningham, Fiona. *Under the Nuclear Shadow: China's Information-Age Weapons in International Security*. Princeton University Press, 2025. Chapters 1 and 4.

Lin-Greenberg, Erik. *The Remote Revolution: Drones and Modern Statecraft*. Cornell University Press, 2025. Introduction and Chapter 4.

*Historical Discussion: World War II (Japan 1941); Second India-Pakistan War (1965)*

*Recommended (Growth and Decline)*

Organski, A.F.K and Jacek Kugler. *The War Ledger*. University of Chicago Press, 1980.

Friedberg, Aaron L. *The Weary Titan: Britain and the Experience of Relative Decline, 1895–1905*. Princeton University Press, 2021.

MacDonald, Paul K., and Joseph M. Parent. *Twilight of the Titans: Great Power Decline and Retrenchment*. Cornell University Press, 2018.

Ding, Jeffrey. *Technology and the Rise of Great Powers*. Princeton University Press, 2024.

Lind, Jennifer. *Half-Vicious: Smart Authoritarianism and the Rise of China*. Cornell University Press, 2025.

*Recommended (Guns and Butter)*

Powell, Robert. "Absolute and Relative Gains in International Relations Theory." *American Political Science Review* 85.4 (1991): 1303–1320.

Powell, Robert. *In the Shadow of Power*. Princeton University Press, 1999.

Fordham, Benjamin. *Building the Cold War Consensus: The Political Economy of US National Security Policy, 1949-51*. University of Michigan Press, 1998.

Poast, Paul. "Beyond the 'Sinew of War': The Political Economy of Security as a Subfield." *Annual Review of Political Science* 22.1 (2019): 223–239.

*Recommended (Structure and Polarity)*

Gaddis, John Lewis. "The Long Peace: Elements of Stability in the Postwar International System." *International Security* 10.4 (1986): 99–142.

Waltz, Kenneth. "The Origins of War in Neorealist Theory." *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*. 18.4 (1988): 615–628.



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Brooks, Stephen G., and William C. Wohlforth. *World Out of Balance: International Relations and the Challenge of American Primacy*. Princeton University Press, 2008.

Braumoeller, Bear. *The Great Powers and the International System: Systemic Theory in Empirical Perspective*. Cambridge University Press, 2013.

Monteiro, Nuno. *Theory of Unipolar Politics*. Cambridge University Press, 2014.

*Recommended (Nuclear Weapons)*

Jervis, Robert. *The Meaning of the Nuclear Revolution: Statecraft and the Prospect of Armageddon*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1989.

Bell, Mark S. "Beyond Emboldenment: How Acquiring Nuclear Weapons Can Change Foreign Policy." *International Security* 40.1 (2015): 87–119.

Debs, Alexandre, and Nuno P. Monteiro. *Nuclear Politics: The Strategic Causes of Proliferation*. Cambridge University Press, 2016.

Miller, Nicholas L. *Stopping the Bomb: The Sources and Effectiveness of US Nonproliferation Policy*. Cornell University Press, 2018.

Lieber, Keir A. and Daryl Press. *The Myth of the Nuclear Revolution: Power Politics in the Atomic Age*. Cornell University Press, 2020.

Green, Brendan Rittenhouse. *The Revolution that Failed: Nuclear Competition, Arms Control, and the Cold War*. Cambridge University Press, 2020.

*Recommended (Innovation, Technology, and Organization)*

Posen, Barry. *The Sources of Military Doctrine: France, Britain, and Germany between the World Wars*. Cornell University Press, 1984.

Rosen, Stephen Peter. *Winning the Next War: Innovation and the Modern Military*. Vol. 34. Cornell University Press, 1991.

Biddle, Stephen D. *Military Power: Explaining Victory and Defeat in Modern Battle*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2004. Chapters 2 and 3.

Horowitz, Michael C. *The Diffusion of Military Power: Causes and Consequences for International Politics*. Princeton University Press, 2010.

Long, Austin. *The Soul of Armies: Counterinsurgency Doctrine and Military Culture in the US and UK*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2016.

Horowitz, Michael C. "Artificial Intelligence, International Competition, and the Balance of Power." *Texas National Security Review* 22 (2018).

Horowitz, Michael C. "Do Emerging Military Technologies Matter for International Politics?" *Annual Review of Political Science* 23.1 (2020): 385–400.

Lonergan, Erica D., and Shawn W. Lonergan. *Escalation Dynamics in Cyberspace*. Oxford University Press, 2023.

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WEEK 5. SOCIAL ORIGINS OF POWER (MARCH 5)

Renshon, Jonathan. *Fighting for Status: Hierarchy and Conflict in World Politics*. Princeton University Press, 2017. Chapters 2 and 6.

Mitzen, Jennifer. "Ontological Security in World Politics: State Identity and the Security Dilemma." *European Journal of International Relations* 12.3 (2006): 341–370.

Goddard, Stacie E. "When Right Makes Might: How Prussia Overturned the European Balance of Power." *International Security* 33.3 (2009): 110–142.

