

Classics of International Theory

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This course looks at the treatment of international relations in the Western tradition of political theory, ranging back to Thucydides and Aristotle and up to Michael Walzer and John Rawls. It is intended to appeal to three overlapping sets of students: 1. Those interested primarily in political theory who are looking for a more explicit focus on international relations (which is typically marginalized in standard theory courses). 2. Those interested primarily in international relations who are looking for a theoretical approach to the field that explicitly addresses broader political questions (in contrast to the emphasis on the differences between anarchic and hierarchic politics that dominates the academic study of IR). 3. Students with a humanistic orientation to international studies and those seeking greater breadth in their grasp of the discipline (which is dominated by social scientific and policy perspectives).

The course is based on close reading and discussion of original texts. You *must* read the material before coming to class and be prepared to discuss it if you are to get anything like the full benefit from the course. We will be reading works by Thucydides, Machiavelli, Kant, and Rawls in their entirety (or at least substantial excerpts). But we will also be reading shorter excerpts with a more topical perspective. Most of those excerpts will be drawn from the excellent new reader *International Relations in Political Thought* (edited by Chris Brown, Terry Nardin and Nick Rengger). If you can only afford to purchase one book for this course, I encourage you to choose this one.

Grades will be based on three short papers (5, 10, and 15 pages), which will count for one-sixth, one-third, and half of the final grade. Participation in class (quality not quantity) will be taken into account when determining whether or not to round up on the final grade, and, in exceptional circumstances, may even raise (but not lower) the final grade by a "+".

Detailed reading assignments, by class, follow. *All listed readings are required.* The following abbreviations are used:

BNR = Chris Brown, Terry Nardin, and Nick Rengger, eds., *International Relations in Political Thought*;

N&M = Terry Nardin and David Mapel, eds., *Traditions of International Ethics*.

1. Introduction: Aristotle and Augustine

Aristotle, Augustine, and Luther in BNR.

Henry Paolucci, ed., The Political Writings of St. Augustine, pp. 1-15, 38-46, 317-342.
(e-reserve)

Nardin in N&M.

2. The Natural Law Tradition

Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologica* I.II.90.1-3; 92.1; 95.1-2; 57.1-3; 58.1, 6-12. (e-reserve)

Grotius, Wolff, Vattel, Vitoria in BNR.

Boyle, Forsyth in N&M.

3. The State of Nature

Hobbes, Pufendorf in BNR.

Locke, *Second Treatise of Government*, para 4, 6-21, 77, 85-89, 95, 99, 123-131.

(Available online through Netlibrary. Search Peak for "Second Treatise of Government".

Click on the entry marked electronic resource [currently #6].)

Rousseau, *The State of War* in BNR.

Mapel in N&M.

4. Just War

Augustine in Paolucci, pp. 162-183. (e-reserve)

Aquinas, Erasmus in BNR.

Michael Walzer, *Just and Unjust Wars*, ch. 1-4.

5. Machiavelli

Machiavelli, *Selected Political Writings* (Hackett).

This volume includes the full text of *The Prince* (you can, with little loss, skip chapters 9-11, 20, 22, 23, and all but the first paragraph of chapters 12 and 14) and the following excerpts from the *Discourses*: I.1-13, 16-18, 21, 26, 27, 29, 32, 34, 42, 43, 46, 49, 50, 53-55, 58; II.1-3, 15, 16, 19, 20, 27, 29; III. 1, 3, 7-9, 22, 29-31, 34, 41-43.

6. Thucydides

Thucydides on Justice, Power, and Human Nature.

This volume includes the following chapters: I.1-23, 66-88, 118-124, 140-146; II. 1-8, 35-78; III. 37-68, 81-85; IV. 47-48, 84-87; V. 84-116. In addition, it provides summaries of VI.2, 27-105, VII.1-87, VIII.1.

7. Varieties of Realism

Hamilton, Burke, Treitschke in BNR.

Reinhold Niebuhr, *Moral Man and Immoral Society*, pp. xyz. (e-reserve)

Hans Morgenthau, *In Defense of the National Interest*, pp. xyz. (e-reserve)

Forde in N&M.

Jack Donnelly, *Realism and International Relations*, ch. 1. (e-reserve)

8. International Relations and Political Economy

Part 9 of BNR.

Smith, Brown in N&M.

9. Kant

Immanuel Kant, *Theory and Practice*.

Perpetual Peace.

From *The Metaphysical Elements of Right* in BNR.

Davidson in N&M.

10. Rawls

John Rawls, *The Law of Peoples*.