International Relations Theory Graduate Seminar IR 440: Northwestern University

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Course Description

This course provides an introduction to contemporary international relations theory. All discussion of international politics rests on conceptual foundations and assumptions; these are sometimes made explicit and sometimes not. Disagreements about policy choices often have their roots in disagreements about these conceptual foundations.

A typical IR core seminar would include weeks on major IR themes: war, international cooperation, international political economy, the democratic peace etc. We only have a quarter, thus I focused on cross-cutting theoretical issues. To add concrete meat to the theoretical structure, I picked a touch-stone theme---the crisis in Ukraine — where we can see the theories in operation. In further preparation for field exams, students should plan to take graduate courses that survey major areas of international relations, including international conflict and security, international cooperation, and international political economy.

Course Assignments

Class Participation (30%): The participation grade has three components:

- 1. I expect you to come to each class prepared to discuss the readings for the week. Assigned readings are listed first, and required for each session. You should also skim the Ukraine readings, many of which are available via hyperlink. *Reading notes are not a substitute for doing the reading yourself!*
- 2. Reading notes- Graduate school is a colloborative process. We will divide the readings by the number of students so as to generate notes on everything we read. A sample of notes and a signup sheet will be distributed the first day of class. The notes should be 1 page long, and in no case more than 2 page, and include your name, the reading, and the page numbers where key arguments are made.
- 3. *Co-chairing a discussion*: Discussants will provide questions for the students to think about when they read, and lead the first hour plus of each session. To lighten the reading load, the more classical precursor reading will be summarized by the discussant. Discussion questions should be posted to dropbox a week in advance. Notes regarding discussion points should be e-mailed to Professor Alter by 5:00 pm the day before the assigned class.

<u>One</u> Short Paper: A practice answer to a comprehensive exam question (7-10 pages) (30%) I will give you a comprehensive exam question and ask you to answer it by drawing on the readings we have covered in class. Three times over the quarter I will distribute an exam question. The paper will be due one week later. *Only one short paper is required*.

Review Essay due December 11 (40 %)

A review essay of at least three recent IR books with implications for international relations theory. The essay should be 6,000-8,000 words double spaced and inclusive of notes. It should be modeled on review essays found in *Perspectives on Politics*, *International Organization*, and *World Politics* (samples on Canvas). The review should revolve around some shared theme across the books and provide a springboard for exploring a theoretical issue or empirical puzzle that interests you. A list of possible books to review is provided at the end of this syllabus and on canvas. Week ten involves book reviews and a presentation that prepares you for this review essay. The book reviews and presentation are part of this review essay assignment. I have also asked Canvas to assign each of you to to peer review and comment on one essay.

Reading Materials

Readings for the first week are posted on canvas. The additional discussant reading is also on canvas (except where noted) For the rest of the term, the seminar relies on a coursepack, rather than books. You may purchase the reading packet at: Quartet Copies, 919 Clark St. 328-0720. Please call ahead to confirm that the packet is available.

Schedule and reading assignments for seminar

Week 1: Introduction to IR as a Discipline (September 23) 113 pages

- Christian Reus-Smit and Duncan Snidal, "Between Utopia and Reality: The Practical Discourses of International Relations," in Reus-Smit and Snidal, editors, *The Oxford Handbook of International Relations*, 2008, 3-40.
- J. David Singer. "The Levels-of-Analysis Problem in International Relations," *World Politics*, 1961, 14:77-92.
- Kenneth Waltz *Theory of International Politics* (1979) Chapter 1: Laws and Theories p. 1-17 Tim Dunne, Lene Hansen, and Colin Wight, "The End of International Theory?" *European Journal of International Relations*, 19(3), 2013:405-425
- Paul C. Avey and Michael C. Desch, "What Do Policymakers Want From Us? Results of a Survey of Current and Former Senior National Security Decision Makers", *International Studies Quarterly 58, no. 2 (June 2014)*: 227-246. Responses and challenges are available here.

Recommended:

- Stanley Hoffmann, "An American Social Science: IR," Daedalus, 1977, 106:41-60.
- Brian Schmidt "On the History and Historiography of International Relations" from the *Handbook of International Relations* Sage Publications (2001)
- Ole Waever, "The Sociology of a Not so International Discipline: American and European Developments in International Relations" *International Organization* 52:4 (Autumn 1998) pp.687-Steve Smith, "The Self-Images of Discipline: A Genealogy of International Relations Theory," in Smith
- and Booth, International Relations Theory Today. (Penn State Press, 1995)
- J. A. Tickner, "What is Your Research Program? Some Feminist Answers to International Relations Methodological Questions," *International Studies Quarterly* 49 (2005), pp. 1-21.

