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Introduction to Peace Studies
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Additional readings available on BLACKBOARD

Course Objectives

We begin with the assumption that most people would prefer to live in a peaceful environment than in one torn by conflict, violence, and war. This assumption must be tempered with the observation that war and other forms of armed conflict are all too common features of politics within and between nations: since the end of World War II, there has not been a single day in which there was not a war of some sort going on somewhere in the world. This paradox defines the core purpose of this course: how do we understand the causes and forms of conflict, and how do we understand the conditions and processes that contribute to the resolution of on-going conflicts and the prevention of future conflicts? Since this is a political science course, we will focus more on political questions such as the forms and causes of armed conflict, means of conflict resolution, and the conditions that contribute to a durable peace within and between nations. However, the field of peace studies encompasses theories from sociology, anthropology, philosophy, and psychology as well as political science. Insights from these other disciplines will broaden our understanding of the conditions of peace.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Your final grade will be based on two exams (a mid-term and a final, combined worth 65% of your final grade) and an policy paper (worth 25% of your final grade), with 10% being determined by class participation.

You are required to submit both installments of your policy paper to turnitin.com. You MUST register under this class at www.turnitin.com during the first week of class. Registering is the only way you will be allowed to submit your paper as required. The course id and password are: class ID: 13178015 password: mason

A. Exams: (65%)
There will be two exams during the course of the semester, and together they will determine 65% of your grade. The first exam will cover Part I Sources of Conflict/Methods of Conflict Management and the final exam will cover Part II on Challenges to Peace in the New Millennium. The mid-term exam will be administered on OCTOBER 17 and the final exam will be on DECEMBER 14 (1:30-3:30pm). The exams will be a combination of multiple choice and essays. I will distribute a study guide a week before the exam date.

B. Class Participation: (10%)
A minimum of 10 percent of your grade will be determined by in-class participation, including attendance. Attendance is expected at all class sessions, and I will check the roll on a regular basis. An attendance score will be calculated, consisting of the percent of class sessions that you attend. The only excused absences are for University-sponsored events where your attendance is required; absence for illness and all other matters counts as an absence. Your attendance score, plus my estimate of your contributions to class discussions (in the form of informed participation in the discussion of the issues under consideration and/or attentive listening to the contributions of others) will determine your score on this portion of your final grade. Informed participation means that it is apparent that you have read the assigned readings prior to coming to class. Freely exchanging your ideas and arguments is necessary to having a successful class. You can’t exchange ideas about the topic if you haven’t done the readings. Whatever your views on an issue being discussed, you are expected to be tolerant and polite in your exchanges with classmates who may hold differing views on the subject.

You are responsible for all material covered in class and for all other tasks assigned for completion outside of class. Absence from class does not excuse ignorance of the material covered or failure to complete assignments made that day or failure to turn in assignments due that day. It is your responsibility to find out what you missed when you are absent and to keep up with the course.
C. Policy Paper (25%)
The remaining 25 percent of your grade will be determined by a policy paper on a subject of your choosing in the field of peace studies. The essay should consist of a 4-6 page (single spaced) analysis of some issue in the area of peace and conflict in the contemporary world. The purpose of this paper is to identify some policy issue in peace and conflict, analyze the causes and consequences of the issue and the policy options available to resolve it, develop your own policy proposal, and defend your proposal (compared to the alternative solutions). Your analysis should be based on some theoretical understanding of the causes and critical dimensions of the problem and its solution, which you gain by reading scholarly journal articles on the subject. Your essay should clearly indicate that you have read enough scholarly sources that your understanding of the issue exceeds that of the average "person on the street".

