

MC 327: Comparative Analysis of Foreign Policy *Spring 2007*

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Course Description

The primary objective of this course is to introduce students to the variety of ways in which foreign policies of states can be explained and compared. The course is divided into two parts. The first part is a theoretical introduction in which IR theories are reviewed. We will also discuss in this part various ways to study foreign policy. Foreign policy can be analyzed at three distinct levels. We will examine: (a) studies that explain foreign policy at the level of individual policy makers; (b) studies that explain foreign policy in terms of factors at the level of domestic politics (including bureaucratic politics, domestic power politics, and national identity); (c) studies that explain foreign policy at the level of international system.

The second part is the empirical section where we will explore, in the light of the theoretical background provided by the first section, foreign policies of three countries: Japan, Russia, and Turkey. A common theme in comparing these three cases will be the role of national identity in foreign policy. All three states are located in different geographical settings and have different power capabilities, yet share a number of similarities when it comes to the question of national identity. More specifically, in Japan, Russia, and Turkey, national identity and the question of geographical belonging is highly contested. We will explore how these contestations affect foreign policy decisions.

The secondary objective of the course is to develop skills of analytical research and writing and apply these skills to the study of foreign policy. The research paper will give students an opportunity to explore the foreign policies of nations in two cases of their choosing. It will be a comparative analysis of foreign policies of two cases other than Japan, Russia, and Turkey.

Required Texts

Valerie M. Hudson, *Foreign Policy Analysis, Classic and Contemporary Theory*, Rowman & Littlefield, 2006. ISBN: 074251689X

Glenn D. Hook, *Japan's International Relations*, 2nd Edition, Routledge, 2005. ISBN: 0415336384

William Hale, *Turkish Foreign Policy, 1774-2000*, Routledge, ISBN: 0714682462

Ted Hopf, *Social Construction of International Politics: Identities and Foreign Policies*, Cornell UP, 2002, ISBN: 0801487919

All other readings are available through several databases that the MSU library subscribes to. There is no coursepack for this course. For easy access, links to databases are provided, but for them to work one needs to access the Internet through a computer linked to the campus network. If you use an off-campus computer, see <http://www.lib.msu.edu/proxy/>.

grade distribution:

Midterm 20 %
Final Exam 40 %
Paper 30 %
Participation 10 %
Total: 100 %

Your total percentage score will be converted to MSU grading system based on the following scale:

64%	68%	74%	78%	84%	88%	94%
1.00	1.50	2.00	2.50	3.00	3.50	4.00

Please note:

1. Attendance does not equal participation.
2. Further instructions about the final paper will be given early in the semester. You are welcome to turn in *one* early draft of your paper, but if you choose to do so, your draft needs to be turned in before February 28.

Honors Option: those who are interested in honors option should see me early in the semester to talk about extra requirements.

1/8 Introduction

Part I: THEORETICAL BACKGROUND

1/10 review of IR Theories

A Review of International Relations Theory • Realism/Neorealism o
Liberalism/Neoliberal Institutionalism • Constructivism

Jack Snyder, "[One World, Rival Theories](#)," *Foreign Policy*, 145
(November/December 2004): 52-62.

Hopf: 1-38.
Hudson: Introduction

1/15 Levels and Models of Analysis

Graham T. Allison, "Conceptual Models and the Cuban Missile Crisis,"
American Political Science Review, 63 (1969): 689-718.

Jonathan Bendor and Thomas H. Hammond, "Rethinking Allison's Models,"
American Political Science Review, 86 (June 1992): 301-322. •

Recommended: Graham T. Allison and Philip Zelikow, *Essence of a Decision: Explaining the Cuban Missile Crisis*, 2nd Edition (Longman: 1999): 143-389.

1/17 The Individual Level

Hudson, 37-64

Daniel L. Byman and Kenneth M. Pollack, "Let Us Now Praise Great Men: Bringing the Statesman Back In," *International Security*, 25/4 (Spring 2001): 107-146.

Margaret G. Hermann and Joe D. Hagan, "International Decision Making: Leadership Matters," *Foreign Policy* 110 (Spring 1998): 124-37.

1/22 The Domestic Level

Bureaucratic Politics

Hudson 65-102

Daniel Drezner, "ideas, bureaucratic politics, and the crafting of foreign policy,"
American Journal of Political Science,

1/24

Domestic Politics

Hudson, 125-142

1/29

Culture and National Identity

Hudson, 103-124

1/31

The System Level

Hudson, 143-164

Part II: CASE STUDIES

Japan

February 5-7: Historical Foundations of Japanese Foreign Policy

Hook: pp. 25-38.

Pyle, Kenneth B. "[Profound Forces in the Making of Modern Japan](#)," *The Journal of Japanese Studies* 32, no. 2, Summer 2006, pp. 393-418.

February 12: Japan and the United States

Hook: pp. 87-98; 143-171.

February 14: Japan and China

Hook: 189-201.

February 19: Japan and East Asia

Hook: 202-228; 229-246; 257-270.

February 21: Midterm

Russia

February 26-28: Historical Foundations of Russian Foreign Policy

Hopf: 39-152.

March 12: Russian Search for Identity in the Post-Cold War Era

Alexander A. Sergunin, "[Russian Post-Communist Foreign Policy Thinking at the Cross-Roads: Changing Paradigms](#)," *Journal of International Relations and Development* 3, no.3, September 2000.

Vera Tolz, "[Forging the Nation: National Identity and Nation Building in Post-Communist Russia](#)," *Europe-Asia Studies* 50, no. 6 (1998), pp. 993-1022.

March 14-19: Russian National Identity and Foreign Policy

Hopf: 153-211.

S. Kortunov, "[Russia's Way: National Identity and Foreign Policy](#)," *International Affairs, A Russian Journal* 44, no.4 (1998).

March 21: Russia and the West

Alla Kassianova, "[Russia: Still Open to the West? Evolution of the State Identity in the Foreign Policy and Security Discourse](#)," *Europe-Asia Studies* 53, no. 6. (2001), pp. 821-839.

Vladimir Baranovsky, "[Russia: A Part of Europe or Apart from Europe?](#)," *International Affairs* 76, no. 3, *Europe: Where Does It Begin and End?*. (Jul., 2000), pp. 443-458.

March 26: Russia and East Asia

Charles E. Ziegler, "[Russia in the Asia-Pacific: A Major Power or Minor Participant?](#)" *Asian Survey* 34, no. 6. (1994):529-543.

March 28: Russia and Eurasianism

David Kerr, "[The New Eurasianism: The Rise of Geopolitics in Russia's Foreign Policy](#)," *Europe-Asia Studies* 47, no. 6. (1995): 977-988.

Peggy Falkenheim Meyer, "[Russia's Post-Cold War Security Policy in Northeast Asia](#)," *Pacific Affairs* 67, no. 4 (1994-1995): 495-512.

Final Paper Due

Turkey

April 2-4: Historical Foundations of Turkish Foreign Policy

William Hale: pp. 13-78.

April 9: Cold War Turkish Foreign Policy

Hale: 109-190

Turkish Foreign Policy after the Cold War

April 11: Turkey and the United States

April 16: Turkey and Europe

Hasan Kosebalaban, "Turkey's EU Membership: A Clash of Security Cultures," *Middle East Policy*, June 2002.

April 18: Turkey and the Middle East

M. Hakan Yavuz, "Turkish-Israeli Relations Through the Lens of the Turkish Identity Debate," *Journal of Palestine Studies* 27, no. 1 (1997), pp. 22-37.

April 25: Conclusion

Final Exam: May 2, 5:45-7:45 pm (confirm with the final examination [schedule](#)).