Week 2: Realist Theory (Sept 30) 118 pages

Thucydides: The Melian Dialogue

Hans J. Morgenthau, *Politics Among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace* (Mc-Graw Hill, 1985), Selections

Kenneth Waltz "The Anarchic Structure of World Politics" in *Theory of International Politics* (1979)-I assigned an edited version of chapters of his *Theory of International Politics*, which printed in the Art/Jervis reader.

Robert Keohane "Theory of World Politics: Structural Realism and Beyond" from *Neo-Realism and its Critics* (1986) 158-199

Robert Goodin "How Amoral a Hegemon" Perspective on Politics 1(1) 123-126

<u>Ukraine</u>: John Mearsheimer Why the Ukraine Crisis is the West's Fault *Foreign Affairs* Sept/Oct 2014 [This is a hyperlink]

Discussant Summarize: John Mearsheimer, The Tragedy of Great Power Politics. (2001) Ch. 2. & 9 (Skim)

Recommended:

Kenneth Waltz, Man, the State and War. (1959)

Kenneth Waltz Theory of International Politics (1979)

E.H. Carr. The Twenty-Years Crisis (1951)

Robert Gilpin, War and Change in World Politics (1981)

Stephen Krasner, Sovereignty: Organized Hypocrisy. (1999)

Robert Keohane ed Neo-Realism and Its Critics (1986)

Robert Jervis, "Realism in the Study of World Politics," International Organization, Vol. 52 (1998): 97.1992.

Andrew Morvacsik and Jeffrey Legro "Is Anybody Still a Realist?" *International Security* (Fall 1999).

"Correspondence: Brother, Can You Spare a Paradigm? (Or Was Anybody Ever a Realist?)," International Security (Summer 2000). (Critiques by Peter Feaver, Gunther Hellmann, Randall Schweller, Jeffrey Taliaferro and William Wohlforth and reply by Moravcsik & Legro)

Kapstein, E. B. Is realism dead? The domestic sources of international politics. *International organization*, 49(4), (1995). 24.

Siba Grovogui (2002). "Regimes of Sovereignty: International Morality and the African Condition," *European Journal of International Relations*, 8(3): 315-338.

Barry Buzan, People, States, and Fear (1994)

Week 3: Constructivism: Anarchy v. Other Understandings of Structures (Oct 7) 166 pages

Hedley Bull, *The Anarchical Society*, Chs. 1& 3 p. 3-22, 53-76.

Alexander Wendt, "Anarchy is What States Make of It," *International Organization* (1992), 391-425. Reus-Smit, Christian. 1997. "The Constitutional Structure of International Society and the Nature of Fundamental Institutions." *International Organization* 51 (4): 555-589.

Jack Donnelly, "The Elements of the Structures of International Systems" *International Organization* 66:4 (Fall 2012) pp. 609-643

David Lake: <u>Authority, Coercion, and Power in International Relations</u>, in *Back to Basics: State Power in a Contemporary World*, Martha Finnemore and Judith Goldstein, eds. (2013): 55-77

Ukraine: Alexander Lukin "What the Kremlin Is Thinking: Putin's Vision for Eurasia" *Foreign Affairs* July/August 2014: 85-93.

Discussant Summarize: Karl Deutsch Political Community in the North Atlantic Area (1957) (Excerpt)

Recommended:

Alexander Wendt, *Social Theory of International Politics* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999)

Martha Finnemore, National Interests in International Society, (1996)

Robert O. Keohane and Joseph Nye, Power and Interdependence (1977).

Fernand Braudel "Divisions in Space and Time in Europe" p.21-89 in his book *The Perspective of the World* vol 3. 1979.

Jusin Rosenberg The Empire of Civil Society Verson, 1994

David A. Lake, "Escape from the State of Nature: Authority and Hierarchy in World Politics." *International Security* 32.1 (2007): 47-79.

Week 4: Liberalism (October 14) 146 pages

A former prelim question will be distributed this week.

