



Department of Political Science

International Relations Comprehensive Examination Reading List

This is a listing of important books in various areas of the field of international relations. A capable graduate student be well versed with these books. The list is exhaustive though not definitive and will be updated biennially.

A few words on textbooks and scholarly works. A textbook is a compilation of generally acknowledged facts and concepts compiled in essays used to explain various political science topics. While they may occasionally be used in selected graduate courses, they are generally geared to introductory courses. Consequently, they are inappropriate for use in graduate level comprehensive examinations. Such examinations are designed to ascertain your knowledge of the original work found in scholarly books.

Theories

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Kenneth Waltz, *Theory of International Politics*. Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley, 1979.

E.H. Carr, *The Twenty Years' Crisis, 1919-1939: An Introduction to the Study of International Relations*, Harper Perennial, 1964.

Hans J. Morgenthau, *Politics among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace*, McGraw-Hill, 2005.

Robert Axelrod, *The Evolution of Cooperation*, Basic Books, 2006

James E. Dougherty and Robert L. Pfaltzgraff, *Contenting Theories of International Relations*, Addison Wesley Longman, Inc., 2000.

Robert O. Keohane, *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Economy*. Princeton University Press, 2005.

Stephanie G. Neumann, ed., *International Relations Theory and the Third World*, St. Martin's Press, 1998.

Michael Erisman, *Pursing Post-Dependency Politics*, Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 1992.

Charles L. Glasser, *Rational Theory of International Politics: The Logic of Competition and Cooperation*, Princeton University Press, 2010

Charles W. Kegley, Jr. and Shannon L. Blanton, *World Politics, Trends and Transformation*, Thomas (Wadsworth), 2016-2017

Charles W. Kegley, Jr., *Controversies in International Relations Theory: Realism and the Neoliberal Challenge*, St. Martin's Press, 1994.

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Graham Allison and Philip Zelikow, *Essence of Decision Explaining the Cuban Missile Crisis*. New York: Addison- Wesley Educational Publishers Inc. 1971.

Immanuel Wallerstein, *The Modern World System*, New York: Norton, 1976 (plus later volumes).

John A. Vasques, John A., Ed. *Classics of International Relations*. New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1995.

Paul R. Viotti, and Mark V. Kauppi, *International Relations Theory: Realism, Pluralism, Globalism*, Maxwell Macmillan Canada, 2012.

Global Political Economy

David N. Balaam and Bradford Dillman, *Introduction to International Political Economy*, Pearson, 2013.

Joan E. Spero and Jeffrey A. Hart, *The Politics of International Economic Relations*, Wadsworth, 2003.

Immanuel Wallerstein, *The Modern World System*, New York: Norton, 1976 (plus later volumes).

David Balaam and Michael Veseth, *Readings in International Political Economy*, Prentice Hall, 2004

Morten Boas and Desmond Neill, eds., *Global Institutions and Development: Framing the World?* Routledge, London, 2004.

Barry Clark, *Political Economy: A Comparative Approach*, Palgrave, 1998

J. Crush, ed., *Power of Development*, Routledge, London, 1995.

Louis Emerij, Richard Jolly and Thomas G. Weiss, *Ahead of the Curve: UN Ideas and Global Challenge*, Indiana University Press, Bloomington, 2001.

Charles W. Kegley, Jr. & Shannon L. Blanton, *World Politics, Trends and Transformation*, Thomas (Wadsworth), 2016-2017.

Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, *The Communist Manifesto*, International Publishers Co., 2014.

John Rapley, *Understanding Development*, Lynne Rienner, 2007

Michael T Snarr and D. Neil Snarr, eds., *Introducing Global Issues*, Lynne Rienner, 2016.

World Organizations and World Order

Robert Cox with Timothy Sinclair, *Approaches to World Order*. Cambridge University Press, 1996.

Michael Hardt and Antonio Negri. *Empire*. Harvard University Press, 2000.

Samuel Huntington. *The Clash of Civilization and the Making of World Order*, Simon & Shuster, 1997.

Amitava Kumar, ed., *World Bank Literature*. University of Minnesota, 2003.

