SOCI 265: WAR, STATES AND SOCIAL CHANGE

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8.35-9.25: RPHYS 112

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REQUIREMENTS

Texts: All required readings are or will be posted on MyCourses.

Assessment: Two mid-terms will be taken in class, each comprising 20% of the grade: on each occasion you must write one essay, chosen from a list of four. The final exam comprises 60% of the grade: you will be asked to write three essays, chosen from a list of ten.

Discussion groups: are not mandatory but are highly recommended. They are designed to further your understanding of course material and give you the chance to participate in class discussion.

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January 8: Social Science and War

January 10: Conceptualizing Power and Society


January 12: NO CLASS

Part One: Theory

January 15: Realism

Aron  ‘Reason, Passion and Power in the thought of Clausewitz’

January 17: Liberalism

Doyle  ‘Kant, Liberal Legacies and Foreign Affairs’

January 19: Discussion Session

January 22: Industry

Aron  ‘War and Industrial Society: a Reappraisal’

Gilpin  ‘The Theory of Hegemonic War’

January 24: The Entry of the People

Wimmer and Min  ‘From Empire to Nation-State: Explaining Wars in the Modern World, 1816-2001’

Lieven  ‘Dilemmas of Empire, 1850-1918: Power, Territory, Identity’

Mann  ‘A Theory of Revolution’

January 26: Discussion Session

January 29: FIRST MID-TERM EXAM

Part Two: The European Pattern

January 31: Types of State, Types of War

Tilly  ‘War Making and State Making as Organized Crime’

February 2:  

No Class

February 5:  

Westphalia

Kaiser  
Politics and War

February 7:  

The Age of Revolutions

Kaiser  
Politics and War

Holsti  
‘Governance without Government’

February 9:  

Discussion Session

February 12:  

1914

Mann  
‘Empirical Culmination—Over the Top’

February 14:  

Bolshevism

Z (Martin Malia)  
‘To the Stalin Mausoleum’

Anderson  
‘Two Revolutions’

February 16:  

Discussion Session

February 19:  

Fascism

Mann  
‘A Sociology of Fascist Movements’

Darwin  
‘Towards the Crisis of the World’

February 21:  

Peace at Last

Gaddis  
‘The Long Peace’

Ruggie  
‘International Regimes, Transactions, and Change’

February 23:  

Discussion Session

February 26:  

Q&A

February 28:  

SECOND MID-TERM EXAM
Part Three: The Contemporary World

March 12:  
*Globalizations*

Wade  
‘Globalization and Its Limits’

Brooks  
‘The Globalization of Production and the Benefits of Conquest’

Mann  
‘Capitalism and Militarism’

Kraemer et al  
‘Capturing Value in Global Networks’

March 14:  
*Failed States, Civil Wars*

Herbst  
‘War and the State in Africa’

Kalyvas  
‘Civil Wars’

Fearon and Laitin  
‘Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War’

Sambanis  
‘Using Case Studies to Expand Economic Models of Civil War’

March 16:  
*Discussion Session*

March 19:  
*Challengers*

Gat  
‘The Return of the Authoritarian Great Powers’

Kahler  
‘Rising powers and global governance’

Hopewell  
‘New Protagonists in Global Economic Governance’

March 21:  
*The European Union*

Hall  
‘Plaidoyer pour l’Europe des Patries’

Wolf  
‘Germany is a weight on the world’

McLean  
‘After Brexit’

Streeck  
‘The crises of democratic capitalism’

*Optional Reading: Inglehart and Norris: ‘Trump, Brexit, and the Rise of Populism’*

March 23:  
*Discussion Session*

March 26:  
*The Hegemon*

Mann  
‘The first failed empire of the 21st century’

Brooks et al.  
‘Don’t Come Home America’

March 28:  
*Intervention*

Mill  
‘A Few Words on Non-Intervention’

Stewart and Knaus  
Can Intervention Work?
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