ADVANCED TOPICS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORY:
REGIONAL SECURITY

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This course focuses broadly on the current status of regions in international politics. We will focus on regional security in the post-Cold War era as well as on the forces of globalization and fragmentation. We will use the focus of regions to discuss the range of forces of change in international politics. En route, we will end up discussing many of the current debates and interesting perspectives in international relations theory.

If you have a regional expertise, concentrate on that area and read selectively from the recommended readings below. You will be the class resource for that area, and your paper will focus on the factors that distinguish the region. Alternatively, pick an analytic focus, whether technology or regimes or domestic politics, and focus on the impact of that variable across issues and regions. Or pick some issue-area, broadly or narrowly, arms control or GATT, for example, and focus on the interplay between regionalism and this issue.

This is a reading and research seminar. In addition to the common core readings, you will select an area of particular expertise, and will read in it. As the quarter progresses you will increasingly report on links to your particular region, focus, or issue.

1. What is a region? What is regional security?


For an introduction to comparative security policy:

For further reading on regions:


For further reading on specific regions:

--Middle East:

--Southern Asia:

--Southern Africa:

--Africa:
2. Regions and the central system

Relationship(s) between regions and great powers, in general, during the Cold War, and now


On the central system and the Cold War:


On the end of the Cold War and regional politics in different parts of the world:

-(Europe)


The Mearsheimer piece on the future generated some exchanges.


There are a number of edited volumes that have appeared recently and they typically have chapters devoted to specific regions:


Edward Kolodziej and Roger Kanet, eds., *Coping with Regional Conflict*.


Recent changes have generated a debate in the U. S. about its regional interests today:


3. Nuclear Proliferation and Regional Security

If nuclear weapons in the hands of the superpowers increased systemic stability then perhaps their spread should be encouraged. Is proliferation stabilizing or destabilizing?


T.V. Paul "Nuclear Taboo and War Initiation: Are Nuclear Weapons Irrelevant in Regional Conflicts?" APSA Paper


Other general studies:

For Europe,

For the Middle East,
4. Regional Security Arrangements

What are different institutional arrangements that can deal with regional security issues? Regimes? Plural security communities?


For work on institutions and norms:


For more on concerts:

Kissinger, *Diplomacy*


Regional conflict management arrangements:


Keller on OAU

On regional hegemons:


5. Regionalism and Technological Change

What are the implications of technological change (in re information, transportation, and military power) on regions?

David D'Lugo, "Relative Power and Comparative Advantage in Warfare."


6. Regional Security and Domestic Politics

What are the security implications of domestic political weakness and domestic economic strategies?


For other work:

Rosberg
Migdal
7. Regionalism and the Global Economy

Will economic integration hasten regionalization or will a global economy undercut regionalism?


For a discussion on the implications of the end of the Cold War:
8. Culture, Regions, and International Politics

Are some regions distinctive on cultural or ideological grounds and with what implications for international politics? What do the forces for fragmentation, regionalization and globalization portend for culture and cultural conflict and for ideology and ideological conflict?

Samuel P. Huntington, "The clash of civilizations?" *Foreign Affairs* 72 (Summer 1993): 22-49.

There are many criticisms of Huntington:
- Albert L. Weeks, "Do civilizations hold?" *Foreign Affairs* 72 (September-October 1993): 24-25.
- "The Islamic-Confucian connection (Civilizations at Odds)," *New Perspectives Quarterly* 10 (Summer 1993): 19-23.