COURSE SYLLABUS

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND NUCLEAR STRATEGY

POLI 4040

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Course Introduction:

The course is aimed, by and large, at offering a sweeping survey and a broad-based introduction to the major theoretical trends and paradigmatic traditions that define, organize, and drive the field of strategic and security studies in its contemporary context. Particular emphasis will be placed on issues like “causation, anatomy, and evolutionary trajectory of war and strategy,” “security and strategy in the nuclear age,” “terrorism, insurgency, and fourth generation warfare,” “U.S. national security traditions and processes,” and “environmental security, energy security, feminist security studies and other forms of non-traditional and critical security studies.” This wide-ranging approach will enable students to broaden their analytical appreciation of contemporary international conflicts beyond their immediate significance and implications and will provide a much-needed theoretical grounding and linguistic precision to contextualize and tease out the deeply embedded dynamics of war and peace in contemporary world politics.
Required Texts:

1) Strategy in the Contemporary World; *4th Edition* (2013) John Baylis (Author), James J. Wirtz (Author), Colin S. Gray (Author); Oxford University Press;
   - ISBN-10: 0199694788

2) Security Studies: An Introduction; *2nd Edition (2012)*: Paul D. Williams (Editor); Routledge;
   - ISBN-10: 0415782813

   - ISBN-10: 0393920100

*IMPORTANT NOTE: MAKE SURE YOU GET THE CORRECT EDITION OF THE BOOKS.*

Grading Details:

Your final grade will be computed as follows:

I. Research Paper:

You are required to write a 2000 word research paper on a significant theoretical or empirical security/nuclear strategy issue. You can pick and choose topics of your interest from among those touched upon in the course material or come up with your own issue of interest within the realm of security/strategic studies. You should clear your topic with me in person beforehand. This assignment will constitute 40% of your final grade. **You will need to clear your topic with me by Thursday, February 26th and submit the final draft of your paper by Sunday April 26th electronically on Moodle**, I will provide additional guidelines on this later in class. No late submission will be accepted.

II. Exam:

There will be three exams each comprising 30%, 15%, and 15% of your final grade respectively for a total of 60%. These will be multiple-choice exams (60 questions on exam 1, 30 questions
on Exams 2 & 3) with each question worth half a percent (0.50%) of your final grade (60% in total). The exams will include topics and issues discussed in lectures as well as the assigned reading materials. The overall purpose of these exams is to test your analytical understanding of and conceptual familiarity with the material covered over the course of the semester at the generic level. Here are the dates for the exams:

**The first exam will be on Wednesday, February 25th.**

**The second exam will be on Wednesday, March 18th.**

**The third exam will be on Wednesday April 29th.**

III. Extra Credit

I will consider a maximum of 10% extra credit to those who systematically attend class, proactively participate in class discussions, and stimulate intellectual conversation on the subject/issue at hand. Extra credit points will be assigned at the discretion of the professor at the end of the semester.

**Grading Summary:**

Final grades will be computed based upon performance on the following items:

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**Grading Scales:**

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Course Layout

Section 1) January 14

Theme: Orientation: What is Security; What is Strategy?
Readings: Williams; Chapter 1;
          Baylis, Wirtz, Gray; Introduction

Supplements:
Barry Buzan talks security: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZwNFfWnMh4
          http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=famR94qOCM
What is Grand Strategy? http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5mTNH2Pe9IQ

Section 2) January 21

Theme: Realisms:
Readings: Williams; Chapter 2
          Baylis, Wirtz, Gray; Chapter 1

Supplements:
Theory in Action: Realism: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UnKEFSVAiNQ
An Interview with Kenneth Waltz: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9T-Bh254RJI
Richard Betts, "Realism": http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DCE7EB1Nvq4
Henry Kissinger on Foreign Policy and the Art of Diplomacy: Overview of History (1994):
          http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=98RxLXATfGk
2013 Strategy Conference Keynote- John Mearsheimer, University of Chicago:  
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V3M3RxzJSfU

Why China Cannot Rise Peacefully: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXov7MkgPB4

Conversations with History: Stephen M. Walt:  
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sSfeAI61RSY

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Section 3) January 28

Theme: Liberalisms; Game Theory

Readings: Williams; Chapter 3, 4

Supplements:

Theory in Action: Liberalism: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZbDMUaqwE8

Conversations with History - Joseph S. Nye, Jr.:  
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AMqvDEQBCAs

The Life & Thought of Friedrich Hayek:  
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gU8rQnKN_uo

Is There a Democratic Deficit in World Politics?:  
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igL_Ke0noVc

Conversations with History: Robert O. Keohane:  
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5foxGFXNI-s

Thought Leader Michael Doyle on the Kantian Approach to International Affairs:  
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X8tgDKq5Ht4

