

SYLLABUS

# POL 205: INTRODUCTION TO WORLD POLITICS

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## 1. COURSE INTRODUCTION

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Why do international events unfold in certain ways? Why is power a driver of political interactions? How do global affairs shape our lives? These are among the questions examined through learning key concepts, theories, and discourses within global politics and policies. Students will develop a global consciousness in understanding how societies do or don't function, cooperate, conflict, evolve, and endure over time.

## 2. COURSE PHILOSOPHY & POLICIES

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### 2.1. Class Objective

The **main objective** of this course is to foster critical thinking on the basis of increased domain knowledge and advanced theoretical reflections on the topic of the class. The readings offered are academic articles or political documents. Students are required to conduct own research and participate actively in the discussion in order to create a peer learning community.

### 2.2. Assignment Rationale

**Assignments** in this class are meant to develop student research and discussion on the topic. These are the assignments – see also below for a detailed description. Assignment 6 should also be sent via e-mail to the instructor to preempt technical issues with the online class system. Text presentations are posted on Moodle.

1. Ongoing assignment: active participation in the discussion. Graded will be the extent of activity, but not its content. You should aim to post regularly, at least once a week. If that is not possible, post whenever you can, and let me know about a possible individual schedule.
2. One presentation of one assigned text (due depending on when the text is scheduled).
3. 3 response essays that collect preliminary ideas for student research.
4. Presentation of preliminary research ideas to the class towards the end of term, in order to gather peer and instructor feedback for final research paper.
5. Final research paper, based on the research ideas and response essays.

### 2.3. General Guidelines

- You are required to **read this syllabus in full**. Please direct any questions directly to the instructor in person or via e-mail. Please also monitor announcements in case the schedule needs to change.
- Typically, **following all instructions** will lead to successful participation in class. For more detail, see below for the schedule, as well as on p. 13 for descriptions of assignments, and p. 13 for student learning outcomes.
- A seminar thrives on the regular participation of every single member of the group. You are expected to participate actively in the discussions, and you should feel free to do so. **This is a place to learn, not a place to be perfect**. You do not need to be intimidated. Everyone is in the same boat.
- **Respect your fellow students**. Everybody should feel safe to be as honest as possible. People are indeed able to **see things differently**, even though they have the same facts. If somebody makes what could be seen a mistake, be patient and understanding. Focus any **critique** on the argument and the issue, not on the person making the statement. We are all learning, and we will never be perfect.
- Language skills should not distract from your message. I do not grade language and style per se, but if writing mistakes distract too much from your argument, so that any reasonable reader would have difficulties understanding it, your grade may be affected. Writing is difficult for everyone, and takes years of practice and skill. Feel free to ask for help if you feel that your writing needs improvement and use the institutional support provided by the university.
- In the case that I feel **attendance/participation and reading progress** are below reasonable expectations, I reserve the right to do a quiz in order to check on reading progress.

### 2.4. Discussions

- Over the years, I have seen that whenever there is a strong instructor presence in a discussion board, **student participation in the discussions** goes down. Therefore, I will limit my contributions in the

discussion forum. I will read student entries and respond whenever I feel there is a need to correct something or add a perspective that has not been addressed so far, or when discussion participation is low. But the main point of the discussion board is student peer discussion, and not overwhelming instructor input.

- For every assignment posted in the discussion board (text presentation, research presentation), there is also a mandatory **Q&A** component. I will wait a while till I grade such assignment to incorporate how the presenter handles peer responses.
- **Regular participation** in the class is mandatory.

## 2.5. Communication with Instructor

- Please email your instructor for matters of a personal nature. I will reply to course-related questions and email within 24-48 hours. I will strive to return your assignments and grades for course activities to you within five days of the due date.
- **Please let me know in advance** if you cannot complete assignments on time. We will find a way.
- If you feel you need **additional feedback** about how you are doing in class, do not hesitate to write me an e-mail. Usually, if you are posting regularly, and turn in all the required assignments on time and following instructions, you will be successful in this class.
- Given that this is an online class, I am very flexible in helping you manage your time, and to find an individual route through the class if necessary.
- Please feel free to contact me about any aspect of the course, or your performance. Let me know as soon as possible if there are any issues that might need my immediate attention. I'm always willing to learn myself, and to improve the class whenever necessary.