You should select a topic that involves an issue in peace and conflict in the world today. It could focus on specific threats to peace and how they can be resolved or on specific conflicts (or forms of conflict) and how they can be resolved or prevented from erupting in the first place. Examples of legitimate topics would be

- conflict resolution in Iraq, Syria, Colombia, Afghanistan, DRC or any other nation currently involved in an armed conflict;
- nuclear proliferation generally, on the Korean peninsula, in Iran, between India and Pakistan, or elsewhere;
- peacekeeping and post-conflict peace building, generally or in specific cases;
- the role of human rights guarantees in preserving the peace, human trafficking
- what can be done to prevent gross violations of human rights, including genocides
- transitional justice (truth and reconciliation commissions, international criminal tribunals) and their impact on post-conflict reconciliation
- building democracies in the aftermath of events such as the Arab Spring or in the aftermath of war

Scan the syllabus and the readings if you need additional ideas on possible paper topics. If you have doubts about the appropriateness of your topic or the sources you are using, check with me!

In order to get you started thinking about your paper early, you are required to complete this project in two installments:

1. **Problem statement and annotated bibliography** (30%) Due: October 7 (Friday)
2. **Final Draft of your paper** (70%) Due: November 21 (Monday)

### 1. PROBLEM STATEMENT AND ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY (30% of paper grade) Due: October 7

**By this date, you should turn in**

**a.** a one page **POLICY PROBLEM STATEMENT:** a statement of the issue that you plan to analyze, its major elements, and why it is important to the study of peace and conflict; the problem statement your demonstrate that you have read the articles in the annotated bibliography (part b);

**b.** an **ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY** containing ½ page summaries (single spaced) of at least four (4) scholarly journal articles (none of which are assigned readings for this course) on your subject. **Your summaries cannot be simply a restatement of the published abstract of the article.** You have to demonstrate that you read the article and grasped its important concepts and findings and can explain their relevance to your policy issue.

**c.** A **BIBLIOGRAPHY** with full citations of **EIGHT** articles on your topic (the four you summarize plus four more). Use the citation format included at the end of this syllabus.

For this installment, you are restricted to **scholarly journals only**, a sample list of which is included at the end of this syllabus (there are others as well). A partial list would include: Peace and Change, Journal of Peace Research, World Politics, Comparative Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Current History, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, International Security, Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, Political Science Quarterly or any number of other journals. Any journal in the JSTOR archive is acceptable.

*News magazines, such as Time, Newsweek, U.S. News and World Report, the Economist do NOT count as scholarly journals. Nor do encyclopedias (including Wikipedia) or websites, government documents, blogs or other sources count for the first installment. These are fine for adding factual information, and you may use them in your final paper. However, scholarly journals will allow you to develop a more rigorous analytical understanding of the issue. Your sources must be cited in a bibliography at the end of the paper, and you should use a standard bibliographic citation format described later in this syllabus and posted on Blackboard.*

You should begin by reading at least **eight (8) articles** from at least **three different scholarly journals** (note: you have to summarize only four in the annotated bibliography, but you must demonstrate that you used at least eight in your final draft). Don’t settle for the first 8 you happen to stumble upon. Part of the research process is identifying from the vast number of articles on the subject those that are directly relevant to the subject of your paper. All of the articles you cite and summarize should be directly relevant to the policy issues, not merely on the same general topic or nation
(i.e., the first eight that some search engine happens to cough up). Your problem statement should cite those articles to a degree sufficient to demonstrate clearly that you have read them, understand the concepts they present, and have used their analyses to enhance your understanding of the issue that is the topic of your paper.

The idea is to demonstrate that your understanding and analysis of the issue surpasses in depth and rigor that of the average citizen. You will be graded on how clearly you state your topic, how thoroughly you have mastered the nuances of the issue by reading the articles in your bibliography, and how well the four articles fit together to advance your understanding of the policy issue. The purpose of this installment is to get you thinking about the topic early and gathering the relevant research on the topic for your final draft. This assignment is not optional. Failure to turn in this part of the assignment will result in failing grade for the course, regardless of what your numerical average is for the other elements of your final grade.

