

SOCIAL THEORY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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Overview

Social theory is a trans-disciplinary but essentially philosophical inquiry into the ontology and epistemology of social life in general – into how we should *think about thinking* about society – rather than its concrete manifestations in actually existing societies. This is not a course in social theory per se, but in social theory of International Relations, which brings this problematic to bear on the particular subject matter of world politics and its study. The course is organized into two parts. Part I briefly takes up the question of IR as a social science and then the relationship between material conditions and ideas. Part II then examines in more depth three approaches to the agent-structure problem, or how the parts of the international system should be understood to relate to the whole: 1) micro-theories, which focus on the interaction of parts and explain in bottom-up fashion; 2) macro-theories, which start with structure and explain top-down; and 3) process theories, which seek to transcend the agent-structure binary altogether.

Readings

There are no books required for this course; all the required readings are articles or chapters available online through Carmen. However, students will be assumed to have read, and studied, three books already: Kenneth Waltz, Theory of International Politics (Addison-Wesley, 1979); Robert Keohane, After Hegemony (Princeton University Press, 1984), and my Social Theory of International Politics (Cambridge University Press, 1999). In case refreshment is called for, parts of these books are listed below as assumed background.

Expectations

There are three course requirements.

- 1) All students are expected to attend class and participate actively and in an informed fashion in class discussions. (20% of the final grade)
- 2) All students will write three 2-page memos on three weeks' readings of their choice,

- with memos due the night before that class session (20%).
- 3) All students will write EITHER:
- a) One 25 page research paper (60%).
 - OR
 - b) Two 10-12 page critical review essays (30% each).

Journal Abbreviations

APSR = American Political Science Review
EJIR = European Journal of International Relations
IO = International Organization
IS = International Security
ISQ = International Studies Quarterly
ISR = International Studies Review
IT = International Theory
JCMS = Journal of Common Market Studies
JIRD = Journal of International Relations and Development
RIPE = Review of International Political Economy
RIS = Review of International Studies

CALENDAR

Jan. 4: COURSE INTRODUCTION

Background:

Wendt, Social Theory, chapter 1.

Required:

Wendt, Alexander (2004) – “The state as person in international theory,” RIS, 30, 289-316, 289-316.

Further Reading:

On State Personhood:

Franke, Ulrich and Ulrich Roos (2010) – “Actor, Structure, Process: Transcending the State Personhood Debate by Means of a Pragmatist Ontological Model for IR Theory,” RIS, 36, 1057-1077.

‘Schiff, Jacob (2008) – “‘Real’? As if! Critical reflections on state personhood,” RIS, 34, 363-77.

Krolikowski, Alanna (2008) – “State Personhood in Ontological Security Theories of

- International Relations and Chinese Nationalism: A Sceptical View,” Chinese Journal of International Politics, 2, 109-133.
- Faizullaev, Alisher (2007) – “Individual experiencing of states,” RIS, 33, 531-54.
- Neumann, Iver (2004) – “Beware of Organicism: The Narrative Self of the State,” RIS, 30, 259-268.
- Wight, Colin (2004) – “State Agency: Social Action without Human Activity?,” RIS, 30, 269-280.
- Jackson, Patrick (2004) – “Hegel’s House, or ‘People are States Too’,” RIS, 30, 281-288.
- Ringmar, Erik (1996) – “On the Ontological Status of the State,” EJIR, 2, 439-466.

On Constructivism Generally:

