Recent Debates in International Relations
PLSC 40605

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Time: Thursdays, 9am – 11:50pm

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Course description
This course builds on the canonical works in International Relations (IR) theory covered in PLSC 40600 (Seminar on International Relations Theory), leading students through ten weeks of recent debates in IR research organized along substantive and methodological lines. There is an intentional absence of thematic unity among the topics. Some units look more closely at recent debates within the classic paradigms (e.g. "the practice turn in constructivist research") while others are not easily categorized along these lines (e.g. "emotions in IR"). Some focus on work across empirical domains that shares a recently popular methodological innovation (e.g. "the experimental turn in IR"); other topics are located closer towards the fringe of mainstream IR. Specific topics will change with each offering and are chosen based on a combination of importance to the field, value as exemplars of creative and rigorous research, and my own personal interests. Participants will demonstrate fluency in these debates and develop opinions about their significance and staying power. A secondary goal is for students to expand their own research interests and draw lessons about how debates and fads evolve in IR to maximize the impact of their own work.

Required Texts
All readings will be available through UChicago library resources or posted to Chalk.

Requirements
Students are expected to attend every session and complete the assigned readings. The class grade will be based on the following. More details will be provided in class.
- Discussion participation (20%)
- Mock comprehensive exam exercise (15%)
- Final paper (65%)

    Discussion participation. The usual graduate seminar expectation: come prepared to every session, thoughtfully contribute to discussion each week, and be mindful of over-participating. I try to take student discomfort with verbal contributions in a seminar setting seriously. Please meet with me during office hours early in the quarter to discuss strategies and alternatives if you are struggling with participation.

Mock comp exam exercise. Each student will write a short essay modeled on the typical Ph.D. comprehensive exam in International Relations at Chicago. The question will cover a larger and enduring question in International Relations; student answers are only expected to draw on readings on this syllabus. Students will be sent the essay prompt by email and have eight hours to complete their essay. The format is open book/note so students are encouraged to develop a system for managing their notes on assigned readings. The goal is to expose students to exam-style questions and approaching time-limited writing. The goal is *not* to replicate the stress of comprehensive exams! (Hence the assignment only being worth 20% of the grade.) This exercise will be administered two-thirds of the way through the quarter.

Final paper. Students must write a critical literature review. This should not be a plodding summary of key works in a research program. Instead, a *critical* literature review exercises creativity in 1) concisely summarizes existing research into thematic "buckets," and 2) advances an argument for one or more directions this literature could go that would push beyond its current state. Note that #2 typically involves identifying in the existing literature a common theme(s), assumption(s), point(s) of view, etc.; this is often implicit or "present by its absence." Then you must develop some kind of alternative theme, assumption, point of view, etc. There are two basic options to choose from. Option 1 analyzes one of the syllabus week's literature. These papers must go beyond class discussion and draw on supplementary readings as well as assigned readings; additional articles/books are also welcome. Option 2 uses your own research interests as the starting point. Students must identify a discrete topic, build a preliminary reading list, and get my approval. Topics need not be at the center of traditional International Relations debates but need to be somewhat related to IR. Students choosing Option 2 should plan on at least one office hours meeting with me to hone the topic. Both options have a firm maximum of 20 pages (double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 pnt).

Professionalism
Our seminar is its own term-long community with an intellectual culture we co-create. My goal is for all of us to feel comfortable participating in developing and rigorously testing our ideas. To ensure this, all of us must follow basic norms of respectful intellectual exchange. Be professional in all communications (including emails). Comments in class should be respectful of other students. Avoid a confrontational tone; respectfully disagree by suggesting a different view rather than forcefully contradicting. Essential to this environment is abstaining from acts of sexual misconduct, which encompass a range of conduct from sexual assault to sexual harassment. These will be treated as violations of the standards of our community and are unacceptable. Other forms of misconduct based on race, religion, or sexual orientation are equally unacceptable. A new and useful university resource on gender-based misconduct is [here](.).