Andrew Moravcsik "The New Liberalism" Reus-Smit & Snidal eds *Oxford Handbook of International Relations* (2011)p. 235-251 (This is a shorter version of his "Taking Preferences Seriously" article).

Arthur Stein, "Neoliberalism Institutionalism." In Christian Reus-Smit and Duncan Snidal, *The Oxford Handbook of International Relations*. 2009. P. 201-217

J.G. Ruggie, "International Regimes, Transactions, and Change: Embedded Liberalism in the Post-War Economic Order," *International Organization* (Spring 1982), pp. 379-415

Judith Kelley, "Who Keeps International Commitments and Why? The International Criminal Court and Bilateral Nonsurrender Agreements," *American Political Science Review*, 101(3), 2007: 573-589

Reus-Smit, Christian. 2011. "Struggles for Individual Rights and the Expansion of the International System." *International Organization* 65 (2): 207-242

Ukraine: John Ikenberry: The Illusion of Geopolitics: The Enduring Power of the Liberal Order *Foreign Affairs* May/June 2014 v. <u>Patrick Stewart "Russia Assaults Ukraine and the Liberal World Order"</u> *Foreign Affairs online*

Discussant Summarize: Robert Keohane and Joseph Nye, "Power and Interdependence Revisited" International Organization 41 (4) 1987: 725-753.

Recommended:

Stanley Hoffmann "Liberalism and International Affairs" in Janus and Minerva: Essays in the Theory and Practice of International Politics Westview Press, 1987

Beth A. Simmons, Frank Dobbin, and Geoffrey Garrett, "Introduction: The International Diffusion of Liberalism," *International Organization*, 60, 4 (Fall 2006), pp. 781-810.

Andrew Moravcsik "The Liberal Paradigm in International Relations Theory: A Scientific Assessment" in Colin Elman and Miram Fendius Elman, eds., *Progress in International Relations Theory: Metrics and Measures of Scientific Change* (Cambridge: MIT Press, 2002).

Bruce Russett Grasping the Democratic Peace, Princeton University Press, 1994.

Christian Reus-Smit, "The Strange Death of Liberal International Theory," *European Journal of International Law*, 2001.

Week 5: Domestic Politics and International Relations (October 21) 133 pages

Etel Solingen. *Nuclear Logics: Contrasting Paths in East Asia and the Middle East* (Princeton University Press, 2007). Conclusion p. 249-99.

James D. Fearon, "Domestic Political Audiences and the Escalation of International Disputes" *American Political Science Review* 88, no. 3 (1994), pp. 577-592.

Alter, Karen J. 2014. *The New Terrain of International Law: Courts, Politics, Rights*. Princeton: Princeton University Chapter 2 p. 32-67.

Simmons, Beth. 2009. *Mobilizing for Human Rights: International Law in Domestic Politics*. Cambridge University Press. Chapter 4 p. 112-155

<u>Ukraine:</u> Boris Barkanov "How Putin's domestic audience explains Russia's Behavior" The Monkey Cage at the Washington Post March 13, 2014 (this is a hyperlink)

Discussant Summarize: Peter Gourevitch, "The Second Image Reversed: The International Sources of Domestic Politics." International Organization 32:4 (1978), pp. 881-912

Recommended:

Andrew Moravcsik, "Taking Preferences Seriously: A Liberal Theory of International Politics." *International Organization*, 1997. 51:513-553.

Henry Farrell and Abraham Newman "Review Article: Domestic Institutions Beyond the Nation State: Carting the New Interdependence Approach" *World Politics* 66(2) 2014: 331-63. [Note this is one of the sample Review Essay Articles in the Folder)

Gourevitch, Peter "Domestic Politics and International Relations" from the *Handbook of International Relations* Sage Publications (2001)

Putnam, Robert. "Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two-Level Games" *International Organization*. Summer 1988: 427-460.

Joanne Gowa, "Public Goods and International Institutions, *International Organization* 42:1 (1988): 15-32.

R. Gilpin, "The Three Ideologies of Political Economy," in *Political Economy of International Relations*, 187.

Week 6: Rationalist Theories of IR (October 28) 128 pages

A former prelim question will be distributed this week.

James Fearon, "Rationalist Explanations for War," *International Organization*, 49 (1995), pp. 379-414. James Morrow, "The Strategic Setting of Choices: Signaling Commitment and Negotiation in International Politics" in David A. Lake and Robert Powell eds., *Strategic Choice and International Relations* (Princeton 1999) pp. 77-114.

