

McGill University

Political Science 360

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY: STRATEGIES OF WAR AND PEACE

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Wed: 1:15-2:15

Much of known history has been characterized by the waging of wars and the endless search for peace. Countries fought wars on the basis of strategic myths and beliefs, while peace-makers devised plans for reducing conflict and the eventual abolition of war itself. This course deals with different strategies of war (both conventional and nuclear) and peace in comparative and historical perspectives. During the first half of the semester, we will discuss strategy as applied to war with the aid of a number of case studies. In the second half, we will devote our attention to different strategies for attaining peace among nation states in a semi-anarchic international system.

Required Reading Materials: The textbook, T.V. Paul, *Restraining Great Powers: Soft Balancing from Empires to the Global Era* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2018) and a reader containing all other course materials are available at the McGill bookstore for purchase.

Evaluation:

Conference Participation	10%
Mid-term Examination	20%
Research Paper	20%
Final Examination	50%

The exams consist of identifications and essays. Students are expected to actively participate in conferences and to make presentations on assigned topics.

The research paper (10 double-spaced pages maximum, including bibliography) may be on any one of the strategies of war or peace discussed in the course, its application to a case (a war, crisis, or event of peace) and an explanation of how the strategy contributed to the event's occurrence. Also when applicable, discuss an alternative strategy (or strategies) that might have prevented the war or crisis from breaking out or improved the prospects for attaining peace. The materials for the paper may be drawn from the course readings, although some library research is recommended. You must provide footnotes for cited materials. The paper should be written exclusively for this course. Be aware that according to University regulations, plagiarism and double submission carry severe penalties. The papers are due on Wednesday, November 19, 2018.

Statement of Academic Integrity

McGill University values academic integrity. Therefore, all students must understand the meaning and consequences of cheating, plagiarism and other academic offences under the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures (see www.mcgill.ca/students/srr/honest/ for more information).

Section I: Strategies of War

9/4 **Introduction**

Buzan, Barry and Lene Hansen, *The Evolution of International Security Studies*, Cambridge University Press, 2009, 8-20.

9/5 **Security, Strategy; Grand Strategy**

Freedman, Lawrence. ed. *War*, Oxford University Press, 1994:191-214.

John Baylis and James J. Wirtz, "Introduction," in Baylis et.al., *Strategy in the Contemporary World*, 2nd edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007:1-15.

9/10 **Military Power**

Art, Robert "To What Ends Military Power?" *International Security*, 4(4), Spring 1980:3-35.

9/12 **Economic Dimensions of Security**

Jonathan Kirshner, "Political Economy in Security Studies after the Cold War," *Review of International Political Economy* 5(1) 1998:64-91.

9/17 **Technology/Revolution in Military Affairs/Global Spread of Arms**

Eliot Cohen, "Technology and Warfare," in Baylis et al., *Strategy in the Contemporary World*, 141-59.

9/19 **Military Doctrines; Conventional Strategies**

Posen, B., *The Sources of Military Doctrine*, Cornell University Press, 1984:13-33.

Mearsheimer, J., *Conventional Deterrence*, Cornell University Press, 1984:33-60.

9/24 **Nuclear Deterrence**

Patrick M. Morgan, *Deterrence Now*, Cambridge University Press, 2003, 1-41.

Paul, T.V. "Complex Deterrence: An Introduction," in T.V. Paul, Patrick Morgan, James Wirtz eds., *Complex Deterrence* (University of Chicago Press, 2009), 1-27.

Section II: Understanding War

9/26 **What is War? Types of Wars**

K.J. Holsti, *The State, War, and the State of War*, Cambridge University Press, 1996:19-40.

T.V. Paul, *Asymmetric Conflicts: War Initiation by Weaker Powers*, Cambridge University Press, 1994: 3-37.

Andrew Kydd and Barbara Walter, "The Strategies of Terrorism," *International Security* 31(1), Summer 2001:49-80.