- Klotz, Audie, and Cecelia Lynch (2007) - Strategies for Research in Constructivist International Relations, M.E. Sharpe.
- Guzzini, Stefano and Anna Leander, eds. (2006) – Constructivism and International Relations: Alexander Wendt and his Critics, Routledge.
- Hopf, Ted (2002) – Social Construction of International Politics, Cornell University Press.
- Adler, Emanuel (2002) – “Constructivism and international relations,” in W. Carlsnaes, et al., eds., Handbook of International Relations, Sage.
- Zehfuss, Maja (2002) – Constructivism in International Relations, Cambridge University Press.
- Sterling-Folker, Jennifer (2002) – “Realism and the constructivist challenge,” ISR, 4, 73-100.
- Finnemore, Martha and Kathryn Sikkink (2001) – “Taking stock: The constructivist research program in international relations and comparative politics,” Annual Review of Political Science, 4, 391-416.
- Keohane, Robert, et al. (2000) - “Forum on Alexander Wendt,” RIS, 26, 123-180.
- Kratochwil, Friedrich (2000) - “Constructing a new orthodoxy? Wendt’s Social Theory of International Politics and the constructivist challenge,” Millennium, 29, 73-102.
- Checkel, Jeffrey (1998) - “The constructivist turn in international relations theory,” World Politics, 50, 324-48.
- Hopf, Ted (1998) – “The promise of constructivism in international relations theory,” IS, 23, 171-200.
- Schmidt, Brian (1998) – The Political Discourse of Anarchy: A Disciplinary History of International Relations, SUNY Press.
- Adler, Emanuel (1997) - “Seizing the middle ground: Constructivism in world politics,” EJIR, 3, 319-62.
- Kratochwil, Friedrich (1989) - Rules, Decisions, and Norms, Cambridge University Press.
- Onuf, Nicholas (1989) – World of Our Making, University of South Carolina Press.
- Wendt, Alexander (1987) – “The agent-structure problem in international relations theory,” IO, 41, 335-370.

PART I: PHILOSOPHICAL PRELIMINARIES

Jan 11: CAN PRAGMATISM END THE 3rd DEBATE?

Background:

Waltz, Theory, chapter 1.

Wendt, Social Theory, chapter 2.

Wight, Colin (2002) – “Philosophy of social science and international relations,” in W. Carlsnaes, et al., eds., Handbook of International Relations, Sage.

Required:

Wendt, Alexander (1998) - “On constitution and causation in international relations,” RIS, 24, special issue, 101-117.

Sil, Rudra and Peter Katzenstein (2010) – “Analytical Eclecticism in the Study of World Politics,” Perspectives on Politics, 8, 411-431.

Monteiro, Nuno and Keven Ruby (2009) – “IR and the False Promise of Philosophical Foundations,” IT, 1, 15-48.

Friedrichs, Jorg and Friedrich Kratochwil (2009) – “On Acting and Knowing: How Pragmatism Can Advance IR Research and Methodology,” IO, 63, 701-731.

Price, Richard (2008) – “Moral Limit and Possibility in World Politics,” IO, 62, 191-220.

Further Reading:

Jahn, Beate (2009) – “Liberal Internationalism: From Ideology to Empirical Theory – and Back Again,” IT, 1, 409-438; lengthy subsequent exchange with Moravcsik in the following issue.

Kurki, Milja (2008) – Causation in International Relations, Cambridge University Press.

Suganami, Hidemi (2008) – “Narrative Explanation and International Relations: Back to Basics,” Millennium, 37, 327-356.

Best, Jacqueline (2008) – “Ambiguity, Uncertainty, and Risk: Rethinking Indeterminacy,” International Political Sociology, 2, 355-74.

Aalberts, Tanja and Rens van Munster (2008) – “From Wendt to Kuhn: Reviving the ‘Third Debate’ in International Relations,” International Politics, 45, 720-746.

Pouliot, Vincent (2007) – “‘Subjectivism’: Toward a Constructivist Methodology,” ISQ, 51, 359-384.

Acharya, Amitav and Barry Buzan (2007) – “Why is There No Non-Western International Relations Theory?,” International Relations of the Asia-Pacific, 7, 287-312.

Lebow, Richard Ned and Mark Lichbach, eds. (2007) – Theory and Evidence in Comparative Politics and International Relations, Palgrave.

Various authors (2007) – “Forum: Scientific and Critical Realism in International Relations,” Millennium, 35, 343-416

Kratochwil, Friedrich (2006) – “History, action and identity,” EJIR, 12, 5-29.