Tomz, Michael. *Reputation and International Cooperation: Sovereign Debt across Three Centuries* Princeton University Press, 2007, pp. 1–38

James Fearon and Alexander Wendt, "Rationalism v. Constructivism: A Skeptical View," in Walter Carlsnaes, Thomas Risse, and Beth A. Simmons, editors, *Handbook of International Relations* (London: Sage, 2002), pp. 53-72.

Ukraine: Jeffrey Checkel "Why Comply? Social Learning and European Identity Change" *International Organization* 33(3) 2001: 553-588 (Skim the argument and focus on his explanation for Ukraine)

Discussant Summarize: Thomas Schelling, Strategy of Conflict, Ch. 2.

Recommended:

Robert Axelrod, The Evolution of Cooperation. (Basic Books, 1984)

Dan Reiter, How Wars End (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2009).

Anne E. Sartori, Deterrence by Diplomacy (Princeton University Press, 2005). Chs. 1-2.

Robert Jervis, "Cooperation under the Security Dilemma," *World Politics* (January 1978), pp. 167-21.

Page Fortna, Does Peacekeeping Work? (Princeton 2008)

Stephen Walt, "Rigor or Rigor Mortis? Rational Choice and Security Studies," *International Security*, Vol. 23 1999: 5-48.

Week 7: Emotions, Biology, Values, and Cognitive Theories (November 4) 161 pages

- Janice Gross Stein "Psychological Explanations of International Conflict" from the *Handbook of International Relations* Sage Publications (2001) p. 292-304.
- Jonathan Mercer, "Emotion and Strategy in the Korean War," *International Organization*, 2013, 67(2): 221-252.
- Stephen Peter Rosen, "Status, Testosterone, and Dominance," *War and Human Nature*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2005. pp. 71-98.
- Kristen Monroe *Ethics in an Age of Terror* (Princeton University Press, 2012) Chapter 9 "A Theory of Moral Choice" p. 248-300.
- Roger D. Petersen *Understanding Ethnic Violence* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002. p. 17-39, 254-271.
- <u>Ukraine</u>: The Battle in Ukraine Means Everything. Fascism returns to the continent it once destroyed, <u>Timothy Snyder, The New Republic</u> [This is a hyperlink]
- *Discussant Summarize:* Robert Jervis, "Hypotheses on Misperception," *World Politics* 20 (April 1968), pp. 454-79.

Recommended:

- Andrew A. G. Ross, *Mixed Emotions: Beyond Fear and Hatred in International Conflict*. University of Chicago Press, 2013.
- Jonathan Mercer, "Human Nature and the First Image: Emotion in International Politics," Journal of International Relations and Development, 9, 2006.
- Janice Bially Mattern, "A Practice Theory of Emotion for International Relations," in Emanuel Adler and Vincent Pouliot eds. *International Practices*. Cambridge University Press. 2011.
- Philip E. Tetlock, "Social Psychology and World Politics." In D. Gilbert, S. Fiske, and G. Lindzey, eds., *Handbook of Social Psychology*, 4th ed. (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1998). pp. 868-912.
- Peter K. Hatemi, Rose McDermott "A Neurobiological Approach to Foreign Policy Analysis: Identifying Individual Differences in Political Violence" *Foreign Policy Analysis* 8:2 (April 2012) pp. 111–129
- Keren Yarhi-Milo, "In the Eye of the Beholder: How Leaders and Intelligence Communities Assess the Intentions of Adversaries", *International Security* 38:1 (Summer 2013), pp. 7-51.

Week 8: Gender and International Relations (November 11) 110 pages

A former prelim question will be distributed this week.

- J. Ann Tickner "Introduction: Gendering World Politics" Colombia University Press, p. 1-8 Valerie M. Hudson, Mary Caprioli, Bonnie Ballif-Spanvill, Rose McDermott, and Chad F. Emmett. 2008/09. "The Heart of the Matter: The Security of Women and the Security of States." *International Security* 33(3): 7-45.
- Nicola Pratt "The Queen Boat case in Egypt: sexuality, national security and state sovereignty" *Review of International Studies* (2007) 33: 129-144.
- Charli Carpenter (2003). "Women and Children First': Gender, Norms, and Humanitarian Evacuation in the Balkans 1991-95," *International Organization*, 57(4): 661-94.
- Deborah Jordan Brooks and Benjamin A. Valentino, "A War of One's Own: Understanding the Gender Gap in Support for War", *Public Opinion Quarterly* 75:2 (2011), pp. 270-286.
- <u>Ukraine</u>: <u>Timothy Snyder Ukraine</u>: <u>The Haze of Propaganda New York Review of Books Blog</u> [this is a hyperlink]
- Discussant summarize: J. Ann Tickner "Feminist Perspectives on International Relations" from the Handbook of International Relations Sage Publications (2001)