## 2.6. The Learning Commons

This year, you have the choice of working with Learning Commons peer educators face-to-face in Buckley 163 or online in Zoom or Teams.

The Learning Commons invites you to connect with trained writing assistants, tutors, and consultants as an *effective learning strategy* for greater success in your college courses. As with any skill, *practice* helps. Engaging with peer educators is a form of practice that can make your college learning experience more enjoyable and successful.

**The Writing Center:** Students can increase their confidence and competence in writing by booking an appointment at [www.up.mywconline.net](http://www.up.mywconline.net). Please note WCONLINE is not associated with your UP login credentials. The first time you schedule an appointment, you will be prompted to create a WCONLINE account. To make appointments at a time not offered on the scheduler, you can send an email request to [writing@up.edu](mailto:writing@up.edu), providing the course information, assignment details and a list of possible appointment times. Please allow up to 48 hours for response time.

**Appointments for all other tutoring programs** can be accessed through our Bookings Scheduler at <https://bit.ly/learning-up> or on our website at <https://www.up.edu/learningcommons/>. Please make appointments *at least* 12 hours in advance.

- **Group Work Lab:** Our Group Work Lab peer consultants can help project groups run effectively. Students can meet as a group to develop their project with a Group Work Lab consultant for both in-person and online group projects.
- **Language Studio:** Students can meet with French, German, Spanish, and Chinese language tutors to practice their conversational skills and unlock their understanding of grammar.

- **Speech & Presentation Lab:** Students can improve the highly sought-after skills of presentation writing and delivery with our trained peer consultants.

Tutoring works best when you use it proactively and consistently throughout the semester. For example, you can use the Writing Center for brainstorming ideas for a paper and later for working on your first draft. Likewise, those seeking tutoring can work with a tutor a few times in the weeks leading up to a test. We also welcome small group appointments for 2-4 students at a time, as such social learning can be very effective.

**Embedded tutoring and PAL:** The Learning Commons offers embedded tutoring and online Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) group sessions for specific classes. PAL sessions are voluntary and offer you the opportunity to learn material through collaborative learning activities that are guided by a trained peer facilitator. Your instructors, embedded tutors, or PAL facilitators will contact you if your class offers this option.

### **Our peer educator resources are here for you**

Questions about the Learning Commons and our programs can be directed to the Learning Commons staff at [learning@up.edu](mailto:learning@up.edu).

### **2.7. Assessment Disclosure Statement**

Student work products for this course may be used by the University for educational quality assurance purposes.

### **2.8. Accessibility Statement**

The University of Portland endeavors to make its courses and services fully accessible to all students. Students are encouraged to discuss with their instructors what might be most helpful in enabling them to meet the learning goals of the course. Students who experience a disability are also encouraged to use the services of the Office for Accessible Education Services (AES), located in the Shepard Academic Resource Center (503-943-8985). If you have an AES Accommodation Plan, you should make an appointment to meet with your faculty member to discuss how to implement your plan in this class. Requests for alternate location for exams and/or extended exam time should, where possible, be made two weeks in advance of an exam, and must be made at least one week in advance of an exam. Also, you should meet with your faculty member to discuss emergency medical information or how best to ensure your safe evacuation from the building in case of fire or other emergency.

### **2.9. Mental Health Statement**

As a college student, you may sometimes experience problems with your mental health that interfere with academic experiences and negatively impact daily life. If you or someone you know experiences mental health challenges at UP, please contact the University of Portland Health and Counseling Center in Orrico Hall (down the hill from Franz Hall and Mehling Hall) at [www.up.edu/healthcenter](http://www.up.edu/healthcenter) or at 503-943-7134. Their services are free and confidential, and if necessary they can provide same day appointments. In addition, after-hours phone counseling is available if you call 503-943-7134 and press 3 outside of business hours. Also know that the University of Portland Public Safety Department (503-943-4444) has personnel trained to respond sensitively to mental health emergencies at all hours. Remember that getting help is a smart and courageous thing to do – for yourself, for those you care about, and for those who care about you.