- Chernoff, Fred (2006) – The Power of International Theory: Reforging the Link to Foreign Policy-Making through Scientific Enquiry, Routledge.
- Kurki, Milja (2006) – “Causes of a divided discipline: rethinking the concept of cause in International Relations theory,” RIS, 32, 189-216.
- Ish-shalom, Piki (2006) – “Theory as a Hermeneutical Mechanism: The Democratic-Peace Thesis and the Politics of Democratization,” EJIR, 12, 565-98.
- Tickner, Ann (2005) – “What Is Your Research Program? Some Feminist Answers to International Relations Methodological Questions,” ISQ, 49, 1-21.
- Walt, Stephen M. (2004) – “The Relationship between Theory and Policy in International Relations,” Annual Review of Political Science, 8, 23-48.
- Elman, Colin and Miriam Fendius Elman, eds. (2003) – Progress in International Theory, MIT Press.
- Goertz, Gary and Harvey Starr, eds. (2003) – Necessary Conditions: Theory, Methodology, and Applications, Rowman and Littlefield.
- Herrmann, Richard (2002) – “Linking theory to evidence in international relations,” in W. Carlsnaes, et al., eds., Handbook of International Relations, Sage.
- Chernoff, Fred (2002) – “Scientific realism as a meta-theory of international politics,” ISQ, 46, 189-208.
- Cochran, Molly (2002) – “Deweyan pragmatism and post-positivist social science in IR,” Millennium, 31, 525-48.
- Elman, Colin and Miriam Fendius Elman, eds. (2001) – Bridges and Boundaries: Historians, Political Scientists, and the Study of International Relations, MIT Press.
- Locher, Birgit and Elisabeth Prugl (2001) – “Feminism and constructivism: worlds apart or sharing the middle ground?,” ISQ, 45, 111-29.
- Wendt, Alexander (2001) - “What is IR for?: Notes toward a post-critical view,” in R. Wyn Jones, ed., Critical Theory and World Politics, Lynne Rienner.
- Bernstein, Steven, et al. (2000) – “God gave physics the easy problems: Adapting social science to an unpredictable world,” EJIR, 6, 43-76.
- Chakrabarty, Dipesh (2000) – Provincializing Europe: Postcolonial Thought and Historical Difference, Princeton University Press.
- Patomaki, Heikki and Colin Wight (2000) – “After postpositivism? The promises of critical realism,” ISQ, 44, 213-37.
- Milliken, Jennifer (1999) – “The Study of Discourse in International Relations: A Critique of Research and Methods,” EJIR, 5, 225-254.
- Price, Richard and Christian Reus-Smit (1998) – “Dangerous liaisons? Critical international theory and constructivism,” EJIR, 4, 259-94.
- Weberman, David (1997) – “The nonfixity of the historical past,” Review of Metaphysics, 50, 749-68.
- Neufeld, Mark (1993) – “Interpretation and the ‘science’ of international relations,” RIS, 19, 39-61.
- Hollis, Martin and Steve Smith (1990) – Explaining and Understanding International Relations, Clarendon Press.
- Lapid, Yosef (1989) – “The Third Debate: on the prospects of international theory in a

post-positivist era,” ISQ, 33, 235-54.
Onuf, Nicholas (1989) - World of Our Making: Rules and Rule in Social Theory and International Relations, University of South Carolina Press.

Jan 18: ONTOLOGY I: THE POWER OF MATERIAL CONDITIONS?

Background:

Waltz, Theory, chapter ###
Wendt, Social Theory, chapter 3.

Required:

Brooks, Stephen and William Wohlforth (2000/01) – “Power, globalization, and the end of the Cold War: Reevaluating a landmark case for ideas,” IS, 25, 5-53.
Deudney, Daniel (2000) - “Geopolitics as theory: Historical security materialism,” EJIR, 6, 77-107.
Bieler, Andreas, and Adam David Morton (2007) – “The Deficits of Discourse in IPE: Turning Base Metal into Gold?” ISQ, 52, 103-28.
Aradau, Claudia (2010) – “Security that Matters: Critical Infrastructure and Objects of Protection,” Security Dialogue, 41, 491-514.
Wapner, Paul (2002) – “The Sovereignty of Nature? Environmental Protection in a Postmodern Age,” ISQ, 46, 167-88.

Further Reading:

Meyer, Christoph and Eva Strickmann (2011) – “Solidifying Constructivism and European Defence,” JCMS, 49, 61-81.
Thies, Cameron (2010) – “State Socialization and Structural Realism,” Security Studies, 19, 689-717.
Manjikian, Mary McEvoy (2010) – “From Global Village to Virtual Battlespace: The Colonizing of the Internet and the Extension of Realpolitik,” ISQ, 54, 381-401.
Neumann, Iver (2008) – “The Body of the Diplomat,” EJIR, 14, 671-695.
Sorensen, Georg (2008) – “The Case for Combining Material Forces and Ideas in the Study of IR,” EJIR, 14, 5-32.
Wagner, R. Harrison (2007) – War and the State: The Theory of International Politics, University of Michigan Press.
Deudney, Daniel H. (2006) – Bounding Power: Republican Security Theory from the Polis to the Global Village, Princeton University Press.
Gartzke, Erik and Kristian Gleditsch (2006) – “Identity and conflict: Ties that bind and differences that divide,” EJIR, 12, 53-87.
Bell, Duncan (2006) – “Beware of False Prophets: Biology, Human Nature and the Future of International Relations Theory,” International Affairs, 82, 493-510.
Martin, John Levi (2005) – “The objective and subjective rationalization of war,” Theory

