**POSC 3530:** **American Foreign Policy**

Spring 2016 – Faculty Memorial Hall 314

11:30 am - 12:45 pm TF

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Welcome to *POSC 3530: American Foreign Policy*. This course is an advanced exploration of systematic U.S. action towards other states. We examine the philosophical underpinnings of American policy and how these drive its political, economic, military, and social orientation towards external relations.

The course is roughly divided in three, with the first portion examining the role of power, ideas, and institutions in policy formation. The second section charts U.S. foreign policy from the Republic’s inception to the post-Cold War world. Section three examines contemporary economic and security challenges, particularly focusing the Middle East and rising states. Overall, we will examine the bases of U.S. policy and the effects these policies have on creating a more secure and prosperous environment for American interests.

This course has three principal objectives:

1. To equip you with a solid understanding of past and current strategic challenges facing the U.S. and how it has attempted to resolve them;
2. To help you develop a “toolkit” to analyze individual American policies from multiple theoretical perspectives, which you can then apply to other issues;
3. To formulate your own informed opinions about the future of U.S. policy towards other states and the international system generally.

**Readings**

Many course readings are available through e-reserves on our Blackboard site and Ares. You should also purchase the following books, which are available at the Rose Hill bookstore:

* G. John Ikenberry, *After Victory: Institutions, Strategic Restraint, and the Rebuilding of Order after Major Wars*(2001).
* Robert Jervis, *The Meaning of the Nuclear Revolution.* (Cornell University Press, 1990).
* Ivo H. Daalder and James M. Lindsay, *America Unbound: The Bush Revolution in Foreign Policy*. (Wiley, 2005).
* Henry Kissinger, *Diplomacy*.(Knopf, New York, 1994).
* Akira Iriye. “Volume 3: The Globalizing of America, 1913-1945.” *The Cambridge History of American Foreign Relations*. (Cambridge University Press, 1995). ISBN: 9780521483827.
* Odom, William and Dujarric, Robert. *America’s Inadvertent Empire*. (Yale University Press, 2004).

**Outside Readings**

I encourage you to be actively aware and even participate in current U.S. foreign policy. For American citizens, it is a civic duty to be informed about the policies and actions being undertaken in our name. For foreign students, the U.S. has an indelible impact on major economic, political, social, and security issues, an influence that you will encounter regularly throughout your lives.

So in addition to the readings listed below, I expect you to actively engage in current international affairs, particularly by reading newspapers, blogs, and policy journals devoted to these topics. I’d recommend the New York Times, the Washington Post, Politico, Foreign Policy magazine, Foreign Affairs, the National Interest, the Economist, and War on the Rocks (minus the alcohol). In addition, many think tanks – like the Brookings Institution, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the American Enterprise Institute – provide in-depth articles, as well as helpful briefings covering the main issues surrounding trade, military, and human rights challenges.

**Contact Information**

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**Additional Information**

I have posted a number of guidelines and materials on Blackboard. In particular, please refer to the “Course Guidelines and Expectations” document for my general expectations regarding student conduct and decorum. I have also posted guides on citation and formatting, which you should refer to before starting your papers. Papers should be written in Microsoft Word or PDF and e-mailed to me at [rkuo@fordham.edu](mailto:rkuo@fordham.edu).

**Summary of Key responsibilities and Dates**

*Participation*

Classes will be a mix of lecture and discussion, about 50/50. Active participation is critical to this course. For more details, please see the course expectations document posted on Blackboard.

*Mid-Term*: In-class, Mar. 1.

*Written Assignment: Policy Memo Due April 29*

Each student will be responsible for completing a policy memo in response to a contemporary issue that arises in regard to one of the topics discussed in the classes after the mid-term exam. The policy memo must recommend a policy with regard to the issue for a decision-maker within a national government, a leading NGO, or a private corporation active in that area. Please be sure to specify to whom the memo is addressed. The op-ed must address a contemporary issue in a timely, journalistic fashion and should be aimed, directly or indirectly, at influencing public and elite opinion about policy. For more information, see the course handouts on writing a policy memo and writing an op-ed. These should be **no more than 1000 words long**, without citations. The completed assignment must be sent to me by e-mail attachment on April 29th by 5 pm. Late submissions will be graded down. As in the worlds of policy and journalism, technical difficulties are the responsibility of the writer.