2. FINAL DRAFT (70% of paper grade)  

Use the material from the articles summarized in the first installment PLUS additional sources that you have discovered in your research to develop a factual description of the issue and its context. This background analysis should be of sufficient breadth and depth to define the policy issue, its critical dimensions, and its relevance to peace and conflict in the contemporary world. This analysis of the issue should then lead you to a presentation of your policy recommendation on how this issue should be resolved. The policy analysis part of your paper could involve suggestions of policies the U.S., the international community in general, or the leaders of the subject county or countries should pursue in order to resolve the problem you have defined. You must also explain why you think your policy recommendations and not some alternative is the preferred solution to the problem. This implies that you must discuss explicitly the alternative policy recommendations, including their strengths and weaknesses. The final draft is NOT an extended summary of articles.

Your paper will be graded according to:

1) how clearly and thoroughly you define the issue,
2) the extent and clarity of your factual understanding of the issue and its context, and
3) how well you state and defend your assessment of what policy should be pursued on this issue.

There will be a penalty of 3 points for every day that your final paper or the problem statement/annotated bibliography is late (weekends count). Students who turn their final paper in late may receive an incomplete for the course, with the paper being graded after the end of the semester at a time that is convenient for the instructor.

For both installments you MUST turn in a PRINTED COPY (single-spaced) AND an ELECTRONIC VERSION in MSWord, Word Perfect, of pdf format. You should submit the electronic version to www.turnitin.com. The “late” clock keeps ticking until BOTH versions are submitted. This assignment is not optional, and regardless of your average on the two exams, you will receive a failing grade for the course if you fail to turn in both parts of this research paper assignment.

RULES FOR POLICY PAPERS:

1. Completing both installments is not optional! You cannot pass the course if you fail to turn in one or both paper installments, regardless of your test scores.
2. YOU MAY NOT USE A PAPER THAT YOU HAVE WRITTEN (OR ARE WRITING) FOR ANOTHER CLASS. If you do, this will be treated as an instance of plagiarism, and you will receive a “0” for the assignment, and “F” for the course, and you will be referred to the appropriate student disciplinary office.
3. YOU MAY NOT DO A PAPER ON AN ISSUE IN U.S. DOMESTIC POLICY OR U.S. DOMESTIC POLITICS (such as gun control, abortion, budget deficits, health care reform). If you do, you will receive a grade of “0” for the paper assignment. If you have the any doubt concerning the legitimacy of your paper topic, clear it with me.
4. YOU MAY NOT CHANGE TOPICS AFTER YOU COMPLETE THE FIRST INSTALLMENT without my permission. If I do approve a topic change, you will have to complete the first installment on the new topic and take a late penalty.
5. DEADLINES WILL BE ENFORCED! You will be penalized 3 points for every day you are late with either one of the installments.
6. Both installments should be typed, single spaced with 1 inch margins on all four sides with 12 point font.
7. CITATION FORMAT: you should use the citation format for the International Studies Quarterly (posted on Blackboard and in this syllabus). Do NOT use MLA format. Failure to use the correct citation format will result in a 5 point penalty.
8. YOU MUST SUBMIT A PRINTED COPY AND AN ELECTRONIC COPY (to www.turnitin.com) OF EACH
**Academic Integrity - Class Policy on Plagiarism and Cheating**

You are expected to do your own work for this course, and it must be original work for this course. Unfortunately, some students cheat and some students plagiarize other people's work. If you plagiarize or turn in as your own work something that someone else did either in its entirety or in large part, or if you turn in work that does not properly cite the sources from which you got your material (thereby creating the impression that the work is your original work), you will receive a grade of "F" for the course, and you will be referred to the appropriate student disciplinary authorities for violation of the University's academic integrity policies. If you do not understand what constitutes cheating or plagiarism, ask me. Specifically, the following are unacceptable and will be treated as instances of plagiarism:

1. **You may not turn in a paper that someone else wrote either in whole or in part.** That includes papers written in whole or in part by a friend, relative, classmate, roommate, or any other human being, including those working for term paper services. You may not turn in a paper that you have purchased from a term paper/research service. Nor may you turn in your paraphrased or otherwise rewritten version of a paper you obtained from one of these services or from another human being. **YOU** are supposed to do the research AND the writing.