Email policy
Note that in general I may not read or respond to student emails until the evening; on weekends, I often do not read/respond at all. Do not expect immediate replies.

Late policy
All deadlines are strict. Papers/assignments received late will be dropped one letter grade for each 24 hours past the deadline.

Incompletes policy
While rare, I will consider granting incompletes to students in two situations: 1) under extreme personal/family duress; or, 2) after being convinced that only with extra time can the student execute a particularly ambitious, creative, and promising final paper.

Academic integrity
I will strictly follow the University's policy on academic integrity: "It is contrary to justice, academic integrity, and to the spirit of intellectual inquiry to submit another's statements or ideas as one's own work." More details on the policy are [here](#).

Disability accommodations
If you need any special accommodations, please provide me with a copy of an Accommodation Determination Letter (provided to you by the Student Disability Services office) as soon as possible so that you may discuss with him/her how your accommodations may be implemented in this course.

Overview

Week 1 (3/30/17). Leaders: Praising Great (Wo)men?

Background
Waltz, Kenneth N. Man, the State, and War. Columbia University Press, 1959.
Suri, Jeremi. "Explaining the End of the Cold War: A New Historical Consensus?" Journal of Cold
War Studies 4, no. 4 (September 1, 2002): 60–92.

Required reading
Byman, Daniel L., and Kenneth M. Pollack. "Let Us Now Praise Great Men: Bringing the
Statesman Back In." International Security 25, no. 4 (April 1, 2001): 107–46.
Croco, Sarah E. "The Decider's Dilemma: Leader Culpability, War Outcomes, and Domestic
Punishment." American Political Science Review 105, no. 03 (2011): 457–77.
Dafoe, Allan, and Devin Caughey. "Honor and War: Southern US Presidents and the Effects of
Concern for Reputation." World Politics 68, no. 02 (2016): 341–381.
Saunders, Elizabeth. "No Substitute for Experience: Presidents, Advisers, and Information in
Group Decision-Making." International Organization, forthcoming.
https://profsaunders.files.wordpress.com/2016/07/nosubstitute3.pdf
Jervis, Robert. "Do Leaders Matter and How Would We Know?" Security Studies 22, no. 2 (2013):
153–79. [SKIM ONLY]

Supplemental readings
Horowitz, Michael C., and Allan C. Stam. "How Prior Military Experience Influences the Future
Militarized Behavior of Leaders." International Organization 68, no. 03 (2014): 527–559.
Saunders, Elizabeth N. Leaders at War: How Presidents Shape Military Interventions. Cornell
University Press, 2011.
Colgan, Jeff D. "Domestic Revolutionary Leaders and International Conflict." World Politics 65,
no. 04 (2013): 656–690.
Gift, Thomas, and Daniel Krcmaric. "Who Democratizes? Western-Educated Leaders and Regime
Transitions." Journal of Conflict Resolution, 2015, 0022002715590878.
Saunders, Elizabeth N. "Transformative Choices: Leaders and the Origins of Intervention
Strategy." International Security 34, no. 2 (September 30, 2009): 119–61.
doi:10.1162/isec.2009.34.2.119.
Horowitz, Michael C., Allan C. Stam, and Cali M. Ellis. Why Leaders Fight. Cambridge
University Press, 2015.
George, Alexander L. "The 'Operational Code': A Neglected Approach to the Study of Political
Leaders and Decision-Making." International Studies Quarterly 13, no. 2 (1969): 190–222.
Hermann, Margaret G., Thomas Preston, Baghat Korany, and Timothy M. Shaw. "Who Leads
Matters: The Effects of Powerful Individuals." International Studies Review 3, no. 2
(January 1, 2001): 83–131.
Horowitz, Michael, Rose McDermott, and Allan C. Stam. "Leader Age, Regime Type, and Violent
International Relations." Journal of Conflict Resolution 49, no. 5 (October 1, 2005): 661–
85.
Grynaviski, Eric. "Brokering Cooperation: Intermediaries and Us Cooperation with Non-State
Allies, 1776–1945." European Journal of International Relations 21, no. 3 (September 1,
2015): 691–717.