### **2.10. Ethics of Information**

The University of Portland is a community dedicated to the investigation and discovery of processes for thinking ethically and encouraging the development of ethical reasoning in the formation of the whole person. Using information ethically, as an element in open and honest scholarly endeavors, involves moral reasoning to determine the right way to access, create, distribute, and employ information including: considerations of

intellectual property rights, fair use, information bias, censorship, and privacy. More information can be found in the Clark Library's guide to the Ethical Use of Information at [libguides.up.edu/ethicaluse](http://libguides.up.edu/ethicaluse).

### **2.11. Non-Violence Statement**

The University of Portland is committed to fostering a community free from all forms of violence in which all members feel safe and respected. Violence of any kind, and in particular acts of power-based personal violence, are inconsistent with our mission. Together, we take a stand against violence. Join us in learning more about campus and community resources, UP's prevention strategy, and reporting options on the Green Dot website, [www.up.edu/greendot](http://www.up.edu/greendot) or the Title IX website, [www.up.edu/titleix](http://www.up.edu/titleix).

### **2.12. University of Portland's Code of Academic Integrity**

Academic integrity is openness and honesty in all scholarly endeavors. The University of Portland is a scholarly community dedicated to the discovery, investigation, and dissemination of truth, and to the development of the whole person. Membership in this community is a privilege, requiring each person to practice academic integrity at its highest level, while expecting and promoting the same in others. Breaches of academic integrity will not be tolerated and will be addressed by the community with all due gravity.

### **2.13. Remote Learning**

Remote learning presents unique challenges to both faculty members and students in the online environment. Working together, we can create a successful learning community by following some important guidelines.

- To be successful in remote learning, all students must have access to a functioning computer with a working microphone, camera, and headphones or headset. Students who do not have access to such technology may contact the Office of Financial Aid for possible assistance.
- All course content will be available through course Moodle pages accessible through the UP Portal (PilotsUP). Students should have a working knowledge of both Zoom and Microsoft Teams.
- Students are expected to attend all class sessions, whether synchronous or asynchronous, according to the instructor's direction, and follow guidelines for class conduct during online sessions (e.g. muting, camera on/off, respectful use of chat, etc.)
- If a student does not feel well enough to attend class remotely, they should communicate with their instructor as to how to make up missed work.
- For the benefit of students who are not able to attend class due to illness or temporary internet problems, all classroom sessions will be recorded or made available on the course Moodle site in some other method. **Students may not distribute or share any course images or recordings without the permission of the instructor.**

### **2.14. COVID-19 safety policies**

The Learning Commons will follow current UP safety guidelines for the semester. Our COVID-19 safety protocols are subject to change depending on the current situation with the virus. The most up-to-date policies and protocols will be posted on our website and in the Learning Commons in BC 163.

**Learning Assistance Counselor:** Learning assistance counseling is also available in BC 101. The counselor teaches learning strategies and skills that enable students to become more successful in their studies and future professions. The counselor provides strategies to assist students with reading and comprehension, note-taking and study, time management, test-taking, and learning and remembering. Appointments can be made in the on-line scheduler available to all students in Moodle or during posted drop-in hours.

### 3. SCHEDULE

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#### 3.1. Abbreviated Schedule – Everything on One Page

#### UNIT 1: NATIONALISM AND NATIONAL INTEREST

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❖ *Assignment 1 (ongoing): Discussion Board (10 points for 10 longer posts, continuous participation is ideal). Post to the discussion board during the relevant week when you can; I allow for maximum flexibility.*

❖ *Assignment 2: Present one Text of your choice in the week the text is assigned (10 points)*

1. *Introduction*
2. *Nationalism*
3. *Realism*
4. *War and Peace*

#### UNIT 2: THE GLOBAL FRAMEWORK

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5. *Globalization*
6. *United Nations*