Recommended:

- Joshua Goldstein, Gender and War (Cambridge University Press 2001) Chs. 1, 4 and 5.
- J. Ann Tickner. *Gendering World Politics*. New York: Columbia University Press. 2001. Chs. 1, 2 and 4.
- Hooper, Charlotte "Masculinities, IR and the 'gender variable': a cost-benefit analysis for (sympathetic) gender skeptics" *Review of International Studies* 25 (1999): 475-491.
- "The State of Feminist Security Studies: a Conversation", *Politics and Gender* 7:4 (December 2011), with contributions by Jennifer K. Lobasz and Laura Sjoberg, J. Ann Tickner, Carol Cohn, Valerie M. Hudson, Annick T.R. Wibben, and Lauren Wilcox. pp. 573-604.
- J. A. Tickner, "What is Your Research Program? Some Feminist Answers to International Relations Methodological Questions," *International Studies Quarterly* 49 (2005), pp. 1-21.
- Mary Caprioli, "Feminist IR Theory and Quantitative Methodology: A Critical Analysis," *International Studies Review* Vol. 6 No. 2 (June 2004), 253-269.
- Cynthia Enloe, *Bananas, Beaches and Bases: Making Feminist Sense of International Politics* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2001), 2nd ed.
- Carol Cohn, "Sex and Death in the Rational World of Defense Intellectuals", *Signs* 12:4 (1987), pp. 687-718.

Week 9: Transnationalism and Networks (November 18) 124 pages

- R. Charli Carpenter, "Vetting the Advocacy Agenda: Network Centrality and the Paradox of Weapons Norms", *International Organization* 65:1 (2011), pp. 69-102.
- Emilie M. Hafner-Burton, Miles Kahler, and Alexander H. Montgomery, "Network Analysis for International Relations." International Organization 63-3 (Summer 2009): 559-592.
- Mette Eilstrup-Sangiovanni, "Varieties of Cooperation: Government Networks in International Security" in Miles Kahler, ed., Networked Politics: Agency, Power and Governance (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2009), ch. 10 (pp. 194-227).
- David Bach and Abraham L. Newman, "Transgovernmental Networks and Domestic Policy Convergence: Evidence from Insider Trading Regulation," International Organization, vol. 64-3 (2010): 505-28.
- Ukraine: An academic analysis of NGO development in Ukraine: <u>Susan Stewart NGO Development in</u> the Ukraine.
 - A piece of critical propaganda: <u>Strategic Culture Foundation brief: US NGOs in Ukraine:</u> Washington's Foreign Policy Tools or Biden Visits Kiev
- Discussant summarize: Margaret Keck and Kathryn Sikkink. *Activists Beyond Borders*. Cornell University Press, 1998, chapters 1-3 (pp. 1-120). *This reading is not in the coursepack. Please order the book or obtain from the library*.

Recommended:

- Miles Kahler, ed., Networked Politics: Agency, Power and Governance (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2009)
- Slaughter, Anne-Marie. 2004. *A New World Order*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Reprint. Bob, Clifford. 2005. *The marketing of rebellion: insurgents, media, and international activism*, Cambridge studies in contentious politics. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press. Reprint.
- Bob, Clifford. 2012. The global right wing and the clash of world politics, Cambridge studies in contentious politics. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Week 10: Presentations of Review Essays (December 2)

There will be no class thanksgiving week. We meet instead during reading week

During this session, students will present to the class the theme covered in your selected books, explaining what your book selections tell us about IR theory.

Readings: prepared by you! For this class session, I would like you to prepare summaries of the three books, using the book review format (which is different than the review essay format). These summaries should be posted to Canvas by 5pm on November 30. I found on line a good description of what a book review does.

Potential books for book review (feel free to recommend your own as well):

Abbot, Kenneth, Genshel, Pillip and Snidal Duncan *International organizations as Orchestrators* (Cambridge University Press, 2014) *If you are interested, I will ask the authors for an advanced PDF*.