Evangelista, Matthew. "Norms, Heresthetics, and the End of the Cold War." Journal of Cold War Studies 3, no. 1 (January 1, 2001): 5–35.

Fuhrmann, Matthew and Michael C. Horowitz. 2015. "When Leaders Matter: Rebel Experience and Nuclear Proliferation." Journal of Politics 77 (1): 72-87.

Week 2 (4/6/17). Audience Costs: Rise…Fall…Comeback?

Background
Schelling, Thomas. The Strategy of Conflict. Harvard University Press, 1960, pp. 22-28.
Fearon, James D. "Domestic Political Audiences and the Escalation of International Disputes." The American Political Science Review 88, no. 3 (September 1994): 577–92.

Required reading
Weeks, Jessica L. "Autocratic Audience Costs: Regime Type and Signaling Resolve." International Organization 62, no. 01 (2008): 35–64.
Downes, Alexander B., and Todd S. Sechser. "The Illusion of Democratic Credibility." International Organization 66, no. 3 (2012): 457–89.
Trachtenberg, Marc. "Audience Costs: An Historical Analysis." Security Studies 21, no. 1 (2012): 3–42, and the related symposium "Do Audience Costs Exist?" in *Security Studies* (2012, Vol 21, Issue 3).
Kertzer, Joshua D., and Ryan Brutger. "Decomposing Audience Costs: Bringing the Audience Back into Audience Cost Theory." American Journal of Political Science 60, no. 1 (January 1, 2016): 234–49.

Supplemental readings
Snyder, Jack, and Erica D. Borghard. "The Cost of Empty Threats: A Penny, Not a Pound." American Political Science Review 105, no. 3 (August 2011): 437–56.
Kurizaki, Shuhei, and Taehee Whang. "Detecting Audience Costs in International Disputes." International Organization 69, no. 04 (September 2015): 949–80.
Brown, Jonathan N., and Anthony S. Marcum. "Avoiding Audience Costs: Domestic Political Accountability and Concessions in Crisis Diplomacy." Security Studies 20 (April 2011): 141–70.
Levy, Jack S.; Michael K. McKoy, Paul Poast, and Geoffrey P.R. Wallace. "Backing Out or Backing In? Commitment and Consistency in Audience Costs Theory." American Journal of Political Science. Forthcoming.
Baum, Matthew A. "Going Private: Public Opinion, Presidential Rhetoric, and the Domestic Politics of Audience Costs in U.S. Foreign Policy Crises." The Journal of Conflict Resolution 48, no. 5 (October 2004): 603–31.
Brown, Jonathan N., and Anthony S. Marcum. "Avoiding Audience Costs: Domestic Political Accountability and Concessions in Crisis Diplomacy." Security Studies 20 (April 2011): 141–70.
Trager, Robert F., and Lynn Vavreck. "The Political Costs of Crisis Bargaining: Presidential Rhetoric and the Role of Party." American Journal of Political Science 55, no. 3 (2011): 526–45.
Partell, Peter J., and Glenn Palmer. "Audience Costs and Interstate Crises: An Empirical Assessment of Fearon's Model of Dispute Outcomes." International Studies Quarterly 43, no. 2 (June 1999): 389–405.
Schultz, Kenneth A. "Looking for Audience Costs." The Journal of Conflict Resolution 45, no. 1 (February 2001): 32–60.
Croco, Sarah E. "The Decider's Dilemma: Leader Culpability, War Outcomes, and Domestic Punishment." American Political Science Review 105, no. 03 (2011): 457–77.

Schultz, Kenneth A. "Why We Needed Audience Costs and What We Need Now." Security Studies 21, no. 3 (2012): 369–75.