#### UNIT 3: GLOBAL DEMOCRACY?

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7. *Democracy*
8. *Spring Break*
  - ❖ *Assignment 3: Response Essay “Can Democracy Be a Model for the World?” due Friday of Week 7, till 8PM PT*
9. *US Foreign Policy*
10. *Cosmopolitanism*

#### UNIT 4: GLOBAL ETHICS IN A POST-COLONIAL WORLD

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11. *Decoloniality*
12. *Human Rights and Migrations*
13. *International Legal Philosophy*

#### UNIT 5: STUDENT RESEARCH

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14. *Student Presentations Session I*
15. *Presentations Session II+III*
  - ❖ *Assignment 4: Present your own research, via Moodle AND Discussion Board*
16. *Exam Week: Final Paper Due*
  - ❖ *Assignment 5: Send in Final Research Paper “How has the American political system worked with regards to a specific policy issue?” by Thursday, April 28, 8 PM PT, on Moodle*

*Detailed Schedule as follows.*

### 3.2. Detailed Schedule

## UNIT 1: NATIONALISM AND NATIONAL INTEREST

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... in which theories of nationalism, just war and realpolitik will be examined.

- ❖ ***Assignment 1 (ongoing): Discussion Board (10 points for 10 longer posts, continuous participation is ideal). Post to the discussion board during the relevant week when you can; I allow for maximum flexibility.***
- ❖ ***Assignment 2: Present one Text of your choice in the week the text is assigned (10 points)***

### 1. Introduction

#### ***Tuesday, January 11***

Syllabus, Assignments, Introductions

#### ***Thursday, January 13***

Class Discussion

### 2. Nationalism

#### ***Tuesday, January 18***

1. Anderson, Benedict. *Imagined Communities. Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism*. Rev. Ed., New York: Verso, 2006. 9-65.
2. Hobsbawm, Eric. *Nations and Nationalism since 1780. Programme, Myth, Reality*. Cambridge/New York: Cambridge UP, 1990, Chapter 1: 14-45.

#### ***Thursday, January 20***

3. Wilson, Woodrow. "Fourteen points." *Address to Congress*. Vol. 8. 1918.
4. Krasner, Stephen D. "Sovereignty." *Foreign Policy* (2001): 20-29.
5. Pham, J. Peter. "What is in the National Interest? Hans Morgenthau's realist vision and American foreign policy." *American Foreign Policy Interests* 30.5 (2008): 256-265.

### 3. Realism

#### ***Tuesday, January 25***

1. Kagan, Robert. "Power and Weakness," *Policy Review*, No. 113, June and July 2002, 1-19. <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/bush/kagan.htm>
2. Balibar, Etienne. "Whose Power? Whose Weakness?: On Robert Kagan's Critique of European Ideology." *Theory and Event* 6:4 (2003). 1-7.

#### **Thursday, January 27**

3. Nye, Joseph. "Soft Power." *Foreign Policy* 80 (Autumn 1990): 153-171.
4. Cesa, Marco. "Realist visions of the end of the Cold War: Morgenthau, Aron and Waltz." *The British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 11.2 (2009): 177-191.

#### **4. War and Peace**

##### **Tuesday, February 1**

1. Thucydides, *The Peloponnesian War*, Book 5, chapter 84
2. Howse, Robert. "Thucydides and Just War: How to Begin to Read Walzer's Just and Unjust Wars." *European Journal of International Law* 24.1 (2013): 17-24.

##### **Thursday, February 3**

3. Walzer, Michael. "World War II: why was this war different?." *Philosophy & Public Affairs* (1971): 3-21.
4. Mearsheimer, John J. "Why the Ukraine Crisis Is the West's Fault. The Liberal Delusions That Provoked Putin." *Foreign Affairs* 93 (2014): 1-12.

## **UNIT 2: THE GLOBAL FRAMEWORK**

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... in which we will discuss the global framework emerging after World War II.