*Final Exam*: Per university schedule.

The weighting of each assignment is as follows:

1. *Policy Memo*: 25%
2. *Mid-term Exam*: 25%
3. *Final Exam*: 35%
4. *Participation*. 15%

**Schedule of Topics and Readings**

Jan. 19 Introduction

* Kenneth Waltz, “Anarchic Orders and Balances of Power.”

Jan. 22 Power: Does Might Make Right?

* William E. Odom and Robert Dujarric, America’s Inadvertent Empire, pp. 11-35, 97-195.
* Stephen Brooks and William Wohlforth, “American Primacy,” Foreign Affairs vol. 81, no. 4 (July/August 2002), pp. 20-33.

Jan. 26 Liberalism: The City on the Hill?

* William E. Odom and Robert Dujarric, America’s Inadvertent Empire, pp. 36-63.
* Michael Doyle. “Kant, Liberal Legacies, and Foreign Affairs.” Philosophy and Public Affairs, Vol. 12, No. 3 (Summer, 1983), pp. 205-235.
* Christopher Layne, “Liberal Ideology and U.S. Grand Strategy,” in The Peace of Illusions: American Grand Strategy from 1940 to the Present, pp. 118-133.
* Robert Kagan, “Liberalism and Expansion,” in Dangerous Nation, pp. 71-103.
* [OPTIONAL] Samuel Huntington, "American Ideals versus American Institutions," Political Science Quarterly, Vol. 97, No. 1 (Spring, 1982), pp. 1-37.
* [OPTIONAL] Michael Mandelbaum, "Foreign Policy as Social Work," Foreign Affairs 75, no. 1 (January/February 1996).

Jan. 29 Congress v. Executive v. Public Opinion: Do You Matter?

* Make sure you know the separation of powers between Congress and the Executive on foreign policy. For a synopsis, skim “[Congress and U.S. Foreign Policy](http://www.cfr.org/united-states/congress-us-foreign-policy/p29871).”
* Carl von Clausewitz, *On War*, chapter 1, sections 23, 24, and 28. <http://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/clausewitz-war-as-politics-by-other-means>
* James Lindsay. “Congress and Foreign Policy: Why the Hill Matters.” *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 107, No. 4 (Winter, 1992-1993), pp. 607-628. <http://www3.nccu.edu.tw/~lorenzo/Lindsay%20Why%20the%20Hill%20Matters.pdf>
* Nolan McCarty. “What We Know and Don’t Know about Our Polarized Politics.” *Washington Post*. January 8, 2014. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2014/01/08/what-we-know-and-dont-know-about-our-polarized-politics/>
  + Ask yourself: How does party polarization affect U.S. foreign policy? Does it make it more or less stable? Easier to capture by special interests? Other effects?
* [AN EXTREMELY CONTROVERSIAL PIECE] John Mearsheimer and Stephen Walt. “The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy.” *Middle East Policy Journal*, 2006. <http://mearsheimer.uchicago.edu/pdfs/IsraelLobby.pdf>
* Daniel Drezner. “The Great Convergence of American Foreign Policy Beliefs.” *Foreign Policy*. Dec. 4, 2013. <http://www.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2013/12/04/the_convergence_of_american_foreign_policy_beliefs>
* Click through the Pew Research graphs on [American views of foreign policy](http://www.people-press.org/2013/12/03/public-sees-u-s-power-declining-as-support-for-global-engagement-slips/12-3-2013-1/).
  + Formulate an opinion: Is there a coherent foreign policy strategy based ONLY on American public opinion? In other words, if you were President, what foreign policy strategy would you devise based on this poll?
* [OPTIONAL] Douglas C. Foyle, Counting the Public In: Presidents, Public Opinion, and Foreign Policy (NY: Columbia University Press 1999), 1-29
* [OPTIONAL] William C. Adams. “Opinion and Foreign Policy,” *Foreign Service Journal*(May 1984).  <https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/90282638/Opinion%20and%20Foreign%20Policy.pdf>

Feb. 2 The Early Republic: Did the U.S. Want to be Left Alone?

