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**American Foreign Policy**

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**Course Description:**

This course surveys post-War American foreign policy in historical perspective. It begins by evaluating the rise of the United States as a world power during the twentieth century, and its current position of international primacy. It then examines the origins of the strategy of containment in the early post War period before considering how these debates animated the changing course of American foreign policy through the various phases of the Cold War conflict. The course concludes by analyzing American foreign policy since the end of the Cold War, up to and including debates about the consequences of September 11th 2001 for the United States’s position of primacy, the Bush Doctrine and the American led intervention in and subsequent occupation of Iraq.

**Format of the Course:**

The format of the course is lecture with discussion.

**Course Requirements:**

1. Regular class attendance and active class participation. In the event a student is absent from class, he/she is responsible for learning about any announcements made that day.

2. Study of all required books and electronic reserve readings. Students should make sure they complete the assigned reading before coming to class.

3. A mid-term and final exam. The exams cover the lectures, class discussions, and reading assignments. The midterm and final will each consist of an in-class exam with medium-length questions. Please note that the lectures and class discussion help illuminate the readings and supplement them; they are not meant to cover all points dealt with in the readings. **The mid-term exam will be in the last 50 minutes of class on Wednesday 15th Oct (week 7).**

4. The completion of an 8-10 page research paper on some aspect of post-War American foreign policy. ***The student is responsible for submitting a one-paragraph description of the proposed research topic in class on*** ***Monday 6th October (week 6***)**. *Note that this is the week before the mid-term exam, so you will need to plan ahead or risk working on your paper proposal and exam review concurrently*.** The topic must meet with the approval of the instructor. **The paper is due IN CLASS on Monday 10th Nov (week 11). *Email submissions will strictly not be accepted***.

**Grading:**

The final grade for the course is based on the following:

Class participation: 10%

Mid-term exam: 20%

Research paper: 30%

Final exam: 40%

**Required Books:**

Robert J. Lieber, *Eagle Rules? Foreign Policy and American Primacy in the Twentieth Century* (Upper Saddle River: Prentice Hall, 2002).

John Lewis Gaddis, *Strategies of Containment: A Critical Appraisal of American National Security Policy during the Cold War* [revised and expanded edition] (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005).

Howard Jones, *Crucible of Power: A History of American Foreign Relations Since 1897* (Wilmington: SR Books, 2001).

Steven Hook and John Spanier, *American Foreign Policy Since World War II* (Washington D.C.: CQ Press 2007).

For a survey of some topical issues in American foreign policy, students may also wish to consult the following source, although purchase is not compulsory:

Ralph G. Carter, *Contemporary Cases in US Foreign Policy: From Terrorism to Trade* (Washington D.C.: CQ Press, 2005).

**List of Topics:**

American Foreign Policy and American Primacy I

The Foreign Policy Making Process

The Foreign Policy Making Process (cont)

The Onset of the Cold War

The Origins of Containment – CLASS PAPER PROPOSAL DUE *MONDAY*

The New Look, Massive Retaliation and Covert Action – MIDTERM EXAM

Kennedy, Johnson and Flexible Response

Nixon, Kissinger and Détente

Reagan, the End of the Cold War and Bush’s ‘New World Order’

Clinton’s Foreign Policy in the 1990’s – CLASS PAPER DUE *MONDAY*

September 11th and American Foreign Policy

The Bush Doctrine and the Iraq War

American Primacy Revisited: Towards a Post American World?

**SCHEDULE OF**

**COURSE TOPICS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS**

**Lecture 1). Weds 3rd Sept American Foreign Policy**

Lieber, chapter 1

**Lecture 2). Mon 8th Sept American Primacy I**

Brooks, Stephen G and William Wohlforth, “American Primacy in Perspective”, *Foreign Affairs,* Vol 81, No. 4 (2002), pp.21-33

**Lecture 3) Weds 10th Sept American Primacy II**

Wallerstein, Immanuel “The Eagle Has Crash Landed”, *Foreign Policy* No 131 July-August 2002, pp.60-68

**Lecture 4). Mon 15th Sept The Foreign Policy Making Process I**

Bowles, Nigel “Foreign and Defense Policy” in N. Bowles *The Government and Politics of the United States* (London: Palgrave, 1998), pp.381-415.