- and *Society*, 34, 229-275.
- Williams, Michael C. (2005) – The Realist Tradition and the Limits of International Relations, Cambridge University Press.
- Brooks, Stephen G. (2005) – Producing Security, Princeton University Press.
- Freyberg-Inan, Annette (2004) – What Moves Man: The Realist Theory of International Relations and Its Judgment of Human Nature, SUNY Press.
- Neocleous, Mark (2003) – “Off the map: On violence and cartography,” European Journal of Social Theory, 6, 409-425.
- Reid, Julian (2003) – “Foucault on Clausewitz: conceptualizing the relationship between war and power,” Alternatives, 28, 1-28.
- Comor, Edward (2001) – “The role of communication in global civil society,” ISQ, 45, 389-408.
- Kaufman, Stuart J. (2001) – Modern Hatreds: The Symbolic Politics of Ethnic War, Cornell University Press.
- Deudney, Daniel (2000) – “Regrounding Realism,” Security Studies, 10, 1-42.
- Brooks, Stephen (1999) – “The Globalization of Production and the Changing Benefits of Conquest,” Journal of Conflict Resolution, 43, 646-70.
- Williams, David (1999) - “Constructing the economic space: The World Bank and the making of *homo oeconomicus*,” Millennium, 28, 79-99.
- Schoppa, Len (1999) - “The social context in coercive international bargaining,” IO, 53, 307-42.

Jan 25: ONTOLOGY II: THE POWER OF IDEAS?

Required:

- Tannenwald, Nina (1999) - “The nuclear taboo: The U.S. and the normative basis of nuclear non-use,” IO, 53, 433-68.
- Barkin, Samuel (2010) – “Materialism,” Chapter 3 in Realist Constructivism, Cambridge University Press, pp. 31-49.
- Krebs, Ronald and Patrick Thaddeus Jackson (2007) – “Twisting Tongues and Twisting Arms: The Power of Political Rhetoric,” EJIR, 13, 35-66.
- Evans, Tony (2005) – “International Human Rights Law as Power/Knowledge,” Human Rights Quarterly, 27, 1046-1068.
- Harrington de Santana, Anne (2009) – “Nuclear Weapons as the Currency of Power: Deconstructing the Fetishism of Force,” Nonproliferation Review, 16, 325-345.

Further Reading:

- Barkin, Samuel (2010) – Realist Constructivism, Cambridge University Press.
- Abdelal, Rawi, Mark Blyth and Craig Parsons, eds. (2010) – Constructing the International Economy, Cornell University Press.
- Lupovici, Amir (2010) – “The Emerging Fourth Wave of Deterrence Theory,” ISQ, 54, 705-732.