* [Washington’s Farewell Address](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/washing.asp)
* [Federalist Papers 2-5, 23-28, 74-75](http://thomas.loc.gov/home/histdox/fedpapers.html)
* Bradford Perkins. *The Creation of a Republican Empire*. Cambridge University Press, 1993). pp. 147-178, 200-203.

Feb. 5 No Class

Feb. 9 Economic Policy 1: Early Empire

* LaFeber, The American Age, pp. 101-103, 157-167, 171-187
* Walter La Feber, The American Search for Opportunity, Ch. 4, 7, 8.

Feb. 12 The Interwar Period: America Turns Away

* Akira Iriye. “Volume 3: The Globalizing of America, 1913-1945.” pp. 58-72.
* Fromkin, pp. 99-124, 181-192.
* G. John Ikenberry, *After Victory* (2001), pp. 117-162.

Feb. 19 Economic Policy 2: The Great Depression

* Akira Iriye. “Volume 3: The Globalizing of America, 1913-1945.” pp. 88-102.
* Thomas Lairson and David Skidmore, *International Political Economy,* pp. 57-64. (8 pp.)
* Charles Kindleberger, “An Explanation of the 1929 Depression,” in *The World in Depression, 1929-1939* (1986)*,* pp. 288-305. (19 pp.)
* Barry Eichengreen, “The Political Economy of the Smoot-Hawley Tariff,” in Jeffry Frieden and David Lake, eds. *International Political Economy: Perspectives on Power and Wealth* (2000), pp. 37-46. (10 pp.)
* Robert Baldwin. *U.S. Trade Policy Since 1934*. Ch. 3, pp. 62-67.
* Jeffry Frieden, *Global Capitalism: Its Rise and Fall in the Twentieth Century* (2006), “Building a Social Democracy”, pp. 229-250. (21 pp.) PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO PAGE NUMBERS.

Feb. 23 World War 2

* Fromkin, pp. 448-460.
* Akira Iriye. “Volume 3: The Globalizing of America, 1913-1945.” Ch. 11.
* John Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics*, (Norton, 2001) chs. 1-2, pp. 1-54.
* Michael Walzer. “The Limits of Calculation: Hiroshima.” *Just and Unjust Wars*. <http://www.jpri.org/publications/occasionalpapers/op4.html>
* Henry Kissinger, *Diplomacy,* "The End of Illusion,” “The Nazi-Soviet Pact” (selections only), pp. 288-318, 350-355, 365-368. (38 pp.)
* Scott D. Sagan, "The Origins of the Pacific War," *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History,* 18:4 (Spring 1988), pp. 893-914. (21 pp.)

Feb. 26 Review session

Mar. 1 Mid-term

Mar. 4 The Cold War

* John Lewis Gaddis, Strategies of Containment: A Critical Appraisal of Postwar American National Security Policy (NY: Oxford U. Press, 1982), chapter 2 ("George F. Kennan and the Strategy of Containment"), pp. 25-53.
* Henry Kissinger, *Diplomacy,* “The Beginning of the Cold War” and “The Success and the Pain of Containment,” pp. 423-472.
* Melvyn Leffler, “National Security and US Foreign Policy,” The Origins of the Cold War (New York, 2005), pp. 15-32. (17 pp.)

Mar. 8 Nuclear Theology during the Cold War

* Robert Jervis, *The Meaning of the Nuclear Revolution*. Ch. 1.
* Thomas Schelling. 1966. “The Diplomacy of Violence,” In Art and Jervis, pp. 139-152. (14 pp.)
* Scott Sagan. *Moving Targets*. “Chapter 1: The Evolution of U.S. Nuclear Doctrine.” pp.10-39.
* John Mueller, “The Irrelevance of Nuclear Weapons,” International Security 13:2 (Autumn1988), pp. 55-79. (24 pp.)
* [OPTIONAL] A Fursenko and T. Naftali. 2006. “Cuban Missile Crisis,” Khrushchev’s Cold War: The Inside Story of an American Adversary (2006), pp.465-93. (28 pp.)
* [OPTIONAL] Ron Rosenblum, “[The Return of the Doomsday Machine?](http://www.slate.com/id/2173108)” Slate (31 August 2007). (2pp.)

