

GOVT 491
THE DOMESTIC POLITICS OF INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY
Spring 2003

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Course Description

Over the last several decades, the field of international relations has moved away from systemic theories of international behavior and foreign policy toward theories that open up the “black box” and examine factors within states. This course looks at the ways domestic actors’ preferences, political coalitions, and institutions—“the rules of the game in a society or, more formally, . . . the humanly devised constraints that shape human interaction”—affect states’ ability and desire to bargain, cooperate, and reach agreement with other states, as well as their ability and desire to adhere to international agreements.

Course Requirements

Course grades are based on five requirements:

Literature review	February 27	10%
Rough Draft	March 28	20%
Final Research Paper	April 23	35%
Research Presentation		10%
Class Participation		25%

Participation: All reading assignments must be completed before class, since they serve as the basis for discussion. Any un-excused absences (see absence policy below) will result in participation grades of zero for the missed days. Participation grades are based on weekly discussion of the readings, periodic presentations on the readings, and discussion and analysis of colleagues’ research.

Research Presentation: All students are required to present their research using PowerPoint and to field questions. I will provide sign-up sheets and additional information and assign presentation dates early in the semester.

Literature Review: As a first step in your research, you must identify a research question and review the various ways others have addressed that question. In approximately five pages, define the parameters of the literature you address and discuss the major works within it. What do they share in common? What do they seek to explain? What are their shortcomings? The literature review is due in my office by 4 pm on Wednesday, February 27. For examples of literature reviews, consult the works on the syllabus, especially: Cortell and Peterson, *Altered States*, pp. 2-8; Layne, “Kant or Cant,” pp. 7-12; Snyder, *Myths of Empire*, pp. 9-17; and Peterson, *Crisis Bargaining and the State*, pp. 13-23.

For longer, critical literature reviews, see

Robert Art, "Bureaucratic Politics and American Foreign Policy: A Critique," *Policy Sciences* 4 (1973): 467-90.

Peter A. Hall and Rosemary Taylor, "Political Science and the Three New Institutionalisms," *Political Studies* 44:5 (December 1996): 936-57.

Lisa L. Martin and Beth Simmons, "Theories and Empirical Studies of International Institutions," *International Organization* 52: 4 (Autumn 1998): 729-57.

Research Paper (in two drafts): All students must complete a major (15-20 pp.) research paper during the semester. A complete rough draft is due in my office by 4 pm on Friday, March 28. Each student will have the opportunity to re-write his or her draft based on my evaluations and on peer comments. Completed papers are due in my office by 4 pm on Wednesday, April 23. *Students must re-submit the literature review and rough draft with their final papers.*

All late assignments will be penalized one third of a letter grade (i.e., from an A- to a B+) for each day or fraction of a day late. No student can pass this course without completing all assignments, whether or not the assignments are graded. All students are responsible for saving a hard copy of all assignments.

Extra Scheduled Classes: In addition to the regular Monday meetings, we will meet on February 14 for individual meetings and on March 21 and April 4 as a class.

Other Policies

Absence: To be excused from a class or to reschedule an assignment requires notice from the Health Center or the Dean of Students. Late assignments will be penalized as stated above, unless an excuse is provided from the Health Center or the Dean's office. If you will miss class because of a religious holiday, you must notify me in the first two weeks of classes.

Disability Services: Persons with documented disabilities requiring accommodations to meet the expectations of this course should contact the Dean of Students Office. If you feel it is important for me to know that you have a diagnosed disability that will require accommodation, the Dean of Students Office must notify me in the first two weeks of classes.

Blackboard (formerly CourseInfo): All assignments and course documents are available on the Blackboard site accessible through the William and Mary homepage.

Dates to Remember

January 24	Last day to add a class; last day to drop a class without a "W;" last day to select Pass/ Fail or Audit option
February 27	Literature review due
March 28	Rough drafts due
April 23	Final paper due

Required Texts

The following texts are available for purchase in the bookstore:

–Andrew P. Cortell and Susan Peterson, eds., *Altered States: International Relations, Domestic Politics, and Institutional Change* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2002). [The paperback edition of this book is due out in late February. Please check the bookstore for purchase after that time.]