- Jackson, Patrick Thaddeus (2008) – “Foregrounding Ontology: Dualism, Monism, and IR Theory,” RIS, 34, 129-53.
- McDonald, Matt (2008) – “Securitization and the Construction of Security,” EJIR, 14, 563-587.
- Williams, Michael C. (2007) – Culture and Security: Symbolic Power and the Politics of International Security, Routledge.
- Hansen, Lene (2006) – Security as Practice: Discourse Analysis and the Bosnian War, Routledge.
- Constantinou, Costas (2006) – States of Political Discourse: Words, Regimes, Seditions, Routledge.
- Tannenwald, Nina (2005) – “Stigmatizing the Bomb: Origins of the Nuclear Taboo,” IS, 29, 5-49.
- Williams, Michael (2005) – “What is the national interest? The neoconservative challenge in IR theory,” EJIR, 11, 307-337.
- Guzzini, Stefano (2005) – “The Concept of Power: a Constructivist Analysis,” Millennium, 33, 495-521.
- Mattern, Janice Bially (2005) – Ordering International Politics: Identity, Crisis, and 0 Representational Force, Routledge.
- Mattern, Janice Bially (2005) – “Why ‘Soft Power’ Isn’t So Soft: Representational Force and the Sociolinguistic Construction of Attraction in World Politics,” Millennium, 33, 583-612.
- Barnett, Michael and Raymond Duvall, eds. (2005) – Power in Global Governance, Cambridge University Press.
- Smith, Philip (2005) – Why War? The Cultural Logic of Iraq, the Gulf War, and Suez, University of Chicago Press.
- Tannenwald, Nina (2005) – “Ideas and Explanation: Advancing the Theoretical Agenda,” Journal of Cold War Studies, 7, 13-42.
- Adler, Emanuel (2005) – Communitarian International Relations, Routledge.
- Barnett, Michael and Duvall, Raymond (2005) – “Power in international politics,” IO, 59, 39-75.
- Williams, Michael (2004) – “Why Ideas Matter in International Relations: Hans Morgenthau, Classical Realism, and the Moral Construction of Power Politics,” IO, 58, 633-665.
- Barkin, J. Samuel (2003) – “Realist constructivism,” ISR, 5, 325-42.
- Williams, Michael (2003) – “Words, images, enemies: Securitization and international politics,” ISQ, 47, 511-53?
- Howes, Dustin (2003) – “When states choose to die: reassessing assumptions about what states want,” ISQ, 47, 669-92.
- Forsberg, Tuomas (2003) – “The ground without foundations? Territory as a social construct,” Geopolitics, 8, 7-24.
- Parsons, Craig (2003) – A Certain Idea of Europe, Cornell University Press.
- Widmaier, Wes (2003) – “Keynesianism as a constructivist theory of international political economy,” Millennium, 32, 87-108.
- Cowan, Jane (2003) – “Who’s afraid of violent language? Honor, sovereignty, and

- claims-making in the League of Nations,” Anthropological Theory, 3, 271-91.
- Fierke, Karin (2002) – “Links across the abyss: language and logic in international relations,” ISQ, 46, 331-54.
- Nau, Henry (2002) – At Home Abroad: Identity and Power in American Foreign Policy, Cornell University Press.
- Farrell, Theo (2002) – “Constructivist security studies: portrait of a research program,” ISR, 4, 48-72.
- Bially Mattern, Janice (2001) – “The power politics of identity,” EJIR, 7, 340-97.
- Williams, Michael and Iver Neumann (2000) - “From alliance to security community: NATO, Russia, and the power of identity,” Millennium, 29, 357-388.
- Brubaker, Rogers and Frederick Cooper (2000) - “Beyond ‘identity’,” Theory and Society, 29, 1-47.
- Neumann, Iver (1999) - Uses of the Other: ‘The East’ in European Identity Formation, University of Minnesota Press.
- Risse, Thomas, et al, eds. (1999) - The Power of Human Rights: International Norms and Domestic Change, Cambridge University Press.
- Weldes, Jutta (1999) - Constructing National Interests, University of Minnesota Press.
- McSweeney, Bill (1999) - Security, Identity and Interests, Cambridge UP.
- Kahl, Colin (1998/99) - “Constructing a separate peace: constructivism, collective liberal identity, and democratic peace,” SS, 8, 94-144.
- Desch, Michael (1998) – “Cultural clash: Assessing the importance of ideas in security studies,” IS, 223, 141-170.
- Adler, Emanuel and Michael Barnett, eds. (1998) - Security Communities, Cambridge University Press.
- Buzan, Barry, et al. (1998) – “Security analysis: conceptual apparatus,” in Buzan, et al., Security: A New Framework for Analysis, Lynne Rienner.
- Laffey, Mark and Jutta Weldes (1997) – “Beyond belief: ideas and symbolic technologies in the study of international relations,” EJIR, 3, 193-237.
- Hall, Rodney (1997) – “Moral authority as a power resource,” IO, 51, 591-622.
- Price, Richard (1997) - The Chemical Weapons Taboo, Cornell University Press.
- Katzenstein, Peter, ed. (1996) - The Culture of National Security, Columbia UP.
- Jabri, Vivienne (1996) – Discourses on Violence, Manchester University Press.
- Weingast, Barry (1995) - "A rational choice perspective on the role of ideas: Shared belief systems and state sovereignty in international cooperation," Politics and Society, 23, 449-464.
- Klotz, Audie (1995) - Norms in International Relations: The Struggle Against Apartheid, Cornell University Press.
- Goldstein, Judith and Robert Keohane (1993) – “Ideas and foreign policy: an analytical framework,” in Goldstein and Keohane, eds., Ideas and Foreign Policy, Cornell University Press.
- Cohn, Carol (1987) - "Sex and death in the rational world of defense intellectuals", Signs, 12, 687-718.