Lieber, chapter 2

**Lecture 5). Weds 17th Sept:** **The Foreign Policy Making Process II**

Lieber, chapters 2 and 3

**Lecture 6). Mon 22nd Sept: The Foreign Policy Making Process III**

Inderfurth Karl, F and Johnson Loch, K. "National Security Advisors: Profiles" in *Fateful Decisions: Inside the National Security Council* (New York, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004) pp 173-182.

Jeffrey S. Lantis and Eric Moskowitz, “The Return of the Imperial Presidency? The Bush Doctrine and the Intervention in Iraq” in Ralph Carter (Ed). *Contemporary Cases in US Foreign Policy* (Washington DC, CQ Press, 2005).

**Lecture 7). Weds 24th Sept:** **The Foreign Policy Making Process IV**

Jeffrey S. Lantis and Eric Moskowitz, “The Return of the Imperial Presidency? The Bush Doctrine and the Intervention in Iraq” in Ralph Carter (Ed). *Contemporary Cases in US Foreign Policy* (Washington DC, CQ Press, 2005).

Howell, William G. And Jon C. Pevehouse “When Congress Stops Wars”, *Foreign Affairs*, September/October 2007, Volume 86, No. 5, pp.1-7

**Lecture 8). Mon 29th Sept:** **The Onset of the Cold War I**

Gaddis, John Lewis "Spheres of Influence: The United States and Europe, 1945-1949" in Charles S. Maier (Ed.) *The Long Peace: Inquires Into the History of the Cold War* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1987) pp 48-71.

Leffler, Melvyn P. "Introduction" in *A Preponderance of Power: National Security, and Truman Administration, and the Cold War* (Stanford: Stanford University Press,1992) pp 1-24.

**Lecture 9). Weds 1st Oct:** **The Onset of the Cold War II**

Leffler, Melvyn P. "Introduction" in *A Preponderance of Power: National Security, and Truman Administration, and the Cold War* (Stanford: Stanford University Press,1992) pp 1-24.

Lundestad, Geir "Empire by Invitation? The United States and Western Europe, 1945-1952" in Charles S. Maier (Ed.) *The Cold War in Europe* (New York : M. Wiener Pub., 1991) pp143-165.

**Lecture 10). Mon 6th Oct: The Origins of Containment I - *Class paper summary due***

Gaddis, chapters 1-2

Hook and Spanier, chapter 2

**Lecture 11). Weds 8th Oct:** **The Origins of Containment II**

Gaddis, chapters 3-4

Hook and Spanier, chapter 3

**Lecture 12). Mon 13th Oct:** **The New Look, Massive Retaliation and Covert Action I**

Gaddis chapter 5-6

Jones chapter 11

**Lecture 13). Weds 15th Oct: The New Look, Massive Retaliation and Covert Action II – *Midterm Exam***

Gaddis chapters 5-6

Jones chapter 11

**Lecture 14). Mon 20th Oct: Kennedy, Johnson and Flexible Response I**

Gaddis, chapters 7-8

Jones, chapter 12-13

**Lecture 15). Weds 22nd Oct:** **Kennedy, Johnson and Flexible Response I**

Gaddis, chapters 7-8

Jones, chapter 12-13

**Lecture 16). Mon 27th Oct: Nixon, Kissinger and Détente I**

Gaddis chapters 9 and 10

Hook and Spanier chapter 6

**Lecture 17). Weds 29th Oct: Nixon, Kissinger and Détente II**

Gaddis chapters 9 and 10

Hook and Spanier chapter 6

**Lecture 18). Mon 3rd Nov: Reagan, the End of the Cold War and Bush’s ‘New World Order’ I**

Gaddis chapter 11

Hook and Spanier chapters 7 and 8

Jones, chapters 16 and 17

**Lecture 19). Weds 5th Nov:** **Reagan, the End of the Cold War and Bush’s ‘New World Order’ I**

Gaddis chapter 11

Hook and Spanier chapters 7 and 8

Jones, chapters 16 and 17

**Lecture 20). Mon 10th Nov: Clinton’s Foreign Policy in the 1990’s I *CLASS PAPERS DUE***

Williams, David “Foreign and Security Policy” in Gillian Peele, Christopher Bailey, Bruce Cain and Guy Peters (Eds.) *Developments in American Politics 4* (London: Palgrave, 2002).

Walt, Stephen M. “Two Cheers for Clinton’s Foreign Policy”, *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 79, No 2, (2000), pp.63-79.