Slantchev, Branislav L. "Politicians, the Media, and Domestic Audience Costs." International Studies Quarterly 50, no. 2 (June 2006): 445–77. doi:10.1111/j.1468-2478.2006.00409.x.

Smith, Alastair. "International Crises and Domestic Politics." The American Political Science Review 92, no. 3 (September 1998): 623–38.

Weiss, Jessica Chen. "Authoritarian Signaling, Mass Audiences, and Nationalist Protest in China." International Organization 67, no. 01 (January 2013): 1–35.

Tomz, Michael. "Domestic Audience Costs in International Relations: An Experimental Approach." International Organization 61, no. 04 (2007): 821–40.

Levendusky, Matthew S., and Michael C. Horowitz. "When Backing Down Is the Right Decision: Partisanship, New Information, and Audience Costs." The Journal of Politics 74, no. 02 (2012): 323–38.

Chaudoin, Stephen. "Promises or Policies? An Experimental Analysis of International Agreements and Audience Reactions." International Organization 68, no. 01 (2014): 235–256.

Davies, Graeme AM, and Robert Johns. "Audience Costs Among the British Public: The Impact of Escalation, Crisis Type, and Prime Ministerial Rhetoric." International Studies Quarterly 57, no. 4 (2013): 725–737.

Gibler, Douglas M., and Marc L. Hutchison. "Territorial Issues, Audience Costs, and the Democratic Peace: The Importance of Issue Salience." The Journal of Politics 75, no. 4 (2013): 879–893.

Week 3 (4/13/17). Emotions in IR

Required reading

Ross, Andrew A. G. "Realism, Emotion, and Dynamic Allegiances in Global Politics." International Theory 5, no. 2 (July 2013): 273–99.

Hall, Todd H., and Andrew A.G. Ross. "Affective Politics after 9/11." International Organization 69, no. 04 (September 2015): 847–79.

McDermott, Rose. "The Feeling of Rationality: The Meaning of Neuroscientific Advances for Political Science." Perspectives on Politics 2, no. 04 (December 2004): 691–706.

Renshon, Jonathan, Julia Lee, and Dustin Tingley. "Emotions and the Micro-Foundations of Commitment Problems." International Organization, forthcoming. [available here]

Holmes, Marcus. "The Force of Face-to-Face Diplomacy: Mirror Neurons and the Problem of Intentions." International Organization 67, no. 04 (2013): 829–61.

Supplemental readings

Pearlman, Wendy. "Emotions and the Microfoundations of the Arab Uprisings." Perspectives on Politics 11, no. 02 (June 2013): 387–409.

Stein, Rachel M. "War and Revenge: Explaining Conflict Initiation by Democracies." American Political Science Review 109, no. 03 (2015): 556–73.

Forum on "Emotions and World Politics" in *International Theory* (2014), Vol. 6, No. 3.

Mercer, Jonathan. "Emotion and Strategy in the Korean War." International Organization 67, no. 02 (2013): 221–52.

Mercer, Jonathan. "Emotional Beliefs." International Organization 64, no. 01 (2010): 1–31.

Mercer, Jonathan. "Feeling Like a State: Social Emotion and Identity." International Theory 6, no. 03 (2014): 515–535.

Holmes, Marcus. "The Force of Face-to-Face Diplomacy: Mirror Neurons and the Problem of Intentions." International Organization 67, no. 04 (2013): 829–61.

Wong, Seanon S. "Emotions and the Communication of Intentions in Face-to-Face Diplomacy." European Journal of International Relations 22, no. 1 (2016): 144–167.

Bially Mattern, Janice. "A Practice Theory of Emotion for International Relations." In International Practices, edited by Emanuel Adler and Vincent Pouliot, 63-86. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011.

Bleiker, Roland, and Emma Hutchison. "Fear No More: Emotions and World Politics." Review of International Studies 34, Supplement S1 (January 2008): 115–35.