Emanuel Adler and Vincent Pouliot, *International Practices* (Cambridge University Press, 2011) Karen J. Alter, *The New Terrain of International Law: Courts, Politics, Rights* (Princeton University Press, 2014).

Lonardo Baccina and Johannes Urpelainen *Cutting the Gordian Know of Economic Reform: When and How International Institutions Help* (Oxford University Press 2014)

Mark Blyth, Austerity: The History of a Dangerous Idea (Oxford University Press, 2013)

Audrey Kurth Cronin. *How Terrorism Ends Understanding the Decline and Demise of Terrorist Campaigns* (Princeton University Press, 2011)

Jordan Branch, *The Cartographic State: Maps, Territory, and the Origins of Sovereignty* (Cambridge University Press 2014)

Bear F. Braumoeller, *The Great Powers and the International System: Systemic Theory in Empirical Perspective* (Cambridge University Press, 2013).

Tim Büthe and Walter Mattli, *The New Global Rulers: The Privatization of Regulation in the World Economy* (Princeton University Press, 2011).

Jonathan D. Caverley, *Democratic Militarism: Voting, Wealth, and War* (Cambridge University Press 2014).

Jeffrey Checkel Transnational Dynamics of Civil War (Cambridge University Press, 2014)

Erica Chenoweth and Maria Stephan *Why Civil Resistance Works: The Strategic Logic of Nonviolent Conflict* (Colombia University Press 2011)

Michael P. Colaresi, *Democracy Declassified: The Security Dilemma in National Security* (Oxford University Press 2014)

Bridget Coggens, *Power Politics and State Formation in the 20th Century: The Dynamics of Recognition* (Cambridge University Press, 2014)

Neta C. Crawford, *Accountability for Killing: Moral Responsibility for Collateral Damage in America's Post-9/11 Wars* (Oxford University Press 2014)

Monti Datta Anti-Americanism and the Rise of World Opinion (Cambridge University Press, 2014)
Daniel Drezner The System Worked: How the World Stopped Another Great Depression
(Oxford University Press, 2014)

Daniela Donno. Defending Democratic Norms: International Actors and the Politics of Electoral Misconduct. (Oxford University Press, 2013).

Asif Efrat. Governing guns, preventing plunder: international cooperation against illicit trade (Oxford University Press 2012).

Michael G. Findley, Daniel L. Nielson, Jason Sharman, *Global Shell Games: Experiments in Transnational Relations, Crime, and Terrorism* (Cambridge University Press 2014).

