

International University of Sarajevo
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IR 302: Foreign Policy Analysis

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Tuesday: 12:00-13:00 (F1-10)

Wednesday: 16:00-17:50 (F1-26)

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How do states make foreign policy? Can state actions in international relations best be described as a rational response to the constraints and opportunities existing in their external environments? Or do factors internal to the state – the mindsets and psychological predispositions of political leaders, public opinion, economic interest groups, political culture, political structures, bureaucratic conflicts, and other factors – play a significant role? How do external and internal factors interact in the processes leading to the foreign policy actions of states? Is the foreign policy-making process different in times of crisis than at other times? How do we explain foreign policy behavior in some of the leading crises of the 20th century?

This course examines leading theoretical approaches to the study of foreign policy across a range of states and issue areas. The goal of the course is to prepare students to both critically evaluate the theoretical literature on foreign policy and to analyze current developments in global politics. We will investigate the influence of international environment, state character, leadership, psychology and domestic factor. We will also analyze the current rising power's foreign policy in order to understand where we are heading and what is likely to be the future of international system.

COURSE TEXTS

There is no single text. No reader. A number of texts will be assigned to each class as readings to be discussed in class which will take the form of a circle. Students are encouraged to ask critical questions and develop interdisciplinary comparative reflections on the different issues.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Assessment/Evaluation:

Attendance & Participation	10%
Assignments	10%
Mid-term Exam	20%
Term Paper/Essay	15%
Presentation	15%
Final Exam	30%

Class Preparation

Kindly bring to each class:

1. One (or possibly two or even three) quote(s) from the day's reading that, in your opinion, best represents or indicates a central theme or argument. You should be ready to explain why it is you think this quote is central/crucial. A brief justification for your choice should be written out below the quote.

2. At least two questions or critical comments you have about the day's reading. They could challenge the author's argument or raise an issue unexamined by the author or indicate the need for further clarification of some concept or portion of the text being examined. Please be ready to raise these questions or comments in class.

Assignments:

I ask you to choose a **book, monograph or an article** published in top journals such as *World Politics*, *International Organizations*, *International Studies Review*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Millennium* etc. related to our course and write an **800-words critical review** of it. 1/3 of it should explain the main argument(s), 2/3 should analyze the arguments. This should be submitted before mid-term exam in hard-copy. I encourage you to discuss and confirm your chosen book, monograph or article with me. **Deadline is 28th of March, 6pm!**

Term Paper & Essay: Please choose a topic and formulate **an essay topic based on a question** as early as possible. Comparative papers are encouraged. I highly encourage you to approach me to discuss it. It should be between **2300-2500 words**. **NO MORE, NO LESS**. Your presentation will be based on your essay.

Note on Attendance: Attendance will be taken and absences should **not exceed %20 of total class time**. Those exceed the limits without a medical certificate or any other emergency excuse required **Dean's approval** either to take final exam or to be withdrawn from the course. If, for unavoidable reasons, you are unable to make it to a class on time, you are welcome to join us when you are able. However, you should notify me in advance. Habitual lateness is unacceptable. If you are late or miss a class we miss your contribution and presence. We are a group, and I wish students would have this sense of us being an academic "community".

NOTE ON PLAGIARISM

The discovery of any instance of plagiarism will result in an automatic failure for the course with no opportunity for withdrawal from the course. This will be in addition to the filing of a report on the incident with the Academic Integrity Committee, as mandated by university policy. If you are uncertain about the definition of plagiarism, please ask me before submitting work for this course.

COURSE OUTLINE

1st Week:

28 February: Introduction

Why did you choose to study **Foreign Policy Analysis**? (What do you want to know and why?)
Why do we always talk about “foreign” in the both western and the non-western world and what is so “important” about “analyzing” it?

29 February: What is Foreign Policy? How do we analyze it?

Valerie M. Hudson and Chris S. Vore, “Foreign Policy Analysis yesterday, today and Tomorrow”, *Mershon International Studies Review*, Vol 39, No 2, 1995, pp.209-238.
Valerie M. Hudson, “Foreign Policy Analysis: Actor-Specific Theory and the Ground of International Relations,” *Foreign Policy Analysis*, Vol. 1, No. 1 (March 2005), pp. 1-30.

2nd Week: Level of Analysis

6 March & 7 March

J. David Singer, “The Levels-of-Analysis Problem in International Relations,” *World Politics*, Vol 14, No 1, 1961, pp. 77-92.

Walter Carlsnaes, “The Agency-Structure Problem in Foreign Policy Analysis”, *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol 36, No 3, 1992, pp.245-270.

3rd Week: International Level (Neo-realist, Liberalism, Neo-Marxist and System Theories, Transnational Advocacy Groups)

13 March & 14 March

Stephen Walt and John J. Mearsheimer, “The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy,” *Middle East Policy*, Vol. 13, No. 3, 2006, pp. 29-87.

Gideon Rose, “Neoclassical Realism and Theories of Foreign Policy,” *World Politics*, Vol. 51, No. 1, 1998, pp. 144-172.

William I. Robinson, “Globalization, the World System, and ‘Democracy Promotion’ in U. S. Foreign Policy,” *Theory and Society*, Vol. 25, No. 5, 1996, pp. 615-665.

