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**Government 540
Introduction to International Relations
Spring 2006**

GOVT 540 is a pro-seminar that will ask students to wrestle with the nature and extent of globalization and the workings of the international system. It also examines political questions in nation-states and the world as a whole. Students will develop, apply, and justify their own view and justify it in terms of theory, history, and social science research. Student participation is central to this course. There will be some lively discussions and no prior answers are assumed! The course will also encourage development of critical thinking, presentation, and writing skills.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. **Class Participation:** (10% of course grade) Constructive and regular class participation is an important part of course grades for ALL students. Students are evaluated on active listening and verbal contribution to class discussions, case studies, the course electronic bulletin board, and presentations of other students' work. Evidence of having done the reading is required. Students will receive a participation grade for each week of the course so they can tell how they are doing. Students with excused absences may make up a missing participation by writing a 5-page summary of the week's reading and reflections on how it connects to reading in another part of the course.
2. **Debate:** (5% X 4 = 20% of grade) Four times during the semester students will take one side of a ten-minute debate on an assigned topic related to the class session.
3. **Take-home Midterm Exam.** (20% of Course Grade)
4. **Paper.** (25% of course grade) Make and support an argument about an empirical or theoretical question related to international relations after the Cold War. Be sure to employ detailed arguments and empirical evidence. Counter opposing views! Criteria for grading: how well the paper applies course reading and other class material; depth and accuracy of substantive material utilized; pertinence, clarity, and persuasiveness of arguments; originality of approach; evidence of having read and applied outside SCHOLARLY research. Papers must use MLA parenthetical references or Chicago Manual of Style humanities format citations correctly. Grammar, usage, and spelling count! Minimum: 15 double-spaced, typed pages. Maximum: 20 double-spaced, typed pages.

5. Final Exam. (25% of Course Grade)

GRADE SCALES: A=94-100; A- = 90-93 B+=87-89 B=84-86.9; B- =80-83; C+=77-79.9; C=70-77; D=60-69.9. Standard rounding rules apply.

EXTRA CREDIT of up to 3 % of the course grade is available for:

1. Collecting, organizing, and indexing articles appearing in major newspapers or scholarly journals between January 22 and May 1, 2006 that are related to globalization or international issues.
2. Providing a detailed summary of course readings for 7 weeks of the course.
3. Class participation significantly above the class norm. May include extra efforts on WebCT bulletin board.

WEB CT

The course's WebCT site may be found at: <http://webct.gmu.edu>

There is also a detailed student tutorial at http://www.irc.gmu.edu/webct/IRC_Quickguide2_IET.html. Most people find the program pretty user-friendly, however, as long as their Internet browser is java and java-script enabled. If you have trouble getting into the program initially, there are specific instructions at the irc site for setting up the most common browsers. If all else fails, you can still use a campus computer to access WebCT!

If you have never used WebCT before 1) access the sign-in page: 2) use your GMU email user name in the user name box (e.g. fharbour for me). 3) Use your GMU email password as the WebCT password 4) Select GOVT 540 once you are on the My WebCT page. (All of your courses that are using WebCT are listed on that page.)

I will use the WebCT site for announcements, to answer student questions, to post information useful to the class, and to offer time-limited extra-credit questions. I have also put up resource links to the GMU e-journal and electronic data-base and other potentially useful information.

You may also use the WebCT bulletin board as a discussion board to earn extra credit.

Course Calendar

- I. **COLLECTIVE ACTORS IN AN INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM**
 - A. 1/25 **Introduction: A System of Actors**

B. 2/1 Collective Actors

GCNC The Rise of the Region State, Ohmae

Stiles Germany. People and Territory

Stiles, U.S. Role after the Cold War

Snow Sovereignty and the Right of Intervention in Internal Wars: A Study of the Assault on State Sovereignty

Stiles The General Assembly of the United Nations

Stiles, Nationalism and the Former Soviet Union

Stiles, Europe Uniting

Stiles NGOs and the International Landmine Ban

Snow Medecins Sans Frontieres

C. 2/8 Anarchy

IP Art & Waltz, *The Anarchic Structure of World Politics*, Kenneth N. Waltz.

IP Art and Waltz, *Anarchy and the Limits of Cooperation*, Joseph M. Grieco.

IP *Anarchy Is What States Make of It*, Alexander Wendt

Stiles India-Pakistan-China Arms Race

IP *Why International Primacy Matters*, Samuel P. Huntington.

IP *Competitiveness: A Dangerous Obsession*, Paul Krugman

Stiles Pearl Harbor

Stiles Sino-Soviet-American Relations

Snow China Rising: A Looming Threat?

D. 2/15 Mitigation of Anarchy

IP *The Conditions for Cooperation in World Politics*, Kenneth A. Oye.

IP *Kant, Liberal Legacies, and Foreign Affairs*, Michael W. Doyle.

IP *Alliances: Balancing and Bandwagoning*, Stephen M. Walt.

IP *The Future of Diplomacy*, Hans J. Morgenthau.

IP *A Functional Theory of Regimes*, Robert O. Keohane.

IP *The United Nations and International Security*, Adam Roberts.

Stiles The United Nations and the Use of Force.