Karen Mingst and Margaret Karns, *The United Nations in the Post-Cold War Era*. Westview, 2000.

Richard Peet. *The Unholy Trinity, The IMF, the World Bank and WTO*. London: Zed Books, 2009.

Pamela Sparr, ed. *Mortgaging Women's Lives*. Zed Press, 1994.

Joan Spero. *The Politics of International Economic Relations*, St. Martin's Press, 1997.

Thomas Weiss and Leon Gordenker. *NGOs, the UN and Global Governance*, Lynne Rienner, 1996.

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Sankaran Krishna, *Globalization and Postcolonialism*. Rowman and Littlefield Publishers

James Mittleman, *The Globalization Syndrome*. Princeton University Press, 2000.

Manfred Steger, ed., *Rethinking Globalism*. Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2004.

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Antonio Gramsci, *Prison Notebooks*. International Publishers, 1973.

Robert O. Keohane, *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Economy*. Princeton University Press,

Chantal Mouffe, ed. *Gramsci and Marxist Theory*. Routledge, 1979.

Anne Sassoon, ed. *Approaches to Gramsci*, 1982.

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Thomas Borstelmann, *The Cold War and the Color Line*. Harvard University Press, 2003.

Robert Vitalis, *White World Order and Black Power Politics*. Cornell University Press, 2015.

International Development

Richard J. Payne and Jamal R. Nassar. *Politics and Culture in the Developing World*, 4th ed. New York: Pearson Education, Inc., 2010.

Michael Frazier, ed. *Global Perspectives: International Development, Politics, and Public Administration*. Dubuque, IA: Kendall-Hunt Publishing Company, 2010.

*Amy Chua. *The World on Fire: How Exporting Free Market Democracy Breeds Ethnic Hatred and Global Instability*, 2004.

John Perkins, *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man*. NY: A Plume Book, 2004.

Michael P. Todaro, *Economic Development*, 12th, Ed, New York: Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, 2015.

Robert J. Griffiths, ed. *Annual Editions Developing World*. New York: McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., 2010.

Richard J. Payne and Jamal R. Nassar, *Politics and Culture in the Developing World*, 4th ed. Boston: Longman, 2010.

Marq De Villiers, "*The Chinese Dilemma*" in *Water: The Fate of Our Most Precious Resource*. New York: A Mariner Book, 2000.

International Security

Sean Kay, *Global Security in the Twenty-First Century*, 2nd ed. New York: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc, 2012

Alan Collins. *Contemporary Security Studies*, 3rd. Edition. UK: Oxford University Press, 2013.

Ayaan Hirsi Ali. (2015) *Heretic: Why Islam Needs a Reformation Now*. N.Y.: Harper Collins Publisher, 2015.

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David Walton and Michael Frazier. *An Anthology of Contending Views on International Security*. New York: Nova Science Publishers, Inc., 2012.

Williams, William D. *Security Studies: An Introduction*, 2nd ed. New York: Routledge, 2013.

Dan Caldwell and Robert E. Williams, Jr., *Seeking Security in an insecure World*. Boulder, CO: Rowman& Litterfield, Inc., 2012.

Michael E. Smith. *International Security: Politics, Policy, Prospects*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010.

Patrick M. Morgan, *International Security: Problems and Solutions*. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, Inc., 2006.

Roland Dannreuther, *International Security: The Contemporary Agenda*. Polity Press. Malden, MA: Polity Press, 2007.

Robert D. Kaplan, *Balkan Ghosts: A Journey Through History*. NY: Vintage Books. 1996.

D. Stanley Eitzen and Maxine Baca Zinn. *Globalization: The Transformation of Social Worlds*. Belmont Cengage Learning, 2009.

Bob Woodard, *Plan of Attack*. London: Simon & Schuster Paperbacks, 2004.

K. M. Fierke, *Critical Approaches to International Security*. Cambridge, UK: Polity Press, 2007.

American Foreign Policy

Stephen W. Hook. *U.S. Foreign Policy: The Paradox of World Power*. Washington, D.C.: Sage Publications, Inc., 2017.

Michael Wess and Hasan Hasan, *ISIS: Inside the Army of Terror*. NY: Regan Arts., 2015.