Nash Equilibrium: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2d_dtTZQyUM

Prisoners' Dilemma and Nash Equilibrium: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UkXI-zPcDIM
Section 4) February 4

Theme: Constructivisms; Peace Studies; Culture

Readings: Williams; Chapters 5 & 6, 12
Baylis, Wirtz, Gray; Chapter 4

Supplements:

Breaking the Cycle of Violent Conflict with Johan Galtung: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16YiLqftppo

Theory in Action: Constructivism: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kYU9UfkJVCk XI

John R. Searle (Conversations with History): http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dvn6SIWCQpo

Bringing Back Strategic Culture and Grand Strategy - ISN Podcasts 16 Apr. 2012: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CQOV088BwDg

China's strategic culture- Can the past inform the future? Thomas Mahnken: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NrHf7dWO22s


Section 5) February 11

Theme: Critical Theory; Feminisms; IPS

Readings: Williams; Chapters 7, 8 & 9

Supplements:

"Women and Militarization: Before, During, and After Wars" with Cynthia Enloe: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lFCktWvARVo

Judith Butler: Your Behavior Creates Your Gender: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bo7o2LYATDc

A Three-Question Interview with Ken Booth: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vkV_NR9-5bo

TEDxPSU - Bruce Schneier - Reconceptualizing Security: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CGd_M_CpeDI
Section 6) February 18

Theme: Uncertainty; Polarity
Readings: Williams; Chapter 10, 11

Supplements:
The Melian Dialogue: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PNzHOqjMHwY
A World Without Superpowers: de-centered globalism:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jVXh6b0ofM

***Review & Exam #1 Wednesday, February 25th***
Readings for Exam #1: Readings and Class Lectures for sections 1-6

Section 7) March 4

Theme: War
Readings: Williams, Chapter 13
Baylis, Wirtz, Gray; Chapters 1, 2, 7

Supplements:
Reflections on War and Death by Sigmund Freud:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxEBmf_vlOA
The Art of War Sun Tsu Full Documentary. (Educational):
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=erZ2YidTZp4
The Philosophy of War - Part 2 - Clausewitz On Total War:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Ni-KDQORaQ

Antiwar Radio 01/10/2007: Scott Horton Interviews William Lind:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1hjQOMlpH9A

Section 8) March 11
Theme: Coercion; Terrorism, Counterterrorism, Counterinsurgency
Readings: Williams, Chapter 14, 15, 30, 31
          Baylis, Wirtz, Gray; Chapter 9

Supplements:
The Iraq War Full BBC Documentary]: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6YogEkT7Xwc
US Strategic Nuclear Policy -- Part 2: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYnflSeL8wo
Center for Asymmetric Warfare Georgetown 2006 Pt 1/12:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBEjPZsOllQ
Watch Parts 1-12 at http://www.youtube.com/user/cawcontacts?feature=watch

2013 Meet the Author - Dr. David Kilcullen - Full Version:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ax_K9Wih8aE

Iraqi Insurgency Documentary and Counterinsurgency:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NNLHM-Rn5EI

The Iraq War Regime Change BBC full documentary 2013 Historical ,political and factual:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rzuP-x5RPMw
Section 9) March 25

Theme: Intelligence; Alliances & Regional Institutions

Readings: Williams, Chapter 16, 23, 24
          Baylis, Wirtz, Gray; Chapter 8

Supplements:


Manhunt: The Search for Bin Laden 2013 HD (HBO Full Documentary): http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w06I6_aTuHc

World War I: Web Of Alliances ¾: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBrD_u20UF0
World War I: Web Of Alliances 2/4: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22AA8uRzn7A
World War I: Web Of Alliances ¾: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T4it2HNM5x0
World War I: Web Of Alliances 4/4: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VeWbOJARGUs
Robert Gates on the Future of NATO: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nehFwpm2R9A

Section 10) April 1

Theme: WMD

Readings: Williams, Chapters 27, 29
          Baylis, Wirtz, Gray; Chapters 10, 11
Supplements:

Weapons Races Nuclear Bomb 4 of 8: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5grPKKDuyDU

Weapons Races Strategic Bomber 5 of 8: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16DWSmDNSr0

Weapons Races Strategic Ballistic Missile 6 of 8: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8gsiguGwM

Weapons Races Nuclear Submarine 7 of 8: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8tS3SN7r3Mk

Nuclear Confrontation | Iran & The West [Part 3/3]: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cf3fcoXx0pI

Section 11) April 15

Theme: Spread of Nukes

Readings: Sagan & Waltz; Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4

Section 12) April 22

Theme: Case Studies and the Spread of Nukes

Readings: Sagan & Waltz; Chapter 5, 6, 7

Supplements:

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***Review & Exam #3 Wednesday, April 29th ***

Readings for Exam: Sections 9-12 Readings