Lind, Jennifer. Sorry States: Apologies in International Politics. Cornell University Press, 2008.

Ross, Andrew A. G. "Coming in from the Cold: Constructivism and Emotions." European Journal of International Relations 12, no. 2 (June 1, 2006): 197–222.

Lebow, Richard Ned. "Reason, Emotion and Cooperation." International Politics 42, no. 3 (September 1, 2005): 283–313.

Crawford, Neta C. "The Passion of World Politics: Propositions on Emotion and Emotional Relationships." International Security 24, no. 4 (April 1, 2000): 116–56.

Solomon, Ty. "The Affective Underpinnings of Soft Power." European Journal of International Relations 20, no. 3 (September 1, 2014): 720–41.

Michel, Torsten. "Time to Get Emotional: Phronetic Reflections on the Concept of Trust in International Relations." European Journal of International Relations 19, no. 4 (December 1, 2013): 869–90

Dolan, Tom. "Emotion and Strategic Learning in War." Foreign Policy Analysis, Aug 1, 2014.

Holmes, Marcus. "Believing This and Alieving That: Theorizing Affect and Intuitions in International Politics." International Studies Quarterly 59, no. 4 (December 1, 2015): 706–20.

Petersen, Roger D. Understanding Ethnic Violence: Fear, Hatred, and Resentment in Twentieth-Century Eastern Europe. Cambridge University Press, 2002.

Petersen, Roger D. Western Intervention in the Balkans: The Strategic Use of Emotion in Conflict. Cambridge University Press, 2011.

Solomon, Ty. "Human Nature and the Limits of the Self: Hans Morgenthau on Love and Power." International Studies Review 14, no. 2 (June 1, 2012): 201–24.

Mercer, Jonathan. "Human Nature and the First Image: Emotion in International Politics." Journal of International Relations and Development 9, no. 3 (September 1, 2006): 288–303.

Week 4 (4/20/17). Race and IR

Background
Lake, David A. "Anarchy, Hierarchy, and the Variety of International Relations." International Organization 50, no. 01 (1996): 1–33.

Required reading
Bell, Duncan. "Before the Democratic Peace: Racial Utopianism, Empire and the Abolition of War." European Journal of International Relations 20, no. 3 (September 1, 2014): 647–70.
Vitalis, Robert. White World Order, Black Power Politics: The Birth of American International Relations. Cornell University Press, 2015. Part II, III, Conclusion.
Pedersen, Susan. "Destined to Disappear." London Review of Books, October 20, 2016. [Note: this is a review of Vitalis's book.]
Grovogui, Siba N'Zatioula. Sovereigns, Quasi Sovereigns, and Africans: Race and Self-Determination in International Law. U of Minnesota Press, 1996. Chapt 1, last para p. 76, pp. 77-88, 111-134, Chpt 5.
Henderson, Errol A. "Hidden in Plain Sight: Racism in International Relations Theory." Cambridge Review of International Affairs 26, no. 1 (March 1, 2013): 71–92.
Lake, David A. "White Man's IR: An Intellectual Confession." Perspectives on Politics 14, no. 4 (December 2016): 1112–22.