Mar. 11 Economic Policy 3: Bretton Woods

* Thomas Lairson and David Skidmore, *International Political Economy*, pp. 57-64, 71-89, and 116-24.
* Robert Keohane, After Hegemony (1984), pp. 85-101, 135-150, 187-190. (37 pp.)
* G. John Ikenberry, *After Victory* (2001), pp. 163-214. (39 pp.)

Mar. 15 Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Limited War

* Thomas H. Johnson and M. Chris Mason, “[Afghanistan and the Vietnam Template](http://usacac.army.mil/CAC2/MilitaryReview/Archives/English/MilitaryReview_20091231_art004.pdf),” Military Review (November-December 2009), pp. 2-14. (12 pp.)
* Gordon Goldstein, “[Vietnam, Afghanistan and Learning from History](http://articles.latimes.com/2009/nov/12/opinion/oe-goldstein12),” Los Angeles Times (12 November 2009). (1 pp.)
* Frederick Kagan, “[Afghanistan is not Vietnam](http://www.newsweek.com/id/184376/output/print),” Newsweek (11 February 2009). (3 pp.)
* Caspar Weinberger, “The Uses of Military Power.” <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/military/force/weinberger.html>
* Gary R. Hess, “Nixon-Kissinger and the Ending of the War: A “Lost Victory” or “Neither Peace Nor Honor”?” in Vietnam: Explaining America’s Lost War (Blackwell, 2009), pp. 179-206. (27 pp.)
* Seth G. Jones, “The Rise of Afghanistan’s Insurgency: State Failure and Jihad,” International Security vol. 32, no. 4 (Spring 2008), pp. 7-40.
* [OPTIONAL] Paul Miller. “How Iraq Explains Why the U.S. Shouldn’t Leave Afghanistan.” *Foreign Policy*. Aug. 25, 2014. <http://shadow.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2014/08/25/how_iraq_explains_why_the_us_shouldnt_leave_afghanistan>
* [OPTIONAL] Karl Eikenberry. “The Limits of Counterinsurgency Doctrine in Afghanistan.” *Foreign Affairs*. Sept/Oct 2013. <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/139645/karl-w-eikenberry/the-limits-of-counterinsurgency-doctrine-in-afghanistan>

Mar. 29 Primacy/unipolarity after the Cold War

* Barry R. Posen and Andrew L. Ross, "Competing Visions for U.S. Grand Strategy," International Security, Winter 1996/97.
* Barry R. Posen, “The Case for Restraint.” American Interest Online. Access online at <http://www.the-american-interest.com/pdf/v3/n2/Posen.pdf> or <http://www.the-american-interest.com/2007/11/01/the-case-for-restraint/>. Nov/Dec. 2007.
* Response by G. John Ikenberry. (1 p.)
* Christopher Layne, "The Unipolar Illusion: Why New Great Powers Will Rise," International Security 17, no. 4 (Spring 1993). pp. 5-16, 25-28, 31-51.
* [SKIM] William C. Wohlforth, "The Stability of a Unipolar World," International Security 24, no. 1 (Summer 1999).
* [OPTIONAL] Robert Jervis, "International Primacy: Is the Game Worth the Candle?" and Samuel P. Hunting-ton, "Why International Primacy Matters," International Security, Vol. 17, No. 4 (Spring 1993).

