

## Political Science 221

### Advanced International Relations Theory: Global Governance and the Problem of War

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This course is a tour d'horizon of recent work in international relations dealing with global governance and the problem of war. Global governance is the catchphrase de jour. It is meant to encompass more than classical descriptions of system structure (hegemonic, bipolar), more than the field of international organization, and to include current concerns about the ways in which order will be maintained in various areas of world politics. The phrase captures the sense that there is governance at the global stage even though it differs from domestic government. The core question of global governance remains that of peace and war.

Each week we will discuss, in depth, one book. We will talk about where the book fits in the field, where it attempts to take the field, we will assess the logic of the argument, the nature of the empirical work, its implications, etc. The books vary on a variety of dimensions. They evince a variety of methods and orientations. There are books by senior scholars and there are revised dissertations. There are books by IR scholars, but also a relevant work by an economic historian. There are works in international political economy and security as well as ones focused on ethnic conflict and nationalism.

Requirements: Course attendance, reading, research paper, and perhaps an in-class presentation

1. Still the Same Old System                      John J. Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* (New York: Norton, 2001).
2. It's More than about Power                      Barry O'Neill, *Honor, Symbols, and War* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1999).
3. It's the Money, Stupid!                      Niall Ferguson, *The Cash Nexus: Money and Power in the Modern World, 1700-2000* (New York: Basic Books, 2001).
4. The Problem of Rulers                      H. E. Goemans, *War and Punishment: the Causes of War Termination and the First World War* (Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 2000).
5. The Problem of Democratization                      Jack L. Snyder, *From Voting to Violence: Democratization and Nationalist Conflict* (New York: Norton, 2000).
6. The Problem of Domestic Politics I: Institutions                      Lisa L. Martin, *Democratic Commitments: Legislatures and International Cooperation* (Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 2000).
7. The Problem of Domestic Politics II: Social Conflict                      Barbara F. Walter, *Committing to Peace: Successful Settlements of Civil Wars* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2002).