Supplemental readings
Reviews and reactions to Vitalis's White World Order, Black Power Politics
    --Author's introduction, "White World Order, Black Power Politics: A Symposium," The Disorder of Things, June 6, 2016, https://thedisorderofthings.com/2016/06/06/white-world-order-black-power-politics-a-symposium/
    --Contributions in "Review Symposium: *White World Order, Black Power Politics"* Perspectives on Politics, Volume 14, Issue 4, December 2016.
Symposium on "Confronting the Global Colour Line: Space, Race and Imperial Hierarchy in World Politics," in Cambridge Review of International Affairs, Vol 26, 2013.
Anievas, Alexander, Nivi Manchanda, and Robbie Shilliam. Race and Racism in International Relations: Confronting the Global Colour Line. Routledge, 2014.
Kaufmann, Chaim D., and Robert A. Pape. "Explaining Costly International Moral Action: Britain's Sixty-Year Campaign against the Atlantic Slave Trade." International Organization 53, no. 4 (1999): 631–68.
Lake, Marilyn, and Henry Reynolds. Drawing the Global Colour Line: White Men's Countries and the International Challenge of Racial Equality. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008.
Shilliam, Robbie. "'Open the Gates Mek We Repatriate': Caribbean Slavery, Constructivism, and Hermeneutic Tensions." International Theory 6, no. 2 (July 2014): 349–72.
Krishna, Sankaran. "Race, Amnesia, and the Education of International Relations." Alternatives: Global, Local, Political 26, no. 4 (2001): 401–24.
Barkawi, Tarak. "Decolonising War." European Journal of International Security 1, no. 02 (2016): 199–214.
Anghie, Antony. Imperialism, Sovereignty and the Making of International Law. Cambridge University Press, 2005.

Hobson, John M. The Eurocentric Conception of World Politics: Western International Theory, 1760-2010. Cambridge University Press, 2012.

Búzás, Zoltán I. "The Color of Threat: Race, Threat Perception, and the Demise of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance (1902–1923)." Security Studies 22, no. 4 (October 1, 2013): 573–606.

Jones, Branwen Gruffydd. Decolonizing International Relations. Rowman & Littlefield, 2006.

Vitalis, Robert. "The Graceful and Generous Liberal Gesture: Making Racism Invisible in American International Relations." Millennium - Journal of International Studies 29, no. 2 (June 1, 2000): 331–56.

Hemmer, Christopher, and Peter J. Katzenstein. "Why Is There No NATO in Asia? Collective Identity, Regionalism, and the Origins of Multilateralism." International Organization 56, no. 3 (July 2002): 575–607.

Karp, Matthew. This Vast Southern Empire: Slaveholders at the Helm of American Foreign Policy. Harvard University Press, 2016.

Grovogui, Siba N. "Come to Africa: A Hermeneutics of Race in International Theory." Alternatives 26, no. 4 (2001): 425–448.

Grovogui, Siba N. "Rituals of Power: Theory, Languages, and Vernaculars of International Relations." Alternatives 23, no. 4 (1998): 499–529.

Jones, Branwen Gruffydd. "Race in the Ontology of International Order." Political Studies 56, no. 4 (2008): 907–927.

Thompson, Debra. "Through, Against and Beyond the Racial State: The Transnational Stratum of Race." Cambridge Review of International Affairs 26, no. 1 (March 1, 2013): 133–51. doi:10.1080/09557571.2012.762898.

Doty, Roxanne Lynn. Imperial Encounters: The Politics of Representation in North-South Relations. U of Minnesota Press, 1996.

Biswas, Shampa. "'Nuclear Apartheid' as Political Position: Race as a Postcolonial Resource?" Alternatives 26, no. 4 (2001): 485–522.

Vucetic, Srdjan. The Anglosphere: A Genealogy of a Racialized Identity in International Relations. Stanford University Press, 2011.

Dower, John W. War Without Mercy: Race and Power in the Pacific War. Pantheon, 1987.

Jones, Matthew. After Hiroshima: The United States, Race and Nuclear Weapons in Asia, 1945–1965. Cambridge University Press, 2010.

Getachew, Adom. "Worldmaking after Empire," Book Manuscript.

Week 5 (4/27/17). Norms: The Second Wave (Constructivism I)

Background reading

Finnemore, Martha, and Kathryn Sikkink. "International Norm Dynamics and Political Change." International Organization 52, no. 04 (1998): 887–917.

Required reading

Acharya, Amitav. "How Ideas Spread: Whose Norms Matter? Norm Localization and Institutional Change in Asian Regionalism." International Organization 58, no. 2 (2004): 239–75.