Mastanduno, Michael “Preserving the Unipolar Moment: Realist Theories and U.S. Grand Strategy After the Cold War”, in Ethan Kapstein and Michael Mastanduno (Eds.) *Unipolar Politics: Realism and State Strategies After the Cold War* (New York, Columbia University Press, 1999).

**Lecture 21). Weds 12th Nov: Clinton’s Foreign Policy in the 1990’s II**

Mastanduno, Michael “Preserving the Unipolar Moment: Realist Theories and U.S. Grand Strategy After the Cold War”, in Ethan Kapstein and Michael Mastanduno (Eds.) *Unipolar Politics: Realism and State Strategies After the Cold War* (New York, Columbia University Press, 1999).

Ikenberry, G. John “American Power and the Empire of Capitalist Democracy”, *Review of International Studies*, Vol 27 (2001) pp.191-212.

Cox, Michael “Whatever Happened to American Decline”, *New Political Economy*, Vol. 6, No. 3, (2001), p.311-340.

**Lecture 22). Mon 17th Nov:**  **September 11th and American Foreign Policy I – *Class paper due***

Cox, Michael “American Power Before and After September 11th: Dizzy With Success” *International Affairs*, Vol. 78, No. 2 (2001), pp.261-276.

Johnson, Chalmers. “Blowback” in C. Johnson *Blowback: Costs and Consequences of American Empire* (Boston: Little Brown and Company, 2000)

**Lecture 23) Weds 19th Nov:**  **September 11th and American Foreign Policy I**

Johnson, Chalmers. “Blowback” in C. Johnson *Blowback: Costs and Consequences of American Empire* (Boston: Little Brown and Company, 2000)

Kennedy, Paul. “The Eagle Has Landed”, *Financial Times*, 2nd/3rd February 2002

Kennedy, Paul. “Maintaining American Power: From Injury to Recovery” in S. Talbott and N. Chanda (Eds.) *The Age of Terror: America and the World After September 11th* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2001)

**Lecture 24). Mon 24th Nov: The Bush Doctrine and the Iraq War I**

Kagan, Robert “The Power Divide”, *Prospect Magazine*, August 2002, pp.20-27.

Jervis, Robert “Understanding the Bush Doctrine” in Robert Jervis *American Foreign Policy in a New Era* (London: Routledge, 2005).

Leffler, Melvyn “9/11 and the Past and Future of American Foreign Policy”, *International Affairs*, Vol 79, No 5, 2003, pp.1045-1063.

**Lecture 25). Weds 26th Nov: THANKSGIVING**

TBC

**Lecture 26). Mon 1st Dec: The Bush Doctrine and the Iraq War II**

Leffler, Melvyn “9/11 and the Past and Future of American Foreign Policy”, *International Affairs*, Vol 79, No 5, 2003, pp.1045-1063.

Ikenberry, John and Charles Kupchan, “Liberal Realism”, *The National Interest*, Vol. 77, 2004, pp.38-49.

**Lecture 27). Weds 3rd Dec: American Primacy Revisited - Towards a Post American World I**

Johnson, Chalmers “Prologue: The Unveiling of the American Empire” in Chalmers Johnson *Sorrows of Empire: Militarism, Secrecy and the End of the Republic* (London: Verso, 2004)

Ferguson, Niall “Introduction” in Niall Ferguson *Colossus: The Price of America’s Empire* (London: Penguin, 2004).

**Lecture 28). Mon 8th Dec: American Primacy Revisited - Towards a Post American World II**

Ferguson, Niall “Introduction” in Niall Ferguson *Colossus: The Price of America’s Empire* (London: Penguin, 2004).

Stephens, Philip “Desperate Need for a New World Order: The Shape and Dynamics of a New Multipolar System”, *Financial Times*, January 24th 2007.

\*Stephens, Philip “Anchor Aweigh”, Transcript of BBC Radio Four *Analysis* program 15th March 2007 [when reading the transcript please note that Stephens is the narrator and his speech is inter-dispersed with a series of interviews with other commentators such as Paul Kennedy and Joseph Nye whose names and biographies are listed at the start of the article]

Stephens, Philip “Truths for a New World of Us and Them”, *Financial Times*, 29th May 2008

\*Zakaria, Fareed “The Rise of the Rest”, *Newsweek*, 7th May 2008

**Lecture 29). Weds 10th Dec: Review and Overspill**