Adler-Nissen, Rebecca. "Stigma Management in International Relations: Transgressive Identities, Norms, and Order in International Society." *International Organization* 68.1 (2014): 143–176.

Pomeroy, Caleb. "Hawks Become Us: The Sense of Power and Militant Foreign Policy Attitudes." *Security Studies* 33.1 (2024): 88–114.

*Historical Discussion: First India-Pakistan War (1947); Football War (1969)*

*Recommended*

Katzenstein, Peter K. *The Culture of National Security: Norms and Identity in World Politics*. Columbia University Press, 1996.

Kier, Elizabeth. *Imagining War: French and British Military Doctrine between the Wars*. Princeton University Press, 1997.

Ruggie, John Gerard. "What Makes the World Hang Together? Neo-utilitarianism and the Social Constructivist Challenge." *International Organization* 52.4 (1998): 855–885.

Buzan, Barry, Ole Wæver, and Jaap De Wilde. *Security: A New Framework for Analysis*. Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1998.

Huntington, Samuel P. *The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order*. Simon & Shuster, 1996.

Rousseau, David. *Identifying Threats and Threatening Identities: The Social Construction of Realism and Liberalism* Stanford University Press, 2006.

Carpenter, R. Charli. "Vetting the Advocacy Agenda: Network Centrality and the Paradox of Weapons Norms," *International Organization* 65.1 (2011): 69–102.

Goddard, Stacie E. "Embedded Revisionism: Networks, Institutions, and Challenges to world Order." *International Organization* 72.4 (2018): 763–797.

McCourt, David M. "Practice Theory and Relationalism as the New Constructivism," *International Studies Quarterly* 60:3 (2016), 475–485.

Wang, Dong, Alastair Iain Johnston, and Baoyu Wang. "The Effect of Imagined Social Contact on Chinese Students' Perceptions of Japanese People." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 65.1 (2021): 223–251.

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Ku, Minseon, and Jennifer Mitzen. "The Dark Matter of World Politics: System Trust, Summits, and State Personhood." *International Organization* 76.4 (2022): 799–829.

*Recommended (Constructed Value)*

Hassner, Ron. "To Halve and to Hold: Conflicts Over Sacred Space and the Problem of Indivisibility" *Security Studies* 12.4 (2003): 1–33.

Goddard, Stacie E. "Uncommon Ground: Indivisible Territory and the Politics of Legitimacy." *International Organization* 60.1 (2006): 35–68.

Nexon, Daniel. *The Struggle for Power in Early Modern Europe: Religious Conflict, Dynastic Empires, and International Change*. Princeton University Press, 2009.

Kertzer, Joshua D., Kathleen E. Powers, Brian C. Rathbun, and Ravi Iyer. "Moral Support: How Moral Values Shape Foreign Policy Attitudes." *The Journal of Politics* 76.3 (2014): 825–840.

Kertzer, Joshua D., and Brian C. Rathbun. "Fair is Fair: Social Preferences and Reciprocity in International Politics." *World Politics* 67.4 (2015): 613–655.

Mitzen, Jennifer. "Security Communities and the Unthinkabilities of War." *Annual Review of Political Science* 19.1 (2016): 229–248.

*Recommended (Status)*

Bull, Hedley. *The Anarchical Society: A Study of Order in World Politics*. Third edition. Columbia University Press, 2002 [1977].

Lake, David A. "Escape from the State of Nature: Authority and Hierarchy in World Politics" *International Security* 32.1 (2007): 47–79.

Wohlforth, William C. "Unipolarity, Status Competition, and Great Power War." *World Politics* 61.1 (2009): 28–57.

Dafoe, Allan, Jonathan Renshon, and Paul Huth. "Reputation and Status as Motives for War." *Annual Review of Political Science* 17.1 (2014): 371–393.

Paul, Thazha Varkey, Deborah Welch Larson, and William C. Wohlforth, eds. *Status in World Politics*. Cambridge University Press, 2014.

Dafoe, Allan and Devin Caughey. "Honor and War: Southern U.S. Presidents and the Effects of Concern for Reputation." *World Politics* 68.2 (2016): 341–381.

Larson, Deborah Welch, and Alexei Shevchenko. *Quest for Status: Chinese and Russian Foreign Policy*. Yale University Press, 2019.

*Recommended (Domestic Inequality)*

Rosen, Stephen Peter. *Societies and Military Power: India and Its Armies*. Cornell University Press, 1996.

Lyall, Jason. *Divided Armies: Inequality and Battlefield Performance in Modern War*. Princeton University Press, 2020.

Huff, Connor, and Robert Schub. "Segregation, Integration, and Death: Evidence from the Korean War." *International Organization* 75.3 (2021): 858–879.

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WEEK 6. PSYCHOLOGY AND DECISION-MAKING (MARCH 12)

Jervis, Robert. *Perception and Misperception in International Politics*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1976. Chapters 3, 6, 9.

Davis, James W., and Rose McDermott. "The Past, Present, and Future of Behavioral IR." *International Organization* 75.1 (2021): 147–177.

