

Sc 530 International Studies Senior Seminar
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Monday 3-4:50 p.m.
Carney 307

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COURSE OVERVIEW

This seminar is designed primarily for seniors majoring or minoring in International Studies. During the semester, I hope the course will accomplish four goals:

- 1) to provide the group with a common vocabulary for analyzing the current international environment - politically, economically and socially;
- 2) to encourage participants to think about future global relationships in an informed and constructive way;
- 3) to prepare students to write research papers on topics of their choice relating to International Studies; and
- 4) to exchange views, debate, question, research - all in an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust.

Toward these ends I have structured the first part of the semester, drawing on the assigned readings, including *Jihad vs. MacWorld*, by Benjamin Barber and *The Post-American World*, by Fareed Zakaria. After this initial phase, we shall be meeting to discuss each other's ongoing work in progress. Student input is vital, both to the content and organization of the seminar! Please share your concerns in the group, with me individually, or in both settings. I encourage you to become keenly interested in current events during this semester, and to bring into the seminar each week a discussion of real life events that may be explored using the framework we are developing.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Please print out and read the assigned readings for the day they are due, so that we may have a complete discussion with maximum participation each week. Class participation counts 20% of your grade.

There are but two writing assignments: First, a 10 pp. paper (due November 3rd) in which I will ask you to answer some questions relating to the readings. This paper counts 20% of your grade. Second, your Paper in International Studies, which is due by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15, 2008 in my mailbox, Room 426 McGuinn. We shall be conferring about topics and lengths of these papers.

READINGS

As indicated each week.

Benjamin Barber, Jihad vs. MacWorld; Fareed Zakaria The Post-American World.

CALENDAR

Mon	9/8	Course Overview Discussion Topics for Papers - setting up appointments
Mon	9/15	The Post-American World Decisions on Paper Topics

Reading: Zakaria, all.

OVER

Mon 9/22 History: Colonialism, Neo-Colonialism, Post-Modernism
Readings:
Karl Polanyi, *The Great Transformation*, pp. 3-19; 43-76; 130-134
Ellen M. Wood, "Modernity, Post-Modernity or Capitalism." in
Robert McChesney *et al.*, *Capitalism and the Information Age*.
John Gray, "From the Great Transformation to the Global Free
Market." in Fred J. Lechner and John Boli, *The Globalization Reader*.

Mon 9/29 Comparative Methods; Research
Using O'Neill Library; Components of a Research Paper and Thesis
Readings:
Angus Maddison, "The World Economy: A Millennial Perspective;
John T. Passe-Smith, "The Persistence of the Gap between Rich
and Poor Countries . . .";
Robert H. Wade, "The Rising Inequality of World Income
Distribution";
John T. Passe-Smith, "Could It Be that the Whole World is Already
Rich . . .?";
Adam Przeworski and Fernando Limongi, "Political Regimes and
Economic Growth."
**All readings in Mitchell A. Seligson and John T. Passe-Smith,
Development and Underdevelopment.**

Mon 10/6 Alternative Theories: Idealism and Realism in International Affairs
Readings:
Michael Ignatieff, "Who are Americans to Think that Freedom is
Theirs to Spread?" *New York Times* 6/26/05
Milton Friedman, *Capitalism and Freedom*, ch 1.
Amartya Sen, "Democracy as a Universal Value." *Journal of Democracy* 10.3
(1999) 3-17
William C. Wohlforth, "Measuring Power - and the Power of
Theories." in John A. Vasquez and Colin Elman, *Realism
and the Balancing of Power*.

VACATION

Mon 10/20 Development and Dependency
Readings:
David C. McClelland, "The Achievement Motive in Economic
Growth."
W.W. Rostow, "The Five Stages of Growth."
Theotonio dos Santos, "The Structure of Dependence."
**All readings in Mitchell A. Seligson and John T. Passe-Smith,
Development and Underdevelopment.**

Mon 10/27 Culture Clash

Readings:

Barber, esp. pp. xi – 32; 73-87; 268-292

S.P. Huntington, *The Clash of Civilizations*, ch. 3.

Distribute Mid-term assignment

Mon 11/3

Globalization

Readings:

Gary Hytrek and Kristine Zentgraf, "Globalization and Immigration," in *America Transformed*, ch. 7.

Lawrence H. Summers, "Reflections on Managing Global Integration." *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 13, 2 (1999) 3-16.

William Greider, "Wawasan 2000" in *Globalization: Ready Or Not?* ch. 19.

Mary E. Burfisher et al., "The Impact of NAFTA on the United States." *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 15, 1 (2001) 125-144

Mid-Term is Due

Mon 11/10

Re-cap of Mid-Term

Legitimacy and the Fragility of the State; Womens Issues;

Environment

Readings:

Francis Fukuyama, "Weak States and International Legitimacy." in *State Building*, ch. 3

Teri Callaway, *Assembling Women*, conclusion

Jagdish N. Bhagwati, "Women: Helped or Harmed?" in *Globalization's Human Face*, ch 7

Joseph Kahn and Jim Yardley, "As China Roars, Pollution Reaches Deadly Extremes." *New York Times* 8/26/07

John Browne, "Beyond Kyoto." *Foreign Affairs* 09/13/07

Mon 11/17

Neo-Liberal Models at Home and Abroad

Organizing student input for final seminars

Readings:

Severyn Bruyn, *A Civil Republic*, chs. 3, 4, 9

Steven L. Lamy, "Contemporary Mainstream Approaches: Neo-Realism and Neo-Liberalism." in John Baylis and Steve Smith, *The Globalization of World Politics*, ch. 9

Mon 11/24

Foreign Policy in the Obama administration

First Drafts of Papers are due

Mon 12/1

Student paper presentations

Mon 12/8

Student paper presentations

Wed 12/15

Final Drafts of Papers are due in my mailbox, 426 McGuinn by 4 p.m.