Apr. 1 Ethnic conflict

* Derek Chollet and James Goldgeier. America Between the Wars. New York: Public Affairs. pp. 43-52, 210-234.
* Hardin, Russell. One for All: The Logic of Group Conflict. (Princeton: Princeton University Press). Chapter 3.
* Chester Crocker, "The Lessons of Somalia," Foreign Affairs, Vol. 74, No. 3 (May/June 1995), pp. 2-8. <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/50967/chester-a-crocker/the-lessons-of-somalia-not-everything-went-wrong>
* Edward Luttwak, “Give War a Chance.” Foreign Affairs, July/August 1999. <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/55210/edward-n-luttwak/give-war-a-chance>
* Samantha Power, “Bystanders to Genocide,” *Atlantic Monthly* (September 2001), pp. 84-108. (24 pp.) <http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2001/09/bystanders-to-genocide/304571/>

Apr. 5 9/11

* Final Report of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, The 9/11 Commission Report, pp. 47-70, 361-398.
* Ivo H. Daalder and James M. Lindsay, America Unbound: The Bush Revolution in Foreign Policy, pp. 78-128.
* John Lewis Gaddis, “A Grand Strategy of Transformation,” Foreign Policy (November/December 2002) <http://foreignpolicy.com/2009/11/10/a-grand-strategy-of-transformation/>
* Dallas Boyd, Lewis A. Dunn, and James Scouras, “Why Has the United States Not Been Attacked Again?” The Washington Quarterly vol. 32, no. 3 (July 2009), pp. 3-19.
* Gideon Rose. “What Obama Gets Right.” *Foreign Affairs*. 94:5. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/what-obama-gets-right>

Apr. 8 Terrorism

* Andrew H. Kydd and Barbara F. Walter, “The Strategies of Terrorism.” International Security, 31,1 (summer 2006), 49-80.
* Richard K. Betts, "The Soft Underbelly of American Primacy: Tactical Advantages of Terror." Political Science Quarterly, 117,1 (Spring 2002), 19-36.
* David Tucker. “What’s New about the New Terrorism and How Dangerous Is It?” *Terrorism and Political Violence*. Vol. 13, Autumn 2001. pp. 1-14.
* Max Abrahms, “What Terrorists Really Want: Terrorist Motives and Counterterrorism Strategy.” International Security, 32, 4 (Spring 2008):78-105.
* [OPTIONAL] Jeff Victoroff, “The Mind of the Terrorist: A Review and Critique of Psychological Approaches.” Journal of Conflict Resolution, 49, 1 (February 2005), 3-42.

NOTE: For the next two sessions (Democracy Promotion and Aid), please do as much of the readings for BOTH sessions by April 12. We will run an aid simulation on April 15.

Apr. 12 Democracy Promotion and Human Rights

* Amartya Sen. “Democracy as a World Value.” <http://www.unicef.org/socialpolicy/files/Democracy_as_a_Universal_Value.pdf>
* Thomas Carothers, “The Backlash against Democracy Promotion.” Foreign Affairs, Vol. 85, No. 2. <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/61509/thomas-carothers/the-backlash-against-democracy-promotion>
* Edward Mansfield and Jack Snyder. *Electing to Fight*. (MIT Press: Cambridge, 2005). Chapter 1: “The Perilous Path to the Democratic Peace.”
* Minxin Pei and Sara Kasper, “Lessons from the Past: The American Record on Nation Building,” *Policy Brief* 24 (Carnegie Endowment, 2003), pp. 1-7. (7 pp.) <http://carnegieendowment.org/files/Policybrief24.pdf>
* Sarah Bush. “Democracy Promotion is Failing. Here’s Why.” *Washington Post*. Nov. 9, 2015. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2015/11/09/democracy-promotion-is-failing-heres-why/>
* [OPTIONAL] Robert Kaplan. “The Tragedy of U.S. Foreign Policy.” *The National Interest*. (Aug. 1, 2013). <http://nationalinterest.org/commentary/the-tragedy-us-foreign-policy-8810>
* [OPTIONAL] Michael McFaul. (2004) Democracy promotion as a world value, The Washington Quarterly, 28:1, 147-163. <https://www.boell.de/sites/default/files/assets/boell.de/images/download_de/demokratie/Democracy_promotion_McFaul_2004_en.pdf>
* [OPTIONAL] Tom Zeller, "Building Democracy is Not a Science," New York Times, April 27, 2003. <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/04/27/weekinreview/the-world-building-democracy-is-not-a-science.html>
* [OPTIONAL] James Dobbins, “Nation-Building: UN Surpasses US on Learning Curve,” in Art and Jervis, pp. 457-465. (8 pp.)
* [OPTIONAL] Melinda Haring. “Can Washington Stop Doing Dumb Democracy Promotion, Please?” *Foreign Policy.* Dec. 15, 2015. <http://foreignpolicy.com/2015/12/15/can-washington-stop-doing-dumb-democracy-promotion-please-usaid/>