#### **5. Globalization**

##### **Tuesday, February 8**

1. Friedman, Thomas L. "It's a flat world, after all." *The New York Times* 3 (2005): 33-37.
2. Christopherson, Susan, Harry Garretsen, and Ron Martin. "The world is not flat: putting globalization in its place." *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society* 1.3 (2008): 343-349.
3. Micklethwait John, and Adrian Wooldridge. "The Globalization Backlash." *Foreign Policy* No. 126 (Sep. - Oct., 2001), pp. 16-18+20+22+24+26.

##### **Thursday, February 10**

4. Keohane, Robert O., and Joseph S. Nye. "Transgovernmental relations and international organizations." *World politics* 27.1 (1974): 39-62.
5. Murphy, Craig N. "Global governance: poorly done and poorly understood." *International Affairs* 76.4 (2000): 789-803.
6. Sen, Amartya. "Development as freedom (1999)." *The globalization and development reader: Perspectives on development and global change* 525 (2014).

##### **Other Texts (Voluntary)**

7. Keohane, Robert O., and Joseph S. Nye Jr. "Globalization: What's new? What's not?(And so what?)." *Foreign policy* (2000): 104-119.

8. Keohane, Robert O., and Joseph S. Nye Jr. "Power and interdependence in the information age." *Foreign Aff.* 77 (1998): 81.

## 6. **United Nations**

### **Tuesday, February 15**

1. Kant, Immanuel. "Perpetual Peace: A Philosophical Sketch." 1795. *Kant: Political Writings*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (93–130). 1991.
2. Lemkin, Raphael. "Genocide as a crime under international law." *American Journal of International Law* 41.1 (1947): 145-151.
3. Snyder, Jack. "One world, rival theories." *Foreign policy* 145 (2004): 52.

### **Thursday, February 17**

4. Radelet, Steven. "A primer on foreign aid." *Center for Global Development working paper* 92 (2006).
5. Risse, Thomas. "Transnational actors and world politics." *Corporate ethics and corporate governance*. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg, 2007. 251-286.
6. Barnett, Michael. "Humanitarianism with a sovereign face: UNHCR in the global undertow." *International Migration Review* 35.1 (2001): 244-277.

## **UNIT 3: GLOBAL DEMOCRACY?**

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... in which the survival of the democratic model in the world with be discussed.

## 7. **Democracy**

❖ **Assignment 3: Response Essay "Can Democracy Be a Model for the World?" due Friday of Week 7, till 8PM PT**

### **Tuesday, February 22**

1. Zakaria, Fareed. "The rise of illiberal democracy." *Foreign Affairs* (1997): 22-43.
2. Meany, Thomas and Yascha Mounk. "What was Democracy?" *The Nation*, June 2, 2014, 1-39.

### **Thursday, February 24**

3. Ferrara, Alessandro. "Judging Democracy in the 21st Century: Crisis or Transformation?" *No Fo* 10, 2013, 1-22.
4. Rodrik, Dani. "Is Liberal Democracy Feasible in Developing Countries?." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 51.1 (2016): 50-59.
5. Galston, William A. "The Populist Challenge to Liberal Democracy". *Journal of Democracy*, April 2018, Volume 29, Number 2 , 5-19.

### **Other Texts (Voluntary)**

6. Rodrik, Dani. "Put globalization to work for democracies." *New York Times* 17.9 (2016): 2017.

7. Walker, Christopher. "The Authoritarian Threat The Hijacking of "Soft Power". *Journal of Democracy*, Volume 27, Number 1, January 2016, 49-63.
8. "What's Gone Wrong with Democracy", *The Economist*, March 1, 2014, 1-17.
9. Puddington, Arch: "The Return to the Iron Fist", *Journal of Democracy*, Volume 26, No. 2, April 2015, 122-138.

<b>8. Spring Break</b>
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<b>9. US Foreign Policy</b>
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**Tuesday, March 8**

1. Fukuyama, Francis. "The End of History." *The National Interest* 16 (Summer 1989): 3-18.
2. Wright, Thomas. "A Post American Europe and the Future of US Strategy." Brookings / Robert Bosch Foundation *Transatlantic Initiative*, 2017.
3. Coudenhove-Kalergi, Richard. "The Pan-European Outlook." *International Affairs (Royal Institute of International Affairs 1931-1939)* 10.5 (Sep., 1931): 638-651.