Powers, Kathleen E., and Dan Altman. "The Psychology of Coercion Failure: How Reactance Explains Resistance to Threats." *American Journal of Political Science* 67.1 (2023): 221–238.

Landau-Wells, Marika. "Building from the Brain: Advancing the Study of Threat Perception in International Relations." *International Organization*. 78.4 (2024): 627–667.

Powell, Robert. "Research Bets and Behavioral IR." *International Organization* 71.S1 (2017): S265–S277.

*Historical Discussion: Bay of Pigs (1961); Vietnam War (1965)*

*Recommended*

George, Alexander L. "The Case for Multiple Advocacy in Making Foreign Policy." *American Political Science Review* 66.3 (1972): 751–785.

Janis, Irving. *Groupthink: Psychological Studies of Policy Decisions and Fiascoes*. Houghton Mifflin, 1982.

Larson, Deborah Welch. *Origins of Containment: A Psychological Explanation*. Princeton University Press, 1985.

Vertzberger, Yaacov. *The World in Their Minds: Information Processing, Cognition, and Perception in Foreign Policy Decision Making*. Stanford University Press, 1990.

Yuen Foong Khong, *Analogies at War: Korea, Munich, Dien Bien Phu and the Vietnam Decision of 1965*. Princeton, 1992.

Wohlforth, William C. *The Elusive Balance: Power and Perceptions during the Cold War*. Cornell University Press, 1993.

Levy, Jack S. "Learning and Foreign Policy: Sweeping a Conceptual Minefield," *International Organization* 48:2 (1994): 279–312.

Mercer, Jonathan. *Reputation and International Politics*. Cornell University Press, 1996.

Herrmann, Richard K., Philip E. Tetlock, and Penny S. Visser. "Mass Public Decisions on Go to War: A Cognitive-Interactionist Framework." *American Political Science Review* 93.3 (1999): 553–573.

McDermott, Rose. *Risk-Taking in International Politics: Prospect Theory in American Foreign Policy*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2001.

Tetlock, Philip E. *Expert Political Judgment: How Good Is It? How Can We Know?* Princeton University Press, 2005.

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- Johnson, Dominic D.P. "Overconfidence in Wargames: Experimental Evidence on Expectations, Aggression, Gender and Testosterone." *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences* 273.1600 (2006): 2513–2520.
- Kahneman, Daniel, and Jonathan Renshon. "Why Hawks Win." *Foreign Policy* (2007): 34–38.
- Rosen, Stephen Peter. *War and Human Nature*. Princeton University Press, 2009.
- Hall, Todd, and Keren Yarhi-Milo. "The Personal Touch: Leaders' Impressions, Costly Signaling, and Assessments of Sincerity in International Affairs." *International Studies Quarterly* 56.3 (2012): 560–573.
- Ronald R. Krebs and Aaron Rapport, "International Relations and the Psychology of Time Horizons," *International Studies Quarterly* 56:3 (2012), 530–543.
- Mercer, Jonathan. "Emotion and Strategy in the Korean War." *International Organization* 67.2 (2013): 221–252.
- McDermott, Rose. "Sex and Death: Gender Differences in Aggression and Motivations for Violence." *International Organization* 69.3 (2015): 753–775.
- Hall, Todd H. *Emotional Diplomacy: Official Emotion on the International Stage*. Cornell University Press, 2015.
- Wong, Seanon S. "Emotions and the Communication of Intentions in Face-to-Face Diplomacy." *European Journal of International Relations* 22.1 (2016): 144–167.
- Friedman, Jeffrey A., Jennifer S. Lerner, and Richard Zeckhauser. "Behavioral Consequences of Probabilistic Precision: Experimental Evidence from National Security Professionals." *International Organization* 71.4 (2017): 803–826.
- Holmes, Marcus. *Face-to-Face Diplomacy: Social Neuroscience and International Relations*. Cambridge University Press, 2018.
- Kertzer, Joshua D. and Dustin Tingley. "Political Psychology in International Relations: Beyond the Paradigms." *Annual Review of Political Science* 21 (2018), 319–339.
- Rathbun, Brian C., Joshua D. Kertzer, and Mark Paradis. "Homo Diplomaticus: Mixed-Method Evidence of Variation in Strategic Rationality." *International Organization* 71.S1 (2017): S33–S60.
- Kertzer, Joshua D., Brian C. Rathbun, and Nina Srinivasan Rathbun. "The Price of Peace: Motivated Reasoning and Costly Signaling in International Relations." *International Organization* 74.1 (2020): 95–118.
- Johnson, Dominic D.P. *Strategic Instincts: The Adaptive Advantages of Cognitive Biases in International Politics*. Princeton University Press, 2020.
- Kertzer, Joshua D., et al. "Hawkish Biases and Group Decision Making." *International Organization* 76.3 (2022): 513–548.
- Pauly, Reid B.C., and Rose McDermott. "The Psychology of Nuclear Brinkmanship." *International Security* 47.3 (2022): 9–51.

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WEEK 7. LEADERS (MARCH 19)

Jervis, Robert. "Do Leaders Matter and How Would We Know?" *Security Studies* 22.2 (2013): 153–179.

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