Panke, Diana, and Ulrich Petersohn. "Why International Norms Disappear Sometimes." European Journal of International Relations 18, no. 4 (December 1, 2012): 719–42.

Ann E. Towns, "Norms and Social Hierarchies: Understanding International Policy Diffusion 'From Below'," International Organization 66, no. 02 (2012): 179–209

Ayoub, Phillip M. "Contested Norms in New-Adopter States: International Determinants of LGBT Rights Legislation." European Journal of International Relations 21, no. 2 (June 1, 2015): 293–322.

Krook, Mona Lena, and Jacqui True. "Rethinking the Life Cycles of International Norms: The United Nations and the Global Promotion of Gender Equality." European Journal of International Relations 18, no. 1 (2012): 103–27.

Supplemental readings

Hyde, Susan D. "Catch Us If You Can: Election Monitoring and International Norm Diffusion." American Journal of Political Science 55, no. 2 (April 1, 2011): 356–69.

Bailey, Jennifer L. "Arrested Development: The Fight to End Commercial Whaling as a Case of Failed Norm Change." European Journal of International Relations 14, no. 2 (June 1, 2008): 289–318.

Christian Reus-Smit, "The Constitutional Structure of International Society and the Nature of Fundamental Institutions," International Organization 51, no. 04 (1997): 555–589

Bernd Bucher Acting abstractions: Metaphors, narrative structures, and the eclipse of agency European Journal of International Relations September 2014 20: 742-765

Percy, Sarah V. "Mercenaries: Strong Norm, Weak Law." International Organization 61, no. 2 (Spring 2007): 367–97.

Sandholtz, Wayne. "Dynamics of International Norm Change: Rules against Wartime Plunder." European Journal of International Relations 14, no. 1 (2008): 101–31.

Coleman, Katharina P. "Locating Norm Diplomacy: Venue Change in International Norm Negotiations." European Journal of International Relations, August 23, 2011.

Linde, Robyn. "The Globalization of Childhood: The International Diffusion of Norms and Law Against the Child Death Penalty." European Journal of International Relations 20, no. 2 (June 1, 2014): 544–68.

Schmidt, Sebastian. "Foreign Military Presence and the Changing Practice of Sovereignty: A Pragmatist Explanation of Norm Change." American Political Science Review 108, no. 04 (November 2014): 817–29.

Hafner-Burton, Emilie M. "Sticks and Stones: Naming and Shaming the Human Rights Enforcement Problem." International Organization 62, no. 4 (October 1, 2008): 689–716.

Van Kersbergen, Kees, and Bertjan Verbeek. "The Politics of International Norms: Subsidiarity and the Imperfect Competence Regime of the European Union." European Journal of International Relations 13, no. 2 (2007): 217–38.

Zwingel, Susanne. "How Do Norms Travel? Theorizing International Women's Rights in Transnational Perspective." International Studies Quarterly 56, no. 1 (2012): 115–29.

Bettiza, Gregorio, and Filippo Dionigi. "How Do Religious Norms Diffuse? Institutional Translation and International Change in a Post-Secular World Society." European Journal of International Relations 21, no. 3 (September 1, 2015): 621–46.

Week 6 (5/4/17). Authoritarian Regimes and IR

Background
Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce, Alastair Smith, Randolph M. Siverson, and James D. Morrow. The Logic of Political Survival. MIT Press, 2005.

Required reading
Talmadge, Caitlin. "The Puzzle of Personalist Performance: Iraqi Battlefield Effectiveness in the Iran-Iraq War." Security Studies 22, no. 2 (2013): 180–221.
Weiss, Jessica Chen. "Authoritarian Signaling, Mass Audiences, and Nationalist Protest in China." International Organization 67, no. 01 (January 2013): 1–35.
Steinberg, David A., and Krishan Malhotra. "The Effect of Authoritarian Regime Type on Exchange Rate Policy." World Politics 66, no. 03 (2014): 491–529.
Debs, Alexandre, and H.E. Goemans. "Regime Type, the Fate of Leaders, and War." American Political Science Review 104, no. 03 (August 2010): 430–45.
Gallagher, Mary E., and Jonathan K. Hanson. "Power Tool or Dull Blade? Selectorate Theory for Autocracies." Annual Review of Political Science 18, no. 1 (2015): 367–85.