**Thursday, March 10**

4. Kristensen, P. M. (2017). "After Abdication: America Debates the Future of Global Leadership." *Chinese Political Science Review*, 1-17.
5. Burrows, Mathew J., and Oliver Gnad. "Between 'Muddling Through' and 'Grand Design': Regaining Political Initiative-The Role of Strategic Foresight." *Futures* (2017).
6. Judd, Tony. "Europe vs. America" *New York Review of Books* 02/10/2005. 1-10.  
<http://www.nybooks.com/articles/archives/2005/feb/10/europe-vs-america/>

<b>10. Cosmopolitanism</b>
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**Tuesday, March 15**

1. Appiah, Kwame Anthony. "There is no such thing as western civilization." *The Guardian*, Nov 9, 2016. 1-8.
2. Appiah, Kwame Anthony. "Global citizenship." *Fordham L. Rev.* 75 (2006): 2375.

**Thursday, March 17**

3. Huntington, Samuel P. "The clash of civilizations?." *Culture and politics*. Palgrave Macmillan, New York, 2000. 99-118.
4. Inglehart, Ronald, and Pippa Norris. "The true clash of civilizations." *Foreign policy* (2003): 63-70.
5. Bell, Wendell. "The clash of civilizations and universal human values." *Journal of Futures Studies* 6.3 (2002): 1-20.

## UNIT 4: GLOBAL ETHICS IN A POST-COLONIAL WORLD

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... in which we will investigate ethical questions related to decoloniality, human rights and international law.

### 11. Decoloniality

#### Tuesday, March 22

1. Hutchings, Kimberly. "Dialogue between whom? The role of the west/non-west distinction in promoting global dialogue in IR." *Millennium* 39.3 (2011): 639-647.
2. Chakrabarty, Dipesh. "Provincializing Europe: Postcoloniality and the critique of history." *Cultural studies* 6.3 (1992): 337-357.

#### Thursday, March 24

3. Mignolo, Walter D. "Who speaks for the "human" in human rights?." *Cadernos de Estudos Culturais* 3.5 (2011).
4. Smith, Linda Tuhiwai. *Decolonizing methodologies: Research and indigenous peoples*. Zed Books Ltd., 2013. (excerpts)
5. Said, Edward W. *Orientalism*. Vintage, 1979.

#### **Other Texts (Voluntary)**

6. Iser, Mattias. "Recognition", *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Edward N. Zalta (ed.), <https://plato.stanford.edu/archives/sum2019/entries/recognition>. Summer 2019.
7. Spivak, Gayatri Chakravorty (1988). "Can the Subaltern Speak?". In Nelson, Cary; Grossberg, Lawrence (eds.). *Marxism and the Interpretation of Culture*. Basingstoke: Macmillan. pp. 271–313.

### 12. Human Rights and Migrations

#### Tuesday, March 99

1. Arendt, Hannah. "We Refugees." *Menorah Journal* 31.1 (1943): 69-77.
2. Butler, Judith. "Precarious life, vulnerability, and the ethics of cohabitation." *The Journal of Speculative Philosophy* 26.2 (2012): 134-151.

#### Thursday, March 31

3. Bunch, Charlotte. "Women's rights as human rights: Toward a re-vision of human rights." *Hum. Rts. Q.* 12 (1990): 486.
4. Kisner, Wendell. "Agamben, Hegel, and the State of Exception." *Cosmos and History: The Journal of Natural and Social Philosophy* 3.2-3 (2007).

### **13. International Legal Philosophy**

#### **Tuesday, April 5**

1. Benhabib, Seyla. "The philosophical foundations of cosmopolitan norms." *Another cosmopolitanism* (2006): 13-44.
2. Kymlicka, Will. "Liberal nationalism and cosmopolitan justice." *Another cosmopolitanism* (2006): 128-44.

