THE CAUSES OF WAR

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COURSE OUTLINE

Please find below a proposed outline based upon 12 sessions, to be filled in. Should you prefer to use a non-standard outline, please feel free to use the « non-standard course outline» area at the bottom of this document. In both cases please indicate required and/or recommended readings.

Séance 1: Introduction

Required readings:
- K. Waltz, Man, the State and War, Columbia University Press, 1959, pp. 224-238.

Séance 2: Deciding for War: Leaders and Advisors

Required readings:

Recommended readings:
Séance 3: Deciding for War: Rational Actors, Organizations and Bureaucracies

**Required readings:**

**Recommended readings:**

Séance 4: Political Institutions, Public Opinion, and War

**Required readings:**
Recommended readings:


Séance 5: Diversion and War

Required readings:


Recommended readings:


Séance 6: Capitalism, Interdependence and War

Required readings


Recommended readings:

• R. Cooper, «Economic Interdependence and Foreign Policy in the Seventies», World Politics, XXIV, 2, 1972, pp. 159-181.

Assignment for this session

First Exam Question Assigned - First Exam Due in One Week

Séance 7: Strategic Interaction, Bargaining, and War

Required readings:
• T. Schelling, Arms and Influence, Yale University Press, 1966, pp. 1-34.
• Recommended readings:
  • Reiter, «Exploring the Bargaining Model of War», in Perspectives on Politics, I, 1, 2003, pp. 27-43

Séance 8: Military Technology and War

Required readings:

Recommended readings:

Séance 9: International Anarchy and the Security Dilemma

Required readings:

Recommended readings:

Séance 10: Power Transition and Hegemonic War

Required readings:

Recommended readings:
Séance 11: Polarity and War

Required readings:

Recommended readings:

Séance 12: Conclusions: Looking Ahead

Required readings:

Recommended readings:
- The symposium on Mandelbaum, published in Survival, LXI, 2, 1999, pp. 139-152.

Assignment for this session:

Second Exam Questions Assigned - Second Exam Due in One Week.