CORE THEME: THEORY AND METHODOLOGY

Overviews of the Field


Realism

Thomas Hobbes, “Of the Natural Condition of Mankind as Concerning Their Felicity and Misery.” Chapter VIII of *Leviathan* (1651).

Recommended reading:

Liberalism and Institutionalism

Immanuel Kant, “Perpetual Peace” (1795).
Woodrow Wilson, “An Address to the Senate” (January 22, 1917).
Woodrow Wilson, “An Address to a Joint Session of Congress” (January 8, 1918).
Andreas Hasenclever, Peter Mayer, and Volker Rittberger, Theories of International Regimes (1997).

Recommended reading:

Individuals, Sub-state Organizations, and State Traits
Robert L. Jervis, Perception and Misperception in International Politics (1976).
Arthur A. Stein, “Misperception and Strategic Choice.” In Why Nations Cooperate: Circumstance and Choice in International Relations (1990), chap. 3.


**Recommended reading:**


**Strategic Interaction: Bargaining, Game Theory, and Collective Action**


Recommended reading:

(Neo)Functionalism and Integration Theory
Ernst B. Haas, *The Obsolescence of Regional Integration Theory* (1975).

Recommended reading:

Sociological and Constructivist Approaches


See also special issue of *Journal of European Public Policy* 6:4 (December 1999), which applies constructivism to European integration.

**Recommended reading:**


**Feminist and Gender Theory**


**Speculating about the Future**


INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY THEME

Overviews of the Field


Domestic-Level Theories


Peter Gourevitch, Politics in Hard Times: Comparative Responses to International Economic Crises (1986).


Stephan Magee, William Brock, and Leslie Young, Black Hole Tariffs and Endogenous Policy Theory (1989).


Helen V. Milner, Interests, Institutions, and Information: Domestic Politics and International Relations (1997).


The Second Image Reversed

Systemic-Level Theories
Jacob Viner, “Power vs. Plenty as Objectives of Foreign Policy in the 17th and 18th Centuries.” *World Politics* 1:1 (October 1948), pp. 1-29.
Haggard, Stephan and Beth A. Simmons, “Theories of International Regimes,” *International Organization* 41 (Summer 1987), pp. 491-517.

**Dependency, World Systems Theory, and After**
Evans, *Dependent Development* (1979), especially chs. 1-2.


Recommended reading:


**Strategic Interaction**


Recommended reading:


**Economic Regionalism**


**Trade and the Environment**

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY THEME

Important (partial) Overviews


Classics of Security Studies

Sun Tzu, The Art of War.
Bernard Brodie, War and Politics (1973).

Causes of War

Robert Jervis, “Cooperation Under the Security Dilemma,” World Politics, 30:2 (January 1978), pp.186-214. This can be found in Art & Waltz, The Use of Force. However, the most important parts have been highlighted in Art & Jervis, International Politics, under the title “Offense, Defense, and the Security Dilemma.” Truly understanding the Security Dilemma is one of the MAIN KEYS to Security Studies. It appears simple but is complicated (work with it!) and its power is enormous—it should not be underestimated as an analytical concept!!!!

Recommended for reference:


Strategy and Grand Strategy


**Civil-Military Relations and the Military (Militarism and Organization Theory)**


*For reference:*

**Alliances**


**Threat Perception and Misperception**

Deterrence


Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict


*General works (for reference):*


****Other Topics of Special Interest:

Proliferation


(Much More here, but this is a basic look.)

Collective Security and International Peacekeeping

See Brown *America’s Strategic Choices* above for a beginning look at Collective Security.

United Nations *The Blue Helmets* (There are many comparable sources to this one—one needs to understand the very limited role of peacekeepers—one should be able to describe and understand the precise definition of peacekeeping, and why . . .)