- Martha Finnemore and Judith Goldstein. *Back to basics: state power in a contemporary world.* (Oxford University Press, 2013).
- Martha Finnemore, Deborah Avant and Susan Sell (eds). Who Governs the Globe? (Cambridge University Press, 2010).
- Fukiyama, Francis *The Origins of Political Order From Pre-Human Times to the French Revolution* 2011.
- Jessica F. Green. Rethinking private authority: agents and entrepreneurs in global environmental governance, (Princeton University Press, 2014).
- Kelly M. Greenhill, Weapons of Mass Migration: Forced Displacement, Coercion, and Foreign Policy (Cornell University Press, 2010).
- Emilie Hafner-Burton. *Making human rights a reality*. Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 2013)
- Heidi Hardt, *Time to React: The Efficiency of International Organizations in Crisis Response* (Oxford University Press 2014)
- Ewan Harrison, and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell. *The Triumph of Democracy and the Eclipse of the West.* (Palgrave Macmillan 2013.
- Ted Hopf, Reconstructing the Cold War: The Early Years, 1945-1958 (Oxford University Press 2012).
- Michael C. Horowitz, *The Diffusion of Military Power: Causes and Consequences for International Politics* (Princeton University Press, 2010).
- Susan Hyde. *The Pseudo-Democrat's Dilemma: Why Election Observation Became an International Norm* (Cornell University Press, 2011).
- G. John Ikenberry, *Liberal Leviathan: The Origins, Crisis, and Transformation of the American World Order* (Princeton University Press, 2011).
- Leslie Johns. *Strengthening International Courts: The Hidden Costs of Legalization* (Forthcoming, University of Michigan Press). *If you are interested, I will ask the author for an advanced PDF.*
- Tana Johnson Organizational Progeny: Why Governments are Losing Control over the Proliferating Structures of Global Governance (Oxford University Pess, 2014)
- Joseph Jupille, Walter Mattli and Duncan Snidal *Institutional Choice and Global Commerce* (Cambridge University Press, 2013
- Miles Kahler and David A. Lake, eds., *Politics in the New Hard Times: The Great Recession in Comparative Perspective* (Cornell University Press, 2013).
- Adria K. Lawrence *Imperial Rule and the Politics of Nationalism: Anti-Colonial Protest in the French Empire* (Cambridge University Press, 2013).
- Edward D. Mansfield and Helen V. Milner. *Votes, vetoes, and the political economy of international trade agreements* (Princeton University Press, 2012).
- Mark Fathi Massoud *Law's Fragile State: Colonial, Authoritarian and Humaniterian Legacies in Sudan* (Cambridge University Press, 2013.
- Patrick J. McDonald, *The Invisible Hand of Peace: Capitalism, The War Machine, and International Relations Theory.* (Cambridge University Press, 2009).
- Paul K. MacDonald, *Networks of Domination: The Social Foundations of Peripheral Conquest in International Politics* (Oxford University Press, 2014).
- Sara McLaughlin Mitchell and Emilia Justyna Powell. *Domestic Law Goes Global: Legal Traditions and International Courts.* (Cambridge University Press, 2011.
- Jennifer Mitzen *Power in Concert: The Nineteenth- Century Origins of Global Governance* (University of Chicago Press, 2013).
- James Morrow Order within Anarchy (Cambridge University Press, 2014).
- Nuno P. Monteiro, *Theory of Unipolar Politics* (Cambridge University Press, 2014).
- Vipin Narang, Nuclear Strategy in the Modern Era: Regional Powers and International Conflict (Princeton University Press, 2014).
- Daniel H. Nexon, *The Struggle for Power in Early Modern Europe: Religious Conflict, Dynastic Empires, and International Change.* (Princeton University Press, 2009).
- Miroslav Nincic, The Logic of Positive Engagement. (Cornell University Press, 2011).

- John M. Owen IV, *The Clash of Ideas in World Politics: Transnational Networks, States, and Regime Change, 1510-2010.* (Princeton University Press, 2010).
- Steven Pinker. The better angels of our nature: why violence has declined (Viking, 2011).
- Christian Reus-Smith *Individual Rights and the Making of the International System* (Cambridge University Press, 2013).
- Karen Rasler, William R. Thompson and Sumit Ganguly. *How Rivalries End* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013).
- Brian C. Rathbun, *Diplomacy's Value: Creating Security in 1920s Europe and the Contemporary Middle East.* (Cornell University Press, 2014).
- Thomas Risse, Stephen C. Ropp and Kathryn Sikkink, *The Persistent Power of Human Rights: From Commitment to Compliance* (Cambridge University Press, 2013).
- William Robinson Global Capitalism and the Crisis of Humanity (Cambridge University Press, 2014).
- Andrew A. G. Ross, Mixed Emotions: Beyond Fear and Hatred in International
- Conflict. University of Chicago Press, 2013.
- Elizabeth N. Saunders, *Leaders at War: How Presidents Shape Military Interventions*. (Cornell University Press, 2011).
- Jacob N. Shapiro, *The Terrorist's Dilemma: Managing Violent Covert Organizations* (Princeton University Press, 2013).
- Paul Staniland, *Networks of Rebellion: Explaining Insurgent Cohesion and Collapse*. (Cornell University Press, 2014).
- Randall W. Stone. *Controlling institutions: international organizations and the global economy* (Cambridge University Press, 2011).
- Alexander Thompson, *Channels of Power: The UN Security Council and U.S. Statecraft in Iraq* (Cornell University Press, 2009).
- J. Ann Tickner, A Feminist Voyage Through International Relations (Oxford University Press, 2014).
- J. Ann Tickner and Laura Sjoberg. *Feminism and international relations : conversations about the past, present, and future,* (Routledge, 2011).
- Jessica L.P. Weeks, *Dictators at War and Peace* (Cornell University Press, 2014).
- Jessica Chen Weiss. *Powerful Patriots: Nationalist Protest in China's Foreign Relations* (Oxford University Press, 2014)
- Keren Yarhi-Milo, *Knowing the Adversary: Leaders, Intelligence and Assessment of Intentions in International Relations* (Princeton University Press, 2014)