

Diplomacy and Conflict in the Middle East

CRN 18662 - POLS 30392 Sec. 01

Fall Semester 2009 Syllabus

Political Science Department lecture

Pasquerilla Center 112, T R 12:30p-1:45p

3 Credit Hours

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Diplomacy is usually employing a wide repertoire of foreign policy tools and military means all aiming at advancing the strategic standing of a nation state. These means range from a wide range of diplomatic tools to a variety of military operations. This course deals with the “military and diplomatic toolbox” available to policy makers, its application and the way the diverse approaches have been integrated into Middle Eastern politics since World War II. Among the topics to be discussed: types of negotiations (bilateral, multilateral, conferences and other international forums, back track diplomacy etc.), and definition and analysis of a large number of intended and achieved results (temporary agreements, non belligerency, permanent peace treaties and local agreements on one element of a wider conflict). Also to be discussed is the military dimension which has usually accompanied the diplomatic track in Middle Eastern diplomacy and have included from local campaigns, limited wars, terror to general wars.

Course Structure: Two 75-minute classes per week

Prerequisites: If you attended POLS 30390 Sec. 01 Diplomatic History of Middle East in fall 2008 it is an advantage but not a prerequisite.

Required Textbooks

Henry Kissinger. *Diplomacy*. New York: Simon & Schuster (1994).

By the end of the semester, it is hoped that the student will:

- a) Have developed an understanding of the historical roots of Arab-Israeli relations since the beginning of the conflict.

- b) Be able to identify and apply core theories to help understand and explain the past and current processes.
- c) Identify, understand and explain the role of each of the pertinent players.

Grading

Component	Percentage
Class participation	10%
Mid-term Essay exam	20%
Home essay I	20%
Home essay II	20%
Final Examination	30%

Paper - Home essay

- To be submitted electronically by e-mail to abligh@nd.edu as attachment.
- Must be double spaced, font 12, footnotes 11, and typed up on Word Processing software.
- The papers are due on Sept 22th and Nov 24th by midnight.
- Failure to submit the paper on time will automatically result in a deduction of half a letter grade for each week or part of it the paper is late.
- The student should maintain a complete copy of the paper, including all appendixes for the student's records.

Class Schedule & Readings

PLEASE NOTE: Each session's reading material is divided between **required (in bold fonts) readings** and optional reading (no more than 3 items). Also, the class schedule is a planned outline, but it is highly likely that there will be some shifting throughout the academic semester as not all topics will fit an entire class session (either requiring more or less time.)

Section 1: International Relations (IR) Theory and the Psychology of Leadership

Week 1- Introduction: What is security?

Aug 25 - **First Day of Class**

Aug 27

- **Rothschild, Emma. 1995. "What is security?" *Daedalus* 124(3), 53-98**
- **Lebovic, J. 2004. "Unity in Action: Explaining Alignment Behavior in the Middle East." *Journal of Peace Research* 41(2), 167-189.**
- **Ratner, Ely. 2009. "Reaping What You Sow: Democratic Transitions and Foreign Policy Realignment." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 53(3), 390-418**

Week 2- Rationality & the Concept of "Crazy States"

Sept 1

- **Verba, Sidney. 1961. "Assumptions of Rationality and Non-Rationality in Models of the International System." *World Politics* 14(1): 93-117**
- **Mercer, Johnathan. "Rationality and Psychology in International Politics." *International Organization* 59(1): 77-106**

Sept 3

- **Caprioli, M., & Trumbore, P. 2003. "Identifying 'Rogue' States and Testing Their Interstate Conflict Behavior." *European Journal of International Relations*, 9(3), 377-406.**

Week 3- Realism and Neo-Realism in Foreign Policy; Cognitive Process of Foreign Policy Decision Making

Sept 8

- **Rose, Gideon. 1998. "Neoclassical Realism and Theories of Foreign Policy." *World Politics* 51(1): 144-172**

Sept 10

- **Bonham, Matthew G., Michael Shapiro, and Thomas L. Trumble. 1979. "The October War: Changes in Cognitive Orientation Towards the Middle East Conflict." *International Studies Quarterly* 23(1): 3-44**
- **Shapiro, Michael and G. Matthew Bonham. 1973. "Cognitive Process and Foreign Policy Decision-Making" *International Studies Quarterly* 17(2): 147-174**

Week 4 – Perception & Deterrence; Sovereignty

Sept 15

- **Malka, Amos. 2008. "Israel and Asymmetric Deterrence." *Comparative Strategy*, 27(1), 1-19**
- **Sullivan, Patricia. 2007. "War Aims and War Outcomes: Why Powerful States Lose Limited Wars." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 51(3): 464-495**

- Robert Powell, "Nuclear Deterrence Theory, Nuclear Proliferation, and National Missile Defense", *International Security* 27 (4): 86-118.
- Mor, Ben D. 1991. "Nasser's Decision-making in the 1967 Middle East Crisis: A Rational-choice Explanation." *Journal of Peace Research* 28(4): 359-375

Sept 17:

- **Woody, Susan M. (1968). "The Theory of Sovereignty: Dewey versus Austin. *Ethics*, 78(4), 313-318**
- **Razi, G. Hossein. 1990. "Legitimacy, Religion and Nationalism in the Middle East." *American Political Science Review* 84(1): 69-91**

Section 2: War and Peace

Week 5- Declaring War; Casus Belli

Sept 22 **Home Essay I Due**

- **Sumida, J. (2001). "The Relationship of History and Theory in 'On War': The Clausewitzian Ideal and Its Implications." *Journal of Military History*, 65(2), 333-354.**
- Howard, M. (2009). "Military Power and International Order." *International Affairs*, 85(1), 145-155.