PART II: THE AGENT-STRUCTURE PROBLEM

Feb 1: MICRO I: LOGICS OF ACTION AND THE “4th DEBATE.”

Required:

- Glaser, Charles (2010) – “Setting Up the Theory,” Chapter 2 in Rational Theory of International Politics, Princeton University Press, pp. 23-50.
- Hurd, Ian (1999) - “Legitimacy and authority in international politics,” IO, 53, 379-408.
- Sending, Ole (2002) – “Constitution, choice and change: problems with the ‘logic of appropriateness’ and its use in constructivist theory,” EJIR, 8, 443-70.
- Müller, Harald (2004) – “Arguing, bargaining and all that: Communicative action, rationalist theory and the logic of appropriateness in international relations,” EJIR, 10, 395-435.
- Kornprobst, Markus (2010) – “The Agent’s Logics of Action: Defining and Mapping Political Judgment,” IT, 3, forthcoming.

Further Reading:

- Bjola, Corneliu (2008), “Legitimacy and the use of force: bridging the analytical – normative divide,” RIS, 34, 627-44.
- Hurd, Ian (2007) – After Anarchy: Legitimacy and Power in the United Nations Security Council, Princeton University Press.
- Johnston, Alastair Iain (2007) – Social States: China in International Institutions, 1980-2000, Princeton University Press.
- Reus-Smit, Christian (2007) – “International Crises of Legitimacy,” International Politics, 44, 157-74. (Special Issue)
- Kornprobst, Markus (2007) – “Argumentation and Compromise: Ireland’s Selection of the Territorial Status Quo Norm,” IO, 61, 69-98.
- Steffek, Jens (2006) – “Incomplete agreements and the limits of persuasion in international politics,” Journal of International Relations and Development, 8, 229-256.
- Mulligan, Shane (2006) – “The Use of Legitimacy in International Relations,” Millennium, 34, 349-75.
- Checkel, Jeffrey (2005) – “International Institutions and Socialization in Europe: Introduction and Framework,” IO, 59, 801-826.
- Schimmelfennig, Frank (2005) – “Strategic Calculation and International Socialization,” IO, 59, 827-860.
- Goodman Ryan and Derek Jinks (2004) – “How to Influence States: Socialization and International Human Rights Law,” Duke Law Journal, 54, 620-703.
- Hurd, Ian (2005) – “The Strategic Use of Liberal Internationalism: Libya and the UN Sanctions, 1992-2003,” IO, 59, 495-526.
- Bjola, Corneliu (2005) – “Legitimizing the Use of Force in International Politics: A Communicative Action Perspective,” EJIR, 11, 266-303.

- Kydd, Andrew H. (2005) – Trust and Mistrust in International Relations, Harvard University Press.
- Sjursen, Helene (2004) – “Changes to European Security in a Communicative Perspective,” Cooperation and Conflict, 39, 107-128.
- Fehl, Caroline (2004) – “Explaining the International Criminal Court: A ‘Practice Test’ for Rationalist and Constructivist,” EJIR, 10, 357-394.
- Steffek, Jens (2003) – “The legitimation of international governance: a discourse approach,” EJIR, 9, 249-76.
- Hemmer, Christopher and Peter Katzenstein (2002) – “Why is there no NATO in Asia? Collective identity, regionalism, and the origins of multilateralism,” IO, 56, 575-608.
- Lynch, Marc (2002) – “Why engage? China and the logic of communicative action,” EJIR, 8, 187-230.
- Ellis, Jaye (2002) – “International regimes and the legitimacy of rules: a discourse-ethical approach,” Alternatives, 27, 273-300.
- Fearon, James and Alexander Wendt (2001) – “Rationalism v. constructivism? A sceptical view,” in W. Carlsnaes, et al., eds., Handbook of International Relations, Sage.
- Johnston, Alastair Iain (2001) – “Treating international institutions as social environments,” ISQ, 45, 487-515.
- Payne, Rodger (2001) – “Persuasion, frames, and norm construction,” EJIR, 7, 37-61.
- Schimmelfennig, Frank (2001) – “The community trap: liberal norms, rhetorical action, and the eastern enlargement of the EU,” IO, 55, 47-80.
- O’Neill, Barry (2001) – Honor, Symbols, and War, University of Michigan Press.
- Risse, Thomas (2000) - “Let’s argue!: communicative action in world politics,” IO, 54, 1-39.
- Fearon, James and David Laitin (2000) - “Violence and the social construction of ethnic identity,” IO, 54, 845-877.
- Fierke, K. (2000) - “Logics of force and dialogue: the Iraq/UNSCOM crisis as social interaction,” EJIR, 6, 335-371.
- March, James and Johan Olsen (1998) - “The institutional dynamics of international political orders,” IO, 52, 943-969.
- Ruggie, John (1998) - “What makes the world hang together? Neo-utilitarianism and the social constructivist challenge,” IO, 855-86.
- Barnett, Michael (1998) - Dialogues in Arab Politics, Columbia University Press.
- Moravcsik, Andrew (1997) – “Taking Preferences Seriously,” IO, #####.
- Wendt, Alexander (1992) – “Anarchy is what states make of it,” IO, 46, 391-425.