10/03 **Theories of War: Systemic Explanations**

Greg Cashman, *What Causes War?* Lexington Books, 1993:224-266.

10/10 **Theories of War: Societal-level Explanations**

Jack Levy, "Domestic Politics and War," *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 18(4), 1988: 653-73.

10/15 **Theories of War: Psychological Explanations**

Jack Levy, "Misperception and Causes of War: Theoretical Linkages and Analytical Problems," *World Politics*, 36, October 1983: 76-99.

10/17 **Mid-term Examination**

Section III: Case Studies

10/22 **World War I**

Nye, Joseph. *Understanding International Conflicts*, Harper Collins, 1993:58-73.

Van Evera, S. "The Cult of the Offensive and the Origins of World War I," *International Security*, Summer 1984: 58-107.

10/24 **World War II: The European Theater**

Nye, J. *Understanding International Conflicts*, New York: Longman, 74-89.

Alexandroff A. and R. Rosecrance, "Deterrence in 1939," *World Politics*, April 1977: 404-24.

10/29 **World War II: The Pearl Harbor Attack**

Paul, *Asymmetric Conflicts*, pp. 64-85.

10/31 **The Korean War**

Paul, *Asymmetric Conflicts*, pp. 86-106.

Baylis, "Revolutionary Warfare," in John Baylis, et. Al., eds. *Contemporary Strategy*: New York: Holmes & Meier, 1987, 209-29.

11/5 **The Vietnam War**

Gelb and Betts, *The Irony of Vietnam*, 1978:9-26, 249-71.

Mack, Andrew, "Why Big Nations Lose Small Wars: The Politics of Asymmetric Conflict," *World Politics*, Jan. 1975:175-200.

Section IV: Strategies of Peace and Order

11/7 **Dimensions of Peace and Security**

Buzan, B., "Is International Security Possible?" in Ken Booth ed., *New Thinking About Strategy and International Security*, London: Harper Collins, 1991:31-55.

Commission on Human Security, Final Report, New York: United Nations, 2003: 2-19.

11/12 **Realpolitik Approaches: Balance of Power**

Paul T.V. and Hall, John, eds., *International Order and the Future of World Politics*, 1-15.

Paul, T.V. *Restraining Great Powers: Soft Balancing from Empires to the Global Era* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2018). Chapters 1 and 2.

Mathews, R. et al. eds. *International Conflict and Conflict Management*, Prentice Hall, 1984: Chapters by Elrod, Osgood, and Gaddis, 411-27; 435-53.

11/14 **Balancing from Concert to the Cold War Era**

Paul, T.V. *Restraining Great Powers*, Chs. 3 and 4.

11/19 **Post-Cold War Balancing: US and Russia**

Paul, T.V. *Restraining Great Powers*, Chs. 5 and 7.

11/21 **Balancing Rising China and the Future of Balance of Power**

Paul, T.V. *Restraining Great Powers*, Chs. 6 and 8.

11/26 **Liberal and Constructivist Approaches**

Russett, Bruce and John Oneal, *Triangulating Peace* New York, W.W. Norton, 2001:125-55.

Adler, Emanuel and Barnett M. eds., *Security Communities*, Cambridge, 1998:29-64.

11/28 Peacekeeping/Peace-building

Lipson, Michael, "Performance under Ambiguity: International Organization Performance in UN Peacekeeping," *Review of International Organization*, 5, 2010, 249-84.

List of UN Peacekeeping Operations, 1948-2017

https://peacekeeping.un.org/sites/default/files/unpeacekeeping-operationlist_1.pdf

12/3 New Security Challenges: Security in a Changing World

Norrin Ripsman and T.V. Paul, *Globalization and the National Security State* (Oxford University Press, 2010), Ch.1.

Paul, T.V. ed., *Accommodating Rising Powers: Past, Present and Future*, (Cambridge University Press, 2016), Ch.1.

Paul, T.V. Paul ed., *International Relations Theory and Regional Transformation* (Cambridge University Press, 2012), Ch. 1.

12/5 Review