2. **You may not turn in a paper that you have turned in for another class,** regardless of whether that other class is this semester or some previous semester.

3. **You may not quote or paraphrase long passages from books, journals, or web sites without citing your source** (including page number where the quoted passage can be found). Even with proper citation, it is not wise to turn in a paper that is largely a collection of quotes.

4. **Plagiarism also includes using passages from the works of others without citing the source.** Any time you use more than ten consecutive words from a source, you should put that passage in quotation marks and cite the source (including the page number where the quoted passage is found). When you paraphrase a source (so that quotation marks are not needed) you still need to cite the source (including the page number). **When in doubt, provide a citation.** Otherwise, you may be guilty of plagiarism, and I consider that a very serious offense.

If you are unsure whether you need to cite a source, cite it. You will not be penalized for having too many citations. You will be penalized for failure to cite sources. Plagiarism of any form will not be tolerated. If you have any doubts about whether what you are doing amounts to plagiarism, see me. Turnitin.com provides me with a report on the percent of each paper that is lifted verbatim from other sources, and it provides the citation of the source. Plagiarism will be detected, so avoid it.

UNT Policies on academic dishonesty:
http://www.vpaa.unt.edu/academic-integrity.htm

3. **Important Dates:** You should take note of the following dates. **Test dates are subject to change by the instructor; they may be postponed at the instructor's discretion.**

   - Mid Term Exam  - October 17
   - Final Exam  - December 14, 1:30-3:30
   - Policy problem statement & annotated bibliography due  - October 7
   - Final Policy papers due  - November 21
   - Last day to drop a class with grade of W  - November 7

**Classroom Etiquette**

All students must treat the instructor, the other students, and the classroom setting with respect. This includes arriving on time and staying for the entire class (or notifying the instructor in advance if this will not be possible), turning off cell phones and similar devices during class, and refraining from reading, passing notes, talking with friends, and any other potentially disruptive activities. This also means showing respect for alternative opinions and points of view, listening when either the instructor or a fellow student is speaking to the class, and refraining from insulting language and gestures. Repeated or egregious instances of classroom disruption will result in referral to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at www.unt.edu/csrr.
Other rules:
1. As a courtesy to your fellow students (and the instructor) get to class on time every day and remain in the classroom for the duration of the class.
2. Make your bathroom and food/drink visits BEFORE class. It is disruptive and distracting to get up and wander in and out of the room while class is in session. If you must leave early for some reason, let me know ahead of time and sit near the door so that you can leave with a minimum of disruption.
3. Turn off your cell phone and if you use an electronic device to take notes, refrain from using it for activities that might be distracting to other students sitting near you. I strongly encourage you to take notes by hand and then type them up after class; you will retain more of the material that way and end up with a better set of notes to prepare for tests.

**EXAM RULES**
1. put your name and id number on BOTH the exam and answer sheet.
2. Turn in BOTH your answer sheet AND the exam questions.
3. Remove hats, caps, sunglasses. Remove all books, notes, electronic devices from your desk top
4. **You cannot leave the room during the exam**: if you leave, you must turn in your exam. NO EXCEPTIONS.
5. **Be on time for the exam. No exams will be distributed after the first person has turned in a completed exam. NO EXCEPTIONS.** If you come in after someone has turned in the exam, you will receive a grade of 0 for the exam.
6. Turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices. Put them and all backpacks, notebooks, and other material/devices under your desk. You may not answer calls, texts, or other messages during the exam.

