
PS 239

Selected Topics in International Relations: New Releases for the Well-Read Theorist or, Where is the World, or at least IR Theory, Headed?

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The following are books tentatively selected for reading and discussion in PS 239, Spring 2008. None are fixed in stone and the list can be adjusted to reflect the interests of class members. The list includes a grand theory book (Wagner; note that he takes the title of Waltz's book as his subtitle), books on the role of ideas (Haas on ideology, Hurd on religion), a national security book (but also more, Solingen), an IPE book (Tomz), and so on. Some are works of senior scholars, some are revised dissertations.

- Wagner, R. Harrison. 2007. *War and the state: the theory of international politics*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.
- Fazal, Tanisha M. 2007. *State death: the politics and geography of conquest, occupation, and annexation*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Haas, Mark L. 2005. *The ideological origins of great power politics, 1789-1989*. Cornell studies in security affairs. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
- Hurd, Elizabeth Shakman. 2008. *The politics of secularism in international relations*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Tomz, Michael. 2007. *Reputation and international cooperation: sovereign debt across three centuries*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Solingen, Etel. 2007. *Nuclear logics: contrasting paths in East Asia and the Middle East*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

To flesh out the quarter, I would like to choose three additional readings from the following:

- Frieden, Jeffrey A. 2006. *Global capitalism: its fall and rise in the twentieth century*. New York: W.W. Norton.
- Johnston, Alastair I. 2008. *Social states: China in international institutions, 1980-2000*. Princeton, N.J: Princeton University Press.
- Kirshner, Jonathan. 2007. *Appeasing bankers: financial caution on the road to war*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Miller, Benjamin. 2007. *States, nations, and the great powers: the sources of regional war and peace*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Pevhouse, Jon C. 2005. *Democracy from above: regional organizations and democratization*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Spruyt, Hendrik. 2005. *Ending empire: contested sovereignty and territorial partition*. Ithaca, N.Y: Cornell University Press.