Sept 24

- **Buchanan, Allen and Robert Keohane. 2004. „"The Preventative Use of Force: A Cosmopolitan Institutional Proposal." *Ethics & International Affairs* 18(1): 1-22**
- Rodin, David. 2004. "War and Self-Defense." *Ethics & International Affairs* 18(1): 63-68
- McMahan, Jeff. 2004. "War as Self-Defense." *Ethics & International Affairs* 18(1): 75-80

Week 6- Just War Theory; Concluding War

Sept 29

- **Douglas, M. (2003). "Changing the Rules: Just War Theory in the Twenty-First Century." *Theology Today*, 59(4), 529-545**
- **Silverman, A. (2002). "Just War, Jihad, and Terrorism: A Comparison of Western and Islamic Norms for the Use of Political Violence." *Journal of Church & State*, 44(1), 73-92.**
- McKenna (SJ), Joseph C. 1960. "Ethics and War: A Catholic View" *The American Political Science Review* 53(3): 647-658

- Weigel, George. 2002. "The Just War Tradition and the World after September 11." *Logos* 5(3): 13-44

Oct 1

- **Wittman, Donald. 1979. "How a War Ends: A Rational Model Approach." *The Journal of Conflict Resolution* 23(4): 743-763**
- **Chan, Steve. 2003. "Explaining War Termination: A Boolean Analysis of Causes." *Journal of Peace Research* 40(1): 49-66**

Week 7 – Mediation, using Camp David (1978) as a test case

Oct 6

- **Pressman, Jeremy. 2003. "Visions in Collision: What Happened at Camp David and Taba?" *International Security* 28(2): 5-43**
- Schrod, Philip A. and Deborah J. Gerner. 2004. "An Event Data Analysis of Third-Party Mediation in the Middle East and Balkans." *The Journal of Conflict Resolution* 48(3): 310-330

Oct 8

- Pressman, Jeremy. 2007. "Mediation, Domestic Politics, and the Israeli-Syrian Negotiations, 1991-2000." *Security Studies*, 16(3), 350-381,
- Irani, George E. 1999. "Islamic Mediation Techniques for Middle East Conflicts." *MERIA* 3(2): access at <http://meria.idc.ac.il/journal/1999/issue2/jv3n2a1.html>

Week 8 - International Peace Conferences

Oct 13

- **Pearlman, Wendy. 2008. "Spoiling Inside and Out: Internal Political Contestation and the Middle East Peace Process." *International Security* 33(3), 79-109**
- de Mesquita, Bruce Bueno. 1990. "Multilateral negotiations: a spatial analysis of the Arab-Israeli dispute." *International Organization* 44(3), 317-341

Oct 15: **Midterm Exam**

Week 9- No Class- Fall Break

Section 3: Keeping the Peace- Strategies and Complications

Week 10 – Bilateral and Multilateral International Agreements, using nuclear proliferation as a test case

Oct 27

- Verdier, D. (2008). "Multilateralism, Bilateralism, and Exclusion in the Nuclear Proliferation Regime." *International Organization*, 62(3), 439-476.
- Astorino-Courtois, Allison. 1996. "Transforming International Agreements into National Realities: Marketing Arab-Israeli Peace in Jordan." *The Journal of Politics* 58(4): 1035-1054

Oct 29

- Kenneth Waltz, "The Spread of Nuclear Weapons: More May Better," *Adelphi Papers*, Number 171. London: International Institute for Strategic Studies (1981).

Week 11- International Military Forces

Nov 3

- Woodhouse, T., Ramsbotham, O., & Ramsbotham, O. (2005). *Cosmopolitan Peacekeeping and the Globalization of Security. International Peacekeeping*, 12(2), 139-156.
- Betts, Richard K. 1994. "The Delusion of Impartial Intervention." *Foreign Affairs* 73(6): 20-33

Nov 5

- Bligh, Alexander, "The United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF), 1956-1967, and the Canadian Role – Past Experience, Current Lessons" (forthcoming).

Week 12- Public and Secret Diplomacy

Nov 10

- Gilboa, Eytan. 2000. "Mass Communication and Diplomacy: A Theoretical Framework." *Communication Theory* 10(3): 275-309

Nov 12

- Kurikazi, Shuhei. 2007. "Efficient secrecy: Public versus Private Threats in Crisis Diplomacy." *American Political Science Review* 101(3): 543-558

Week 13- Small Groups and Foreign Policy Making

Nov 17

- Bligh, Alexander. 1999. "The Intifada and the new political role of the Israeli Arab leadership." *Middle Eastern Studies* 35(1): 134-164
- Petersen, K. (2004). A Research Note: Reexamining Transnational Ethnic Alliances and Foreign Policy Behavior. *International Interactions*, 30(1), 25-42

Nov 19

- Bligh, Alexander. 2003. "The Final Settlement of the Palestinian Issue and the Position of the Israeli Arab Leadership" *Israel Affairs* 9(1): 290-309

Week 14- Terrorism & Hostage Situations

Nov 24 **Home Essay II Due**

- Pape, Robert A. 2003. "The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism." *American Political Science Review* 97(3): 343-361
- Thomas, Ward. 2000. "Norms and Security: The Case of International Assassination." *International Security* 25(1): 105-133

Nov 26 – Thanksgiving (No class)

Week 15- Terrorism (cont); Test Cases

Dec 1

Dec 3

Week 16- Test Cases (Cont)- Conclusion of Class

Dec 8

Dec 10