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**POLICY ON CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM**
The UNT Code of Student Conduct and Discipline defines cheating and plagiarism as the use of unauthorized books, notes, or otherwise securing help in a test; copying others’ tests, assignments, reports, or term papers; representing the work of another as one's own; collaborating without authority with another student during an examination or in preparing academic work; or otherwise practicing scholastic dishonesty. Normally, the minimum penalty for cheating or plagiarism is a grade of "F" in the course. In the case of graduate departmental exams, the minimum penalty shall be failure of all fields of the exam. Determination of cheating or plagiarism shall be made by the instructor in the course, or by the field faculty in the case of departmental exams. Cases of cheating or plagiarism on graduate departmental exams, theses, or dissertations shall automatically be referred to the departmental Graduate Studies Committee. Cases of cheating or plagiarism in ordinary coursework may, at the discretion of the instructor, be referred to the Undergraduate Studies Committee in the case of undergraduate students, or the Graduate Studies Committee in the case of graduate students. These committees, acting as agents of the department Chair, shall impose further penalties, or recommend further penalties to the Dean of Students, if they determine that the case warrants it. In all cases, the Dean of Students shall be informed in writing of the case. Students may appeal any decision under this policy by following the procedures laid down in the UNT Code of Student Conduct and Discipline.

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**POLICY ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**
The Political Science Department adheres to and enforces UNT’s policy on academic integrity (cheating, plagiarism, forgery, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty and sabotage). Students in this class should review the policy (UNT Policy Manual Section 18.1.16), which may be located at:
http://policy.unt.edu/sites/default/files/untpolicy/pdf/7-Student_Affairs-Academic_Integrity.pdf
Violations of academic integrity in this course will addressed in compliance with the penalties and procedures laid out in this policy. Students may appeal any decision under this policy by following the procedures laid down in the UNT The UNT Policy Manual Section 18.1.16 “Student Standards of Academic Integrity

**Acceptable Student Behavior:**
Student behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The university's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct.
Department Statement of ADA compliance

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. For additional information see the Office of Disability Accommodation website at http://www.unt.edu/oda. You may also contact them by phone at 940.565.4323.

COURSE OUTLINE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

What follows is the outline of the course, including the assigned readings and the dates we will discuss particular topics. This schedule is subject to change. The required readings for each week are listed. READINGS NOT IN THE ASSIGNED BOOK ARE POSTED ON THE BLACKBOARD PAGE FOR THIS COURSE. They are in a folder marked READINGS and in that folder there is a separate folder for each week of the class, containing that week’s readings. You are expected to have completed the readings by the time that week begins. In this manner, you will be prepared to participate in class discussions in an informed manner. Failure to do so will result in a lower participation grade, which makes up 10% of your final grade for the course.

PART I: SOURCES OF CONFLICT/METHODS OF CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

The first half of the course will focus on the major forms of armed conflict in the world today: war between nations, civil war within nations, ethnic conflict between and within nations, and terrorism. We will study the major schools of thought that have evolved to explain these forms of conflict. For each form of conflict, we will also examine the methods that have evolved to resolve and prevent those forms of conflict.

August 29-31: Peace and Conflict in the Post-Cold War Era

After going over the course requirements and the outline of the course, we begin with a brief overview of the patterns of conflict in the last half century. The big changes that have occurred are 1) wars within nations have replaced wars between nations as the predominant conflict modality, 2) the locus of most conflict has shifted from the major power system (Europe, North America, China, Japan) to the Third World (Asia, Africa, and Latin America), and 3) the number of on-going conflicts in the world rose steadily from 1945 through 1994, then declined to about thirty a year. That decline is largely a function of the international community becoming more successful at brokering peace agreements to end on-going wars.

Readings:

September 7: When is Violence Justified?

Under what conditions is violence of any sort justified? Pacifist doctrine contends that violence is not justified under any circumstances. At the other end of the spectrum are “realist” theories that war grows out of human nature. We will explore three perspectives on this question that grow out of the nonviolent resistance movements in the U.S. civil rights movement and the South African anti-apartheid movement.

Readings:
Nelson Mandela, “I Am Prepared to Die”

September 12-14 Just War Doctrine

Under what conditions is war between nations justified? What has evolved in the modern international system is "just war doctrine": a set of criteria that specify conditions under which the resort to war is justified. Calhoun’s article spells out the basic principles of just war doctrine and discusses the extent to which it represents a constraint on leaders’ ability to make war. Kegley and Raymond apply just war doctrine to the case of the U.S. decision to go to war with Iraq in 2003 and contrast “preventive war” with “preemptive war” and the implications of those two concepts for just war doctrine.

