GOVERNMENT 2891

**Graduate Seminar in Domestic Politics and International Relations**

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*Description*

What role does domestic politics have in the formation of interstate relations, and how does the international system influence domestic politics? This graduate level seminar will cover both security and economic relations between states, and emphasize the ways domestic political groups influence these relations. Several specific substantive areas will be given special attention, including the domestic politics surrounding trade, foreign aid, immigration, and the use of force. We will cover different methodological approaches, including public opinion surveys, analysis of legislative voting, and game theoretic modeling. This course is *designed primarily as a research course* and class will be discussion (as opposed to lecture) based. Discussions will probe the research designs, methodologies, and conclusions of the material we read.

*Assignments*

The class will have two main assignments. First, each student will be responsible for helping lead several 40 minute discussions on a particular article or set of articles. Submit a plan of talking points beforehand. Second, all students will generate a 10-15 page paper where they pursue the initial stages of their own research topic.

*Grades*

20% Class participation

40% In class presentations on reading and written critique

40% Individual Research Project

*Course Policies and Expectations*

Written assignments are to be double spaced with normal margins and submitted both electronically and in written form. Students are expected to hand in assignments on due dates unless receiving approval from the relevant University official (Dean, Doctor, etc.). Late assignments will not be expected. Office hours will be by appointment. I hope within the first 5 weeks of class everyone will arrange a meeting with me! In addition to the graded assignments, there are also several small assignments that will not be graded but will help in building research skills. I will endeavor to answer emails within 24 hours during weekdays. I often find email less efficient than conversations. If your question requires a lengthy response please arrange to see me in person.

*Accommodations for students with disabilities (mandatory on all syllabi)*

Students needing academic adjustments or accommodations because of a documented disability must present their Faculty Letter from the [Accessible Education Office](http://www.aeo.fas.harvard.edu/) (AEO) and speak with the professor by the end of the second week of the term. Failure to do so may result in the Course Head's inability to respond in a timely manner. All discussions will remain confidential, although Faculty are invited to contact AEO to discuss appropriate implementation.

*Readings*

All additional readings will be available at isites.harvard.edu and will not pose an additional cost to the student.

**Week 1 (February 2nd, January Xth course rescheduled due to travel): Overview I**

*Overview*

1) Class expectations/syllabus review

2) Overview of the debate: what determines a state’s foreign policy choices, domestic or international pressures?

*Required Readings*

-Walt, Stephen, 1998, [International relations: one world, many theories](http://www.jstor.org/stable/1149275), [Foreign Policy](http://proquest.umi.com.myaccess.library.utoronto.ca/pqdlink?RQT=318&pmid=23173&TS=1121049509&clientId=12520&VType=PQD&VName=PQD&VInst=PROD), Iss. 110

-F Zakaria, [Realism and domestic politics: A review essay](http://www.jstor.org/stable/2539162)**,** International Security, 1992

-Fearon, James 1998 “Domestic Politics, Foreign Policy, and Theories of International Relations”, Annual Review of Political Science, 1:289-313

-Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce, “Domestic Politics and International Relations,” *International Studies Quarterly* 46 (March 2002):1-9.

*Assignments*

Next week come prepared to discuss the topics you are interested in.

**Week 2 (February 9th): Research Strategies**

-Braumoeller, Bear F. 2003. [Causal Complexity and the Study of Politics](http://rave.ohiolink.edu/databases/expertise?dbnm=psga&record=200318868). *Political Analysis*, Vol. 11, no. 3: 209-233.

-McDermott, Rose. “Experimental Methods in Political Science.” *Annual Review of Political Science*. 5(2002), 31-61.

-Gerring, John. “What Is a Case Study and What Is It Good For?” *American Political Science Review.* 98:2 (May 2004): 341-54.

-Levy, Jack S. “Qualitative Methods in International Relations.” in Brecher, Michael and Harvey, Frank P., eds. *Millennial Reflections on International Studies* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2002).

-R Pahre and P Papayoanou, 1997, [Using game theory to link domestic and international politics](http://www.jstor.org/stable/174484), Journal of Conflict Resolution, 41(1), pg 4-11

Student Discussion Lead

-Kalyvas, Stathis, Laia Balcells, 2010. [International System and Technologies of Rebellion: How the End of the Cold War Shaped Internal Conflict](http://stathis.research.yale.edu/documents/Kalyvas_Balcells_APSR.pdf).  American Political Science Review 104:3, 415-429, http://stathis.research.yale.edu/documents/Kalyvas\_Balcells\_APSR.pdf

**Week 3 (February 16th): Emerging? Approaches/Literatures**

-Benjamin Most and Harvey Starr, “International Relations Theory, Foreign Policy Substitutability, and ‘Nice’ Laws.” *World Politics* 36 (April 1984): 383-406.