Apr. 15 Economic Policy 4: Development and Aid

* Lairson and Skidmore, *International Political Economy* 3rd ed., pp. 313-338.
* Steven Radelet. “Think Again: U.S. Foreign Aid.” *Foreign Policy*. March 1, 2005. <http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2005/02/28/think_again_us_foreign_aid>
* Easterly, William Russell. 2006. The white man's burden : why the West's efforts to aid the rest have done so much ill and so little good. Oxford ; New York: Oxford University Press, Ch. 1.
* Jeffrey Sachs. “The Case for Aid.” *Foreign Policy*. January 21, 2014. <http://foreignpolicy.com/2014/01/21/the-case-for-aid/>
* Joseph Stiglitz. “The Post-Washington Consensus Consensus.” <http://intldept.uoregon.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Yarris-Joya-5.1.15-Brown-Bag-Article.pdf>
* Samuel Huntington. *Political Order in Changing Societies*. (Yale University Press: New Haven, 1968). pp. 59-71.
* [OPTIONAL] Lairson and Skidmore, *International Political Economy* 3rd ed., pp. 265-285, 373-411.

Apr. 19 China and Declining Power

* Susan Shirk. *China: Fragile Superpower*. selections.
* Arvind Subramanian, “The Inevitable Superpower: Why China’s Dominance Is a Sure Thing,” <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/china/2011-08-19/inevitable-superpower>
* Ruchir Sharma, “Broken BRICS: Why the Rest Stopped Rising,” Foreign Affairs (Nov/Dec 2012) <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/138219/ruchir-sharma/broken-brics>
* Thomas Christensen, “Shaping the Choices of a Rising China: Recent Lessons for the Obama Administration,” The Washington Quarterly vol. 32, no. 3 (July 2009), pp. 89-104. <http://csis.org/files/publication/twq09julychristensen.pdf>
* G. John Ikenberry, “The Rise of China and the Future of the West,” Foreign Affairs (Feb/March 2008). <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/63042/g-john-ikenberry/the-rise-of-china-and-the-future-of-the-west>
* Robert Kaplan, “The Geography of Chinese Power,” Foreign Affairs vol. 89, no. 3 (May/June 2010), pp. 22-41.
* David Shambaugh, “The Illusion of Chinese Power”, *The* *National Interest*, June 25, 2014. <http://nationalinterest.org/feature/the-illusion-chinese-power-10739>

Apr. 22 Russia after the Cold War

* + - Daniel Deudney and G. John Ikenberry, “The Unravelling of the Cold War Settlement,” Survival vol. 51, no. 6 (December 2009-January 2010), pp. 39-62.
    - Alexander Lukin, [What the Kremlin Is Thinking](http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/141538/alexander-lukin/what-the-kremlin-is-thinking), Foreign Affairs, July/August 2014
    - Thomas Graham. “America Needs a Real Russia Policy.” *National Interest*. July 25, 2014. <http://nationalinterest.org/feature/america-needs-real-russia-policy-10953>
    - Andrei Schleifer and Daniel Treisman, “Why Moscow Says No: A Question of Russian Interests, Not Psychology,” *Foreign Affairs* (January-February 2011), pp. 122-128. <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/67044/andrei-shleifer-and-daniel-treisman/why-moscow-says-no>
    - Julia Ioffe. “The Russian Public Has a Totally Different Understanding of What Happened to Malaysia Airlines Flight 17.” *The New Republic*. July 20, 2014. <http://www.newrepublic.com/node/118782>