Readings:

September 19-21 Theories of Interstate War: Conflict Between Nations
We will explore theories of interstate war: conflict between nations states. This body of works is organized around different levels of analysis: 1) system level: what configurations of the international system (e.g., bipolar, multipolar, unipolar) made war more or less likely; 2) nation state level: what characteristics of a nation-state make it more or less war prone (e.g., “democratic peace”); and 3) individual level: what characteristics of a leader and a crisis situation make war more or less likely. likely or more peaceful.

Readings:

September 26-28 Conflict within Nations: Civil War
Since the end of World War II, revolution and other forms of war within nations has been far more common than interstate war between nations. In this section we will examine the forms of civil war (revolution vs. secession) and the factors that make a nation more susceptible to civil war as well as the conditions that make individuals willing to participate in organized armed violence against their own government.

Readings:

October 3-5 Ethnic Conflict
*** policy paper problem statement & annotated bibliography due October 7 (Friday)
The other predominant form of armed conflict within nations is ethnic conflict. Ethnic identity and ethnic conflict are especially prevalent in many regions of the Third World because the formal boundaries of the nation-states (especially in Africa and parts of Asia) were drawn by European powers during the colonial era, and they were drawn with little or no regard for the geographic distribution of “nations” of people who shared a common language, religion, culture and heritage. Thus many Third World nations are characterized by multiple ethnic groups coexisting (uneasily) as citizens of a single nation state and/or identifiable ethnic groups being divided between two or more nation states. In this section we will examine ethnic divisions contribute to conflict in the Third World.

Readings:

October 10-12 Terrorism
The events of September 11 brought home to the U.S. the destructive potential of terrorist violence. Terrorist violence has been used by opposition groups and by states for centuries. During the Cold War, it became a favored tactic of ethnonationalist groups that lacked the capacity to mount a full-scale revolutionary challenge. With the end of the Cold War it has become a favored tactic of transnational groups opposed to U.S. hegemony. In this section we will examine the types of terrorist groups, their motives, and why they choose terrorist violence to achieve their goals.

Readings:

**Mid Term Exam follow completion of this section: October 17**

**PART II: CHALLENGES TO PEACE IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM**

In the second half of the course, we will examine some of the emerging approaches to conflict resolution and peacekeeping/peace-making. We begin by examining how the international community can intervene in ways that bring wars to a quicker and less destructive end. We will then explore what is required to build a sustainable peace in nations previously torn by war. We will then examine the dangers of nuclear proliferation and nuclear war in the post-Cold War era. We will then consider how arms control has evolved as a means of preventing war. The course will conclude with a consideration of citizen activism in the form of the peace movement and the role that enforcing guarantees of basic human rights can have on the prospects for peace in the future.

**October 19:** How Wars End

One promising trend in the post-cold war era has been the frequency with which civil wars have been brought to a conclusion through mediation and negotiated settlements. In this section we will explore the conditions that make wars “ripe for resolution” and the initiatives that third parties can take to bring conflicts to a peaceful conclusion. We will contrast this research with Luttwak’s “give war a chance” thesis.

**Readings:**


**October 24-26:** Negotiating Peace

A critical barrier to bringing conflicts to an end is getting the protagonists to the bargaining table in the first place. We will examine the question of (1) “ripeness”: when a conflict is ripe for third party mediation, (2) credible commitments: getting the protagonists to disarm and demobilize, and (3) spoilers: preventing factions on both sides who opposed a negotiated settlement from sabotaging the negotiations by resuming conflict.