One of:

-Lake, David, [Hobbesian Hierarchy: The Political Economy of Political Organization](http://weber.ucsd.edu/%7Edlake/documents/LakeAnnualReview.pdf)***.*** Annual Review of Political Science12 (2009): 263-283.

-Stephen Chaudoin, Helen Milner, Dustin Tingley. “The Center Holds: Liberal Internationalism Survives”, 2010, *International Security*, 35(1): 75-94, with

-Alastair Smith, Political Groups, Leader Change, and the Pattern of International Cooperation

Journal of Conflict Resolution *December 2009 vol. 53 no. 6 853-877*

Students report to class topic they are interested in (4-5 minute presentation).

**Week 4 (February 23rd): Public Opinion and Interest Groups**

Overview

1) Does the public have any influence on foreign policy?

2) How can public opinion be changed?

*Required reading*

-Aldrich, John H., John L. Sullivan and Eugene Borgida. 1989. "Foreign Affairs and Issue Voting: Do Presidential Candidates 'Waltz Before a Blind Audience". American Political Science Review 83:123-141

- LM Bartels - [Constituency opinion and congressional policy making: The Reagan defense build up](http://www.jstor.org/stable/1963169)**,** The American Political Science Review, 1991

-Hiscox, Michael J. [Through a Glass and Darkly: Framing Effects and Individuals’ Attitudes towards International Trade](http://www.people.fas.harvard.edu/%7Ehiscox/GlassDarkly.pdf), *International Organization*, Vol. 60, No. 3 (Summer, 2006): 755-780.

-Baum, Matt, [Sex, lies, and war: How soft news brings foreign policy to the inattentive public](http://journals.cambridge.org/abstract_S0003055402004252)

[*American Political Science Review*](http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayFulltext?type=1&fid=208462&jid=PSR&volumeId=96&issueId=01&aid=208460&bodyId=&membershipNumber=&societyETOCSession=) (2002), 96: 91-109

*Recommended reading*

-John Mearsheimer and Stephen Walt, “The Israel Lobby”, London Review of Books, http://www.lrb.co.uk/v28/n06/john-mearsheimer/the-israel-lobby

-Little, Douglass, 2008, “Summary of Argument (David or Goliath? The Israel Lobby and Its Critics)”, Political Science Quarterly

-Drezner, Daniel,Methodological Confusion, February 22, 2008, Chronicle of Higher Education

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-Braumoeller, Bear F. "The Myth of American Isolationism" (Foreign Policy Analysis 6:4 (2010), 349-371)

-Page and Barabas, Foreign Policy Gaps between Citizens and Leaders, International Studies Quarterly, Vol. 44, No. 3 (Sep., 2000), pp. 339-364

*Assignment*

Due during class discussion: Come up with your own framing survey experiment, a la Hiscox. What are your treatment conditions and what is the control. Are there moderating variable you think you should collect?

**Week 5 (March 2nd): Institutional Structure and Bureaucracy**

*Overview*

1) Are executives constrained/enabled in international negotiations by their domestic legislatures?

2) Do bureaucracies matter?

3) Are democracies less likely to fight each other?

- what are the mechanisms?

-has a Democratic Peace ever existed?

*Required Reading*

-Putnam, Robert. 1988. Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two-Level Games.

*International Organization* 42: 427-460.

-Goerevitch, Peter, Second image reversed. [International Organization](http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=4305584) (1978), 32 : 881-912

-Graham Allison, "Conceptual Models and the Cuban Missile Crisis". 1969. [*American Political Science Review*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Political_Science_Review) 63(3): 689-718.

- Stephen Krasner, “*Are Bureaucracies Important? (Or Allison Wonderland*),” Foreign. Policy 7, (1972), pp. 159-179

*Student Discussion Lead*

-Schultz, Kenneth, 2003, “Do Democratic Institutions Constrain or Inform?: Contrasting Two Institutional Perspectives on Democracy and War”, International Organization, 53, pp 233-266

-Bueno da Mesquita, Bruce, James D. Morrow, Randolph Siverson and Alastair Smith -“An Institutional Explanation of the Democratic Peace”, *American Political Science Review* 93(December 1999):791-807.