Snow The Millenium Summit: Rhetoric or Agenda for the 2000s?

E. 2/22 International Morality, International Law

IP *The Moral Blindness of Scientific Man*, Hans J. Morgenthau.

IP *A Critique of Morgenthau's Principles of Political Realism*, J. Ann Tickner.

IP *Human Rights and World Politics*, Rhoda E. Howard and Jack Donnelly

Stiles, Apartheid in South Africa

IP *The Uses and Limits of International Law*, Stanley Hoffman.

IP *International Law: The Trials of Global Norms*, Steven R. Ranter

Stiles The Nuremberg Trials.

Snow War Crimes: The Past in the Present in the Future

F. 3/1 Politics of Globalization

Snow The New Trinity of Globalism: Geopolitics for a New Age?

GCNC The Real New World Order, Slaughter

GCNC The Politics of Globalization, Annan

IP *Nobody Loves a Political Realist*, Robert Gilpin.

GCNC *Globalization and Its Limits*, Robert Wade.

GCNC *The Global Fix*, Dani Rodrik.

GCNC Has Globalization Created a Borderless World? Ceglowski

Stiles Decolonization in Africa

G. 3/8 Contested Predictions: Clash of Civilizations and Democratic Peace

GCNC Jihad vs. McWorld, Barber

GCNC The Coming Anarchy, Kaplan

IP *The Clash of Civilizations?* Samuel P. Huntington.

GCNC The Summoning, Ajami

GCNC Culture Wars, The Economist

Stiles Yugoslavia's Dismemberment

GCNC The End of History? Fukuyama

GCNC The Rise of Illiberal Democracy, Zakaria

GCNC Was Democracy Just a Moment? Kaplan

Snow The Democratic Peace, Who Will Prevail?

3/15 No Class, Spring Break

3/22 No Class, Work on Midterms

II. INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY

A. 3/29 The Nature of the International Political Economy

IP *The Nature of Political Economy*, Robert Gilpin

IP *Hegemony in the World Political Economy*, Robert O. Keohane.

IP *Power vs. Wealth in North-South Economy Relations*, Stephen D. Krasner.

IP *Lessons for the Next Financial Crisis*, Jeffrey Garten.

IP *The Changed World Economy*, Peter F. Drucker.

IP *The Trading State - Then and Now*, Richard Rosecrance.

GCNC New Rules: The American Economy in the Next Century, Thurow

GCNC Neo-Liberalism and Globalization, Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement

Stiles Third World Debt

Stiles U.S. Japan Trade Rivalry

B. 4/5 Economic Globalization

GCNC International Economics: Unlocking the Mysteries of Globalization, Sachs

GCNC Sense and Nonsense in the Globalization Debate, Roderick

GCNC Electronic Cash and the End of National Markets, Kobrin

GCNC Local Memoirs of a Global Manager, Das

GCNC The Gender and Labor Politics of Postmodernity, Ong

GCNC Neo-Liberalism and Globalization, Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement

IP National Power, Coercive Liberalism, and 'Global' Finance

Stiles Sweatshops and the Global Factory

Snow Debating Globalization: The Case of Indonesia

III. SECURITY AND INSECURITY

A. 4/12 Power, Force, and Conflict

IP *The Four Functions of Force*, Robert J. Art.

IP *The Diplomacy of Violence*, Thomas C. Schelling.

IP *Offence, Defense, and the Security Dilemma*, Robert Jervis

IP *Complex Interdependence and the Role of Force*, Robert O. Keohane and Joseph S. Nye.

IP *The Fungibility of Force*, Robert J. Art.

IP *Third World Security*, Caroline Thomas.

IP *The Future of World Politics*, Robert Jervis.

Snow Future War: The Shape of Conflict in a New Millennium

Snow Who Cares about Kashmir? An Old Problem with New Teeth

Snow September 11, 2001: The New Face of War?

B. 4/19 Seeking Security

IP *Peace, Stability, and Nuclear Weapons*, Kenneth N. Waltz.

IP *The Dangers of NBC Spread*, Robert J. Art.

IP *The Irrelevance of Nuclear Weapons*, John Mueller.

IP *The Utility of Nuclear Deterrence*, Robert Jervis.

IP *Possible and Impossible Solutions to Ethnic Civil Wars*, Chaim Kaufmann.

Snow Camp David I and II: It's Always Jerusalem, or Is It?

Stiles, The Camp David Accords

C. 4/26 Spaceship Earth

IP *The Tragedy of the Commons*, Garrett Hardin.

IP *The Infinite Supply of Natural Resources*, Julian Simon.

IP *Cornucopians and New-Malthusians*, Thomas Homer-Dixon.

IP *Toward a Real Global Warming Treaty*, Richard N. Cooper.

GCNC Growth and the Environment: Allies or Foes? Thomas and Belt

GCNC A Special Moment in History, McKibben

GCNC The Exploding Cities of the Developing World, Linden

Snow 'Let them Drink Oil' Resource Conflict in the New Century

Snow Worse than the Bubonic Plague: AIDS in Africa as a Transstate Issue

Stiles, The Persian Gulf War

D. 5/3 Course Wrap-up