**Readings:**


**October 31-November 2:** Peacekeeping

With the end of the Cold War, the international community, though international organizations such as the UN, has had unprecedented success at mediating conflicts in the Third World. During the Cold War, many of these conflicts had implications for the Cold War balance of power. Therefore mediation was precluded by the use or threatened use of major power veto in the Security Council. Now the threat of such vetoes has diminished substantially and the global community has taken a more active and direct role in mediating conflicts that do occur.

**Readings:**


**November 7-9:** Post-War Reconstruction and Reconciliation

Ending the war is only the first step in building peace. Building a sustainable structure of peace requires measures that resolve the issues that led to conflict in the first place and reconciling the former combatants to a future of peaceful coexistence. In this section we will explore the steps that the international community can take to build a
sustainable peace in the aftermath of war.

**Readings:**


**November 14-16:**

**Human Rights**

We consider the question of how peace can be supported (and conflict constrained) by international guarantees of basic human rights. Enforcing those guarantees would remove the major sources of grievances that motivate civil wars, including ethnic conflicts. And human rights guarantees would represent another constraint on nations’ willingness to engage in armed aggression against other nations.

**Readings**

Universal Declaration of Human Rights


**November 21-23:**

**Nuclear Weapons**

***Final Draft of Policy Paper due November 21***

The end of the Cold War defused the long-standing nuclear stand-off between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. Today the global community is faced with a different challenge: how to prevent the proliferation of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction. In this section, we shall examine the danger posed by WMDs and the strategies for controlling their spread.

**Readings**


**November 28-30:**

**Arms Control**

During the Cold War, arms controlled emerged as a means of stabilizing the deterrence regime between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. With the end of the cold war, we should consider how arms control might contribute to peace in the new global environment, whether it be a multi-polar world or one in which the U.S. attempts to assert its dominance.

**Readings**


The Peace Movement:
One theme in the “democratic peace” literature is that democracies are less likely to fight each other precisely because elected officials fear the electoral costs of committing their nation to war; it is voters who have to bear the costs of war. With this in mind, we conclude the course by examining the role that grassroots social movements can play in constraining national leaders from engaging in war.

Readings:

**FINAL EXAM WILL BE ADMINISTERED DECEMBER 14, 1:30-3:30**

Some Journals To Consult
The following is a partial listing of the scholarly journals that are legitimate sources for your research paper. It is not an exhaustive list. If you have a question as to whether or not some other journal counts as a "scholarly source", ask me. Any journal in JSTOR is acceptable.

- African Studies
- African Studies Review
- American Behavioral Scientist
- American Journal of Economics and Sociology
- American Journal of International Law
- American Journal of Political Science
- American Journal of Sociology
- American Political Science Review
- American Review of Canadian Studies
- American Sociological Review
- Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science
- Asian Affairs
- Asian Survey
- Australian Journal of International Affairs
- British Journal of Political Science
- British Journal of Sociology
- Cambridge Journal of Economics
- Cambridge Journal of Political Science
- Canadian Journal of Political Science
- China Journal
- Communist and Post-Communist Studies
- Comparative Politics
- Comparative Political Studies
- Comparative Studies in Society and History
- Current History
- East European Politics and Society
- Economic Development and Cultural Change
- Electoral Studies
- Ethnic and Racial Studies
- European Journal of Political Research
- Foreign Affairs
- Foreign Policy
- Gender and Society
- Government and Opposition
- Human Rights Quarterly
- International Interactions
- International Journal of Comparative Sociology
- International Organization
- International Relations
- International Security
- International Studies Quarterly

- Journal of Conflict Resolution
- Journal of British Studies
- Journal of Comparative Economics
- Journal of Democracy
- Journal of Developing Areas
- Journal of Development Economics
- Journal of Development Studies
- Journal of Japanese Studies
- Journal of Latin American Studies
- Journal of Peace Research
- Journal of Political and Military Sociology
- Journal of Political Economy
- Journal of Politics
- Journal of Southern African Studies
- Latin American Perspectives
- Latin American Research Review
- Middle East Journal
- Modern China
- Orbis
- Pacific Affairs
- Parliamentary Affairs
- Political Behavior
- Political Quarterly
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