Apr. 26 The Middle East

* Stephen Van Evera, "Why U.S. National Security Requires Mideast Peace" (MIT Center for International Studies, Audit of the Conventional Wisdom 05-5, May 2005, online at [web.mit.edu/cis/pdf/Audit\_5\_05\_VanEvera.pdf](file:///C:\Users\Raymond\Downloads\web.mit.edu\cis\pdf\Audit_5_05_VanEvera.pdf)).
* Donald L. Horowitz, “Getting to No,” The American Interest, Autumn (September/October 2010), pp. 50-58. <http://www.the-american-interest.com/articles/2010/09/01/getting-to-no/>
* Aaron David Miller, “The False Religion of Mideast Peace,” Foreign Policy (May/June 2010), pp. 50-59. <http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2010/04/19/the_false_religion_of_mideast_peace>
* Richard Haas. “The Irony of American Strategy.” *Foreign Affairs*. May/June 2013. <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/139106/richard-n-haass/the-irony-of-american-strategy>
* Stephen Van Evera, "Why U.S. National Security Requires Mideast Peace" (MIT Center for International Studies, Audit of the Conventional Wisdom 05-5, May 2005, online at [web.mit.edu/cis/pdf/Audit\_5\_05\_VanEvera.pdf](file:///C:\Users\Raymond\Downloads\web.mit.edu\cis\pdf\Audit_5_05_VanEvera.pdf)).

Apr. 29 Contemporary Nuclear Challenges

* Graham Allison, “Nuclear Disorder,” Foreign Affairs vol. 89, no. 1 (January/February 2010), pp. 75-85. <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/65732/graham-allison/nuclear-disorder>
* Kenneth Waltz, “Why Iran Should Get the Bomb.” *Foreign Affairs*. July/ August 2012. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/iran/2012-06-15/why-iran-should-get-bomb>
* James M. Lindsay and Ray Takeyh, “After Iran Gets the Bomb,” Foreign Affairs vol. 89, no. 2 (March/April 2010), pp. 33-49. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/persian-gulf/2010-02-22/after-iran-gets-bomb>
* [BACKGROUND ON IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL] <http://www.brookings.edu/research/reports2/2015/08/iran-nuclear-deal-battleground-issues-einhorn>
* Suzanne Nossel. “This is What Will Happen if Congress Blows Up the Iran Nuclear Deal.” *Foreign Policy*. July 30, 2015. <http://foreignpolicy.com/2015/07/30/congress-iran-nuclear-deal-obama-veto-kerry-mccain/>
* Remarks by Dick Cheney. “The nuclear deal with Iran and the implications for U.S. security.” *American Enterprise Institute*. <https://www.aei.org/events/the-nuclear-deal-with-iran-and-the-implications-for-us-security-a-speech-by-former-vice-president-richard-b-cheney/>
* Harold Brown. “Why accepting the Iran nuclear deal is a no-brainer.” *Washington Post*. August 13, 2015. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/why-accepting-the-iran-nuclear-deal-is-a-no-brainer/2015/08/13/06adba26-3c5c-11e5-b3ac-8a79bc44e5e2_story.html>
* [OPTIONAL] Victor Cha, “What Do They Really Want? Obama’s North Korea Conundrum,” The Washington Quarterly. vol. 32, no. 4 (October 2009), pp. 119-138.
* [OPTIONAL] David Sanger, “North Korea Blast Revives Question: How Do You Contain Pyongyang?” *New York Times*, Jan. 6, 2016.
* [OPTIONAL] Mark Fitzpatrick, “Stopping Nuclear North Korea,” Survival vol. 51, no. 4 (August-September 2009), pp. 5-12.
* [OPTIONAL] Last Week Tonight.
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* [OPTIONAL] Scott Sagan “[How to Keep the Bomb from Iran](http://www.jstor.org/stable/20032069)” *Foreign Affairs* 85:5 (Sep.-Oct., 2006), pp. 45-59

May 3 The Future of American leadership

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