–Margaret E. Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, *Activists Beyond Borders: Advocacy Networks in International Politics* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1998).

–Susan Peterson, *Crisis Bargaining and the State: The Domestic Politics of International Conflict* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1996).

–Kenneth A. Schultz, *Democracy and Coercive Diplomacy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001).

I. Introduction: Domestic Institutions, Coalitions, and Preferences

A. Overview (January 20)

No readings.

B. States and Elites (January 27)

*Thomas J. Christensen, *Useful Adversaries: Grand Strategy, Domestic Mobilization, and Sino-American Conflict, 1947-1958* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1996), chs. 2, 3, 6 (115 pp.).

C. State Structures: Norms and Institutions (February 3)

*T. Clifton Morgan and Sally Howard Campbell, “Domestic Structure, Decisional Constraints, and War: So Why Kant Democracies Fight?” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 35:2 (June 1991): 187-211.

*Jack Snyder, *Myths of Empire: Domestic Politics and International Ambition* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1991), chs. 1, 2, 3 (111 pp.).

*Thomas Risse-Kappen, “Public Opinion, Domestic Structure, and Foreign Policy in Liberal Democracies,” *World Politics* 43:4 (July 1991): 479-512.

*John M. Owen, “How Liberalism Produces Democratic Peace,” *International Security* 19:2 (Fall 1994): 87-125.

II. Domestic Institutions and International Cooperation (February 10)

*Helen V. Milner, *Interests, Institutions, and Information* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1997), chs. 3, 4 (66 pp.).

*Peter F. Cowhey, "Domestic Institutions and the Credibility of International Commitments: Japan and the United States," *International Organization* 47:2 (Spring 1993): 299-326.

*Kurt Taylor Gaubatz, "Democratic States and Commitment in International Relations," *International Organization* 50:1 (Winter 1996): 109-39.

III. Domestic Institutions and International Conflict

A. The Domestic Politics of Crisis Bargaining (February 17)

Susan Peterson, *Crisis Bargaining and the State: The Domestic Politics of International Conflict* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1996), chs. 1, 2, 6, and any one of 3-5.

B. The Democratic Peace (February 24, March 10)

Review Morgan and Campbell, "Domestic Structure, Decisional Constraints, and War: So Why Kant Democracies Fight?" from week 3.

Review Owen, "How Liberalism Produces Democratic Peace" from week 3.

*Randall L. Schweller, "Domestic Structure and Preventive War: Are Democracies More Pacific?" *World Politics* 44:2 (January 1992): 235-69.

*Christopher Layne, "Kant or Cant: The Myth of the Democratic Peace," *International Security* 19:2 (Fall 1994): 5-49.

Kenneth A. Schultz, *Democracy and Coercive Diplomacy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001), entire.

IV. Domestic Institutional Change (March 17, 21)

*John M. Owen, IV, "The Foreign Imposition of Domestic Institutions," *International Organization* 56:2 (Spring 2002): 375-409.

Andrew P. Cortell and Susan Peterson, eds., *Altered States: International Relations, Domestic Politics, and Institutional Change* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2002), entire.

*Andrew P. Cortell and Susan Peterson, "Limiting the Unintended Consequences of Institutional Change," *Comparative Political Studies* 34:7 (September 2001): 768-99.

V. Domestic Politics and Transnational Relations (March 24, 31)

Margaret E. Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, *Activists Beyond Borders: Advocacy Networks in International Politics* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1998), entire.

*Thomas Risse-Kappen, ed., *Bringing Transnational Relations Back In: Non-state actors, domestic structures and international institutions* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995), chs. 1, 5, 9 (105 pp.).

VII. Student Research Presentations (April 4, 7, 14, 21)

THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE INSTRUCTOR.