**Week 6 (March 9)**

Research project prospectus presentations. In class presentations of the research project theory, hypotheses, and data availability. Presentation time allocated depends on class size. Supplemental readings may be assigned by presenters.

**March 16: SPRING BREAK**

**Week 7 (March 23): Trade Policy**

*Overview*

1) Who gains and loses with free trade? Who favors and opposes it?

2) How can we tell?

-public opinion

-legislative voting

-cross-sectional data

*Required reading*

-Jeff Frieden, "Sectoral Conflict and U.S. Foreign Economic Policy, 1914-1940," *International Organization*, 42, No. 1 (Winter 1988)

-Milner, Helen, 2004, “[Partisanship, Trade Policy, and Globalization: Is There a Left–Right Divide on Trade Policy?](http://www.princeton.edu/%7Ehmilner/forthcoming%20papers/ISQ_milner_judkins2004.PDF)” *International Studies Quarterly*, Volume 48, pp. 95-119

-Kenneth Scheve and Matthew Slaughter, 2001. "What Determines Individual Trade-Policy Preferences?" *Journal of International Economics* Vol. 54 No. 2 (August):267-292.

- Excerpt from Chinn and Frieden, The Lost Decades, pg. 369-376, On Chinese Renminbi policy.

*Student Discussion Lead*

-Kenneth Scheve, Xiaobo Lu and Matthew Slaughter 2010. [Envy, Altruism, and the International Distribution of Trade Protection](http://pantheon.yale.edu/%7Eks298/w15700.pdf) (with). National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper #15700 (Leitner Working Paper 2010-01).

-Simmons, Beth A. 1994. *Who Adjusts? Domestic Sources of Foreign Economic Policy During the Interwar Years*. Princeton: Princeton University Press., Ch1 and 6 (handouts)

**Week 8 (March 30): Foreign aid and international financial institutions**

*Overview*

1) Who stands to gain or lose from US development assistance?

2) What institutions govern the formation of aid policy in the US and Europe?

*Required reading*

-Lancaster, Carole, “Danish and US Foreign Aid Compared: A View from Washington”, *Danish Foreign Policy Yearbook*, 2008

http://www.diis.dk/graphics/Publications/Books2008/Yearbook08/DIIS\_Yearbook\_2008.pdf

- Milner, Helen and Dustin Tingley, “Who Supports Global Economic Engagement? The Sources of Preferences in American Foreign Economic Policy”, 2011, *International Organization*, 65, Winter, pp 37–68,\*

- Meernik, James, Eric Krueger and Steven C. Poe. 1998. "Testing Models of United States Foreign Policy: Foreign Aid During and After the Cold War”. Journal of Politics 60:63-85

-Broz, Lawrence [Congressional Politics of Financing the International Monetary Fund](http://weber.ucsd.edu/%7Ejlbroz/pdf_folder/Broz_Hawes_IO_60-1.pdf) (with Michael Brewster Hawes). 2006. International Organization 60, 2 (Spring): 367-399.

*Student Discussion Lead*

- Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce and Smith, Alastair, “A Political Economy of Aid,” *International Organization*. 63, 2 (Spring 2009):309-340.

-Smith, Alastair, working paper

**Week 9 (April 6): Immigration**

*Overview*

1) Why do some people oppose immigration and others support it?

2) What are the national and international politics around Arizona’s SB1070?

*Required Readings*

-Wayne A. Cornelius and Marc R. Rosenblum, 2005 Immigration and Politics, Annual Review of Political Science, Vol. 8: 99-119

-Jack Citrin, Donald P. Green, Christopher Muste and Cara Wong, Public Opinion Toward Immigration Reform: The Role of Economic Motivations. The Journal of Politics (1997), 59:858-881

-GH Hanson, K Scheve, MJ Slaughter, [Public finance and individual preferences over globalization strategies](http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/118497201/abstract) Economics & Politics, 2007

- Jens Hainmueller and Michael Hiscox, “Attitudes toward Highly Skilled and Low-skilled Immigration: Evidence from a Survey Experiment” American Political Science Review (2010), 104:61-84

*Student Discussion Lead*

-Sarah Bermeo and David Leblang, Immigration and Foreign Aid

-Terri Givens and Adam Luedtke “The Politics of European Union Immigration Policy: Institutions, Salience, and Harmonization” [Policy Studies Journal](http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/118539967/home), [Volume 32 Issue 1](http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/118772409/issue)**, Pages 145 – 165**

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**Week 10 (April 13th): Use of force**

*Overview*

1) Who Controls the Use of Force in the United States?