Feb 8: MICRO II: INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

Required:

- Mercer, Jonathan (2010) – “Emotional Beliefs,” IO, 64, 1-31.

- Rathbun, Brian (2009) – “It Takes All Types: Social Psychology, Trust, and the International Relations Paradigm in Our Minds,” IT, 1, 345-380.
- Hopf, Ted (2010) – “The Logic of Habit in International Relations,” EJIR, 16, 539-561.
- Mitzen, Jennifer (2006) – “Ontological Security in World Politics,” EJIR, 12, 341-70.
- Wolf, Reinhard (2010) – “Respect and Disrespect in International Politics: The Significance of Status Recognition,” IT, 3, forthcoming.

Further Reading:

- Murer, Jeffrey (2010) – “Institutionalizing Enemies: The Consequences of Reifying Projection in Post-Conflict Environments,” Psychoanalysis, Culture and Society, 15, 1-19.
- Murray, Michelle (2010) - “Identity, Insecurity, and Great Power Politics: The Tragedy of German Naval Ambition before the First World War,” Security Studies, 19, 656-688.
- Gallagher, Julia (2009) – “Can Melanie Klein help us understand morality in IR? Suggestions for a psychoanalytic interpretation of why and how states do good,” Millennium, 38, 295-316.
- Lebow, Richard Ned (2008) – A Cultural Theory of International Relations, Cambridge University Press.
- Bleiker, Roland and Emma Hutchison (2008) – “Fear No More: Emotions and World Politics,” RIS, 34, special issue, 115-135.
- Gammon, Earl (2008) – “Affect and the Rise of the Self-Regulating Market,” Millennium, 37, 251-278.
- Houghton, David Patrick (2007) – “Reinvigorating the Study of Foreign Policy Decision Making: Toward a Constructivist Approach,” Foreign Policy Analysis, 3, 24-45.
- Widmaier, Wesley (2007) – “Constructing Foreign Policy Crises: Interpretive Leadership in the Cold War and War on Terrorism,” ISQ, 51, 779-94
- Steele, Brent (2007) – Ontological Security in International Relations: Self-Identity and the IR State, Routledge.
- Ross, Andrew (2006) – “Coming in from the Cold: Constructivism and Emotions,” EJIR, 12, 197-222.
- Mercer, Jon (2006) – “Human Nature and the First Image: Emotion in International Politics,” JIRD, 9(3), 288-303.
- Flockhart, Trine (2006) – “Complex socialization: A framework for the study of state socialization,” EJIR, 12, 89-118.
- Mercer, Jonathan (2005) – “Rationality and Psychology in International Politics,” IO, 59, 77-106.
- Gries, Peter Hays (2005) – “Social Psychology and the Identity-Conflict Debate: Is a ‘China Threat’ Inevitable?,” EJIR, 11, 235-265.
- Pupavac, Vanessa (2004) – “War on the Couch: The Emotionology of the New International Security Paradigm,” European Journal of Social Theory, 7, 149-170.
- Callahan, William A. (2004) – “National Insecurities: Humiliation, Salvation, and Chinese Nationalism,” Alternatives, 29, 199-218.

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