Supplemental readings
Yom, Sean L. From Resilience to Revolution: How Foreign Interventions Destabilize the Middle East (New York: Columbia University Press, 2015). Chapter 1.
Colgan, Jeff D. "Oil and Revolutionary Governments: Fuel for International Conflict." International Organization 64, no. 04 (2010): 661–94.
Weeks, Jessica L. "Autocratic Audience Costs: Regime Type and Signaling Resolve." International Organization 62, no. 01 (2008): 35–64.
Chiozza, Giacomo, and H. E. Goemans. Leaders and International Conflict. Cambridge University Press, 2011.
Levitsky, Steven, and Lucan A. Way. "Linkage versus Leverage. Rethinking the International Dimension of Regime Change." Comparative Politics 38, no. 4 (2006): 379–400.
Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce, James D. Morrow, Randolph M. Siverson, and Alastair Smith. "An Institutional Explanation of the Democratic Peace." The American Political Science Review 93, no. 4 (December 1999): 791–807.
Giacomo Chiozza and H. E. Goemans, Leaders and International Conflict (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011).
Colgan, Jeff. Petro-Aggression: When Oil Causes War. Cambridge University Press, 2013.
Talmadge, Caitlin. The Dictator's Army: Battlefield Effectiveness in Authoritarian Regimes. Cornell University Press, 2015.
Weeks, Jessica L. P. Dictators at War and Peace. Cornell University Press, 2014.
Gallagher, Mary E., and Jonathan K. Hanson. "Power Tool or Dull Blade? Selectorate Theory for Autocracies." Annual Review of Political Science 18, no. 1 (2015): 367–85.
Steinberg, David A., and Victor C. Shih. "Interest Group Influence in Authoritarian States The Political Determinants of Chinese Exchange Rate Policy." Comparative Political Studies 45, no. 11 (2012): 1405–34.
Svolik, Milan W. "Contracting on Violence The Moral Hazard in Authoritarian Repression and Military Intervention in Politics." Journal of Conflict Resolution 57, no. 5 (October 1, 2013): 765–94.

Byman, Daniel. "'Death Solves All Problems': The Authoritarian Model of Counterinsurgency." Journal of Strategic Studies 39, no. 1 (January 2, 2016): 62–93. =

Escribà-Folch, Abel. "Authoritarian Responses to Foreign Pressure: Spending, Repression, and Sanctions." Comparative Political Studies 45, no. 6 (2012): 683–713.

Croco, Sarah E. "The Decider's Dilemma: Leader Culpability, War Outcomes, and Domestic Punishment." American Political Science Review 105, no. 03 (2011): 457–77.

Escribà-Folch, Abel, and Joseph Wright. "Human Rights Prosecutions and Autocratic Survival." International Organization 69, no. 02 (2015): 343–73.

Mock comp exam
Essay prompt sent @ 9 am, Saturday 5/13
Response due same day by 5 pm
Send to acarson@uchicago.edu

Week 7 (5/11/17). The Experimental Turn in IR

Required reading

Hyde, Susan D. "Experiments in International Relations: Lab, Survey, and Field." Annual Review of Political Science 18, no. 1 (2015): 403–24.

Hiscox, Michael J. "Through a Glass and Darkly: Attitudes Toward International Trade and the Curious Effects of Issue Framing." International Organization 60, no. 03 (July 2006): 755–80.

Renshon, Jonathan. "Losing Face and Sinking Costs: Experimental Evidence on the Judgment of Political and Military Leaders." International Organization 69, no. 03 (June 2015): 659–95.

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