Arms Races

See Art & Waltz *The Use of Force*, and Tetlock, *Behavior, Society and Nuclear Weapons* (One needs to understand the studies that show arms races are more a symptom of tensions rather than a cause of war . . .a major historical confusion [e.g. peace movements before WWI and between the wars].)
Important History to know (for reference):

Generally, students need to know well the diplomatic/military history of at least the 20th century, especially (of course) World War I, World War II and the Cold War. It is also highly desirable to have a solid working history of the Post-Cold War (including the Gulf War, the collapse of Yugoslavia and other important events.)

Several highly recommended sources:
INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS THEME

Overviews and Readers

International Bargaining and Institutions

The Interaction of Domestic and International Politics
Miranda A. Schreurs and Elizabeth C. Economy, eds., *The Internationalization of Environmental Protection* (1997).


**Science and Politics**


**Global Consciousness, Transnational Activism, and National Identity**


Jane I. Dawson, “The Two Faces of Environmental Justice: Lessons from the Eco-
Nationalist Phenomenon.” Environmental Politics 9:2 (Summer 2000), pp. 22-60.

Environment, Trade, and Development

York: Oxford University Press.

Daly, Herman E., John B. Cobb, and Clifford W. Cobb. 1989. For the common good:
redirecting the economy toward community, the environment, and a sustainable future.
Boston: Beacon Press.

Zaelke, Durwood; Orbuch, Paul; Housman, Robert F. 1993. “Trade and the environment:

Washington, DC: International Institute for Economics.


Miller, Marian A. L. 1995. The Third World in global environmental politics. Boulder,
CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers.

Charnovitz, Steve. 1996. “Trade measures and the design of international regimes.” The
Journal of Environment and Development 5:2 (00 June), 168.

Thompson, Peter, and Laura A. Strohm. 1996. “Trade and environmental quality: a review

under NAFTA: the first 5 years.” Journal of Environment and Development 9:4
(December), 370-383.

Environment and Security


Thomas F. Homer-Dixon, “Environmental Scarcities and Violent Conflict: Evidence from

Daniel Deudney, “The Case Against Linking Environmental Degradation and National


(Fall 1995), pp. 35-62.

Daniel H. Deudney and Richard A. Matthew, eds., Contested Grounds: Security and
Conflict in the New Environmental Politics (1999).

Journals to read

Journal of Environment and Development
International Environmental Affairs (extinct after Vol. 10, but still worth re-reading)
Global Environmental Politics (new as of 2001)
International Environmental Agreements (new as of 2000)
Global Governance (selected environmental articles)
International Organization (selected environmental articles)
World Politics (selected environmental articles)
FOREIGN POLICY AND DECISION-MAKING THEME

Organizations and Decision-Making


Individuals and Context


**Strategic Interaction**


**Public Opinion**

Benjamin I. Page and Robert Y. Shapiro, *The Rational Public: Fifty Years of Trends in*

Current Case Study in Foreign Policy Decision-Making: National Missile Defense

See Morton Halperin above for case study of decisionmaking on ABM!
Joseph Cirincione, “Why the Right Lost the Missile Defense Debate” Foreign Policy, Spring 1997. (For recent historical perspective of how things have evolved so fast in the last few years!)
George Lewis, Lisbeth Gronlund and David Wright, “National Missile Defense: An Indefensible System,” Foreign Policy, Winter 1999/2000. (An excellent overview of the MANY issues involved, including a glance at the important option of boost-phase defense—betraying the cover of concerns with the “rogue threat!”)
Andrew M. Sessler et al., Countermeasures: A Technical Evaluation of the Operational Effectiveness of the Planned US National Missile Defense System, by the Union of Concerned Scientists, available at: www.ucsusa.org for an excellent analysis (easy to read mostly, and to the point) of the most likely all-important issue—can missile defenses ever really work? Check it out.
See the Federation of American Scientists web site for an amazing amount of information: www.fas.org.
See also the Council for a Livable World’s website: clw.org – especially look under John Isaacs for a wealth of news releases and commentary.
Many issues of Arms Control Today cover the issue in depth, yet briefly.