POLI 4044
Contemporary International System
Summer 2013
11:00 am – 12:00 noon (114 Audubon Hall)

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OBJECTIVE: The course is conceived as a bridge between an introductory study of world politics and a sophisticated graduate seminar. The goal is to expose students to the major trends, the prominent opinions and the new waves in conceptualization and practice of world affairs today.

We will draw extensively from on-going developments in global affairs and determine whether, and to what extent, an international system exists. In the end, you are encouraged to build your own views on the current dimensions and future trends in world politics.

BOOKS: There is one textbook required for the course:
Fulvio Attina: The Global Political System
New York: Palgrave/MacMillan, 2011

In addition, subscription to the New York Times can be done through this class for the entire length of summer. Make checks of __________ to the Baton Rouge Courier.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES: Attendance in all class sessions is required. Be prepared to discuss reading assignments. Class participation is highly encouraged.

TESTS, PAPERS, EXAMS: There will be an early Take-Home Exam, two (2) multiple choice exams on the NYT articles, an In-Class Midterm, a system-paper on a research topic of your choice, as well as a 10 min. presentation, and an In-Class Final Exam.

GRADES: Will be calculated on the basis of this formula:

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Lecture & Readings

June 10 - 14  
- **Course Introduction**  
  (Readings: Introduction, Chap 6)
  - System Idea
  - The Contemporary International System
  - Scholarly Opinions
  - Attina’s Take

June 17  
- Early Take-Home Exam due

June 17 - 27  
- **Idea of Change and Continuity**  
  (Readings: Chap 1 – 5)
  - History of World Politics
  - Theories on Change and Continuity: Select Theorists
  - Actors and their impact on Change and Continuity: State-centric to Multi-centric

June 28  
- NYT Multiple Choice Exam

July 01  
- Midterm Exam

July 02 - 03  
- Give back exam/System Paper topics

July 05 - 10  
- **The Global Security System**  
  (Readings: Chap 8)

July 11 - 16  
- **The Global Economic System**  
  (Readings: Chap 7)

July 17 - 19  
- **Socio Cultural Aspects of the International System**  
  (Readings: Chap 9)

July 24  
- System Paper due

July 22 - 25  
- Presentations

July 26  
- NYT Multiple Choice Exam/Final I

July 29  
- Final II