4th Week: State Level (non-democracies, democratic peace etc)

20 March & 21 March

Zeev Maoz and Bruce Russett, “Normative and Structural Causes of Democratic Peace 1946-1986”, *American Political Science Review*, Vol 87, No 3, 1993, pp.624-638.

Christopher Layne, “Kant or Cant: The Myth of the Democratic Peace,” *International Security* Vol 19, No 2, (Autumn 1994), pp. 5-49.

Kathleen J. Hancock, “The Semi-Sovereign State: Belarus and the Russian Neo-Empire,” *Foreign Policy Analysis*, Vol. 2, No. 2, 2006, pp. 117-136.

5th Week: Individual Level (personality, leadership, perception, belief etc)

27 March & 28 March

Margaret G. Hermann, Thomas Preston, Baghat Korany and Timothy M. Shaw, "Who Leads Matter: The Effects of Powerful Individuals" *International Studies Review*, Vol 3, No 2, 2001, pp.83-132.

Aylin S. Görener & Meltem S. Ucal, "The Personality and Leadership Style of Recep Tayyip Erdogan: Implications for Turkish Foreign Policy", *Turkish Studies*, Vol 12, No 3, 2011, pp.357-381.

Blema S. Steinberg, "Indira Gandhi: The Relationship between Personality Profile and Leadership Style." *Political Psychology*, Vol 26, No 5, 2005, pp.755-789.

Stephen Dyson, "Personality and Foreign Policy: Tony Blair's Iraq Decision," *Foreign Policy Analysis*, Vol 2, No 3, 2006, pp.289-306.

6th Week: Prospective Theory, Bureaucratic Politics and Groupthink

3 April & 4 April

Patrick J. Haney, "Foreign-Policy Advising: Models and Mysteries from the Bush Administration," *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 35, No. 2, 2005, pp. 289-302.

Zeev Maoz, "Framing the National Interest: The Manipulation of Foreign Policy Decisions in Group Settings," *World Politics*, Vol. 43, No. 1, 1990, pp. 77-110.

Kurt Weyland, "Risk Taking in Latin American Economic Restructuring: Lessons from Prospect Theory," *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 40, No. 2, 1996, pp.185-207.

7th Week: 10-11 April – Mid-Term Exam

8th Week: Two-Level Games and Decision-Making Theories

17 April & 18 April

Robert D. Putnam, "Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two Level Games", *International Organization*, Vol 42, No 3, 1998, pp.427-460.

Joe D. Hagan, "Does Decision Making Matter? Systematic Assumptions vs. Historical Reality in International Relations Theory." *International Studies Review*, Vol 3, No 2 (Summer 2001), pp.5-46.

9th Week: Strategic Culture, Identity and Ideas

24 April & 25 April

Naomi B. Wish, "Foreign Policy Makers and Their National Role Conceptions", *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol 24, No 4, 1980, pp.532-554.

Rashed Uz Zaman, "Kautilya: The Indian Strategic Thinker and Indian Strategic Culture", *Comparative Strategy*, Vol 25, No 3, 2006, pp.231-247.

10th Week: Public Opinion and Media

1 May - Labor Day Holiday

2 May

Steven Kull, Clay Ramsay and Evan Lewis, "Misperceptions, the Media, and the Iraq War," *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol 118, No 4, Winter 2003/2004, pp.569-598.

Daniel W. Drezner and Henry Farrell, "Web of Influence," *Foreign Policy*, No. 145, Nov./Dec. 2004, pp. 32-40.

11th Week: Foreign Policy of Superpowers, Weak States and Pivotal Middle Powers

8 May & 9 May

Miriam Fendius Elman, "The Foreign Policies of Small States: Challenging Neo-Realism in its Own Backyard," *British Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 25, No. 2, 1995, pp.171-217.

Mohammed Ayoob, "The Security Problematic of the Third World," *World Politics*, Vol. 43, 1991, pp.257-283.

Mehmet Ozkan, "A New Approach to Global Security: Pivotal Middle Powers and Global Politics", *Perceptions: Journal of International Affairs*, Vol XI, No 1, 2006, pp.77-95.

12th Week: Foreign Policy in the 21st Century: The EU

15 May & 16 May

Brian White, "The European Challenge to Foreign Policy Analysis," *European Journal of International Relations*, Vol. 5, No. 1, 1999, pp. 37-66.

Henrik Larsen, "A Distinct FPA for Europe? Towards a Comprehensive Framework for Analysing the Foreign Policy of EU Member States," *European Journal of International Relations*, Vol. 15, No. 3, 2009, pp. 537-66.

13th Week: BRICS, CIVETS, IBSA etc.

22 May & 23 May

Andrew Hurrell, "Hegemony, Liberalism, and Global Order: What Space for Would-Be Global Powers?" *International Affairs*, Vol. 82, No. 1, 2006, pp. 1-19.

Jorge G. Castañeda, "Not ready for prime time", *Foreign Affairs*, Vol 89, No 5, September-October 2010, pp.109-122.

Amitav Acharya, "Can Asia lead? Power Ambitions and Global Governance in the Twenty-First Century", *International Affairs*, Vol 87, No 4, 2011, pp.851-869.

14th Week: Turkey, Germany

29 May & 30 May

Readings to be assigned.

15th Week: Alternative Foreign Policy? Venezuela and Iran

5 June & 6 June

Readings to be assigned.

16th Week: Final Exam

NB: ARTICLES ARE AVAILABLE AT PHOTOCOPY CENTER, LEVEL -1.