2) Do domestic politics make democracies “stronger”/”weaker”?

*Required Readings*

-Monten, Jonathan, “The Roots of the Bush Doctrine: Power, Nationalism, and Democracy Promotion in US Strategy, International Security 29, no. 4 (Spring 2005): 112-156

-WG Howell, JC Pevehouse - [Presidents, Congress, and the use of force](http://journals.cambridge.org/abstract_S0020818305050034), International Organization, 2005

-Tomz, Mike, [Domestic Audience Costs in International Relations: An Experimental Approach](http://www.stanford.edu/%7Etomz/pubs/Tomz-AudCosts-2007-09.pdf), *International Organization* 61, no. 4 (Fall 2007): 821–40.

-Ahmer Tarar, Bahar Leventoğlu, Public Commitment in Crisis Bargaining International Studies Quarterly Volume 53, Issue 3, pages 817–839, September 2009\*

-Braumoeller, Bear F., and Carson, Austin. 2011. Political Irrelevance, Democracy, and the Limits of Militarized Conflict.  *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. Forthcoming.\*

*Student Discussion Lead*

-Alastair Smith [*The American Political Science Review*](http://www.jstor.org/action/showPublication?journalCode=amerpoliscierevi), Vol. 92, No. 3 (Sep., 1998), pp. 623-638 <http://www.jstor.org/stable/pdfplus/2585485.pdf> International Crises and Domestic Politics \*

-Weeks, Jessica, “Autocratic Audience Costs: Regime Type and Signaling Resolve,” *International Organization*, Winter 2008 (62.1)

-Meernik, James 2001. “Domestic Politics and the Political Use of Military Force by the United States”. Political Research Quarterly. 54:889-904;

*Assignment:*

Individual project outlines due

**Week 11 (April 20th): Domestic politics and interstate relations in the EU**

*Overview*

1) What are the relevant domestic actors in the EU

2) How do supranational institutions respond to national level pressures, and how are national level pressures determined

3) Is the role of domestic politics in international relations different for Europe than the US; what explains these differences?

*Required Readings*

-Moravcsik, Andrew, SEA Negotiations *International Organization,* Winter *1991*\*

-Milner, Helen, Interests, Institutions, and Information, chapters 7-8 \*

## -Hix, Simon, Abdul Noury and Gerald Roland, 2006, “Dimensions of Politics in the European Parliament”, [American Journal of Political Science](http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/117986287/home) [Volume 50 Issue 2](http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/118570854/issue)****,**Pages 494 – 520,** <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/118570870/abstract>\*

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**Week 12 (April 27th): Developing World**

# *Overview*

1) How is the relationship between domestic politics and international relations in the developing world different from the developed world?

2) What role do institutions versus preferences have in explaining these differences

# *Required Readings*

# -Steven R. David, Explaining Third World Alignment [*World Politics*](http://www.jstor.org/action/showPublication?journalCode=worldpolitics), Vol. 43, No. 2 (Jan., 1991), pp. 233-256

# -Tanja Ellingsen, 2000, Colorful Community or Ethnic Witches' Brew? Multiethnicity and Domestic Conflict during and after the Cold War  *[The Journal of Conflict Resolution](http://www.jstor.org/action/showPublication?journalCode=jconfreso)*, Vol. 44, No. 2 (Apr., 2000), pp. 228-249

- Stephen Kaplan, 2006 “The Political Obstacles to Greater Exchange Rate Flexibility in China”, World Development, Vol. 34, No. 7, pp. 1182–1200, 2006

-Johnston, Iain "Chinese Public Opinion Towards International Affairs”, working paper OR “Chinese Attitudes toward the United States and Americans” (co-authored with Daniela

Stockmann) in Peter Katzenstein and Robert Keohane, editors, Anti-Americanisms and World

Politics (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2007) (optional)

Student Discussion Lead

-“Retesting Selectorate Theory: Separating the Effects of W from Other Elements of Democracy,” (with James D. Morrow, Randolph M. Siverson and Alastair Smith), *American Political Science Review* 1022, 3 (August, 2008):pp. 393-400.

**Week 13 (TBD, makeup from January cancellation): Individual Presentations**

-Individual project presentations

-With food and drinks