#### **Thursday, April 7**

3. Gilroy, Paul. "Lecture I. Suffering and Infrahumanity." *The Tanner Lectures on Human Values*, Yale University, February 21, 2014. 21-50.
4. Gilroy, Paul. "Lecture II. Humanities and a New Humanism." *The Tanner Lectures on Human Values*, Yale University, February 21, 2014. 51-77.

## **UNIT 5: STUDENT RESEARCH**

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### **14. Student Presentations Session I**

#### **Tuesday, April 12**

Student Presentations Session I

- ❖ **[Assignment 4: Present your own research, via Moodle AND Discussion Board](#)**

#### **Thursday, April 14**

Student Presentations Session II

- ❖ **[Assignment 4: Present your own research, via Moodle AND Discussion Board](#)**

### **15. Presentations Session II+III**

#### **Tuesday, April 19**

Student Presentations Session III

- ❖ **[Assignment 4: Present your own research, via Moodle AND Discussion Board](#)**

#### **Thursday, April 21**

Student Presentations Session IV

- ❖ **[Assignment 4: Present your own research, via Moodle AND Discussion Board](#)**

### **16. Exam Week: Final Paper Due**

- ❖ **[Assignment 5: Send in Final Research Paper by Thursday, April 28, 8 PM PT, on Moodle](#)**

## 4. BIBLIOGRAPHY OF REQUIRED TEXTS

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<u>Week.Text#</u>	<u>Texts in alphabetical order</u>
7.08	Economist Staff. "What's Gone Wrong with Democracy", <i>The Economist</i> , March 1, 2014, 1-17.
2.01	Anderson, Benedict. <i>Imagined Communities. Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism</i> . Rev. Ed., New York: Verso, 2006. 9-65.
10.02	Appiah, Kwame Anthony. "Global citizenship." <i>Fordham L. Rev.</i> 75 (2006): 2375.
10.01	Appiah, Kwame Anthony. "There is no such thing as western civilization." <i>The Guardian</i> , Nov 9, 2016. 1-8.
12.01	Arendt, Hannah. "We Refugees." <i>Menorah Journal</i> 31.1 (1943): 69-77.
3.02	Balibar, Etienne. "Whose Power? Whose Weakness?: On Robert Kagan's Critique of European Ideology." <i>Theory and Event</i> 6:4 (2003). 1-7.
6.06	Barnett, Michael. "Humanitarianism with a sovereign face: UNHCR in the global undertow." <i>International Migration Review</i> 35.1 (2001): 244-277.
10.05	Bell, Wendell. "The clash of civilizations and universal human values." <i>Journal of Futures Studies</i> 6.3 (2002): 1-20.
13.01	Benhabib, Seyla. "The philosophical foundations of cosmopolitan norms." <i>Another cosmopolitanism</i> (2006): 13-44.
12.03	Bunch, Charlotte. "Women's rights as human rights: Toward a re-vision of human rights." <i>Hum. Rts. Q.</i> 12 (1990): 486.
9.05	Burrows, Mathew J., and Oliver Gnad. "Between 'Muddling Through' and 'Grand Design': Regaining Political Initiative–The Role of Strategic Foresight." <i>Futures</i> (2017).
12.02	Butler, Judith. "Precarious life, vulnerability, and the ethics of cohabitation." <i>The Journal of Speculative Philosophy</i> 26.2 (2012): 134-151.
11.02	Chakrabarty, Dipesh. "Provincializing Europe: Postcoloniality and the critique of history." <i>Cultural studies</i> 6.3 (1992): 337-357.
5.02	Christopherson, Susan, Harry Garretsen, and Ron Martin. "The world is not flat: putting globalization in its place." <i>Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society</i> 1.3 (2008): 343-349.
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## 5. COURSE ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

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### General Remarks:

- All these assignments are **submitted in writing**. The two presentations have to be submitted to the entire class via the discussion forum (upload as PDF), the response and research paper are only sent to the instructor via e-mail (if you do not receive a confirmation that I have received it within 2 business days, please tell me).
- You are expected to use **correct English**. If there too many mistakes, text understanding may suffer, and you may also be downgraded for complexity. Perform a spell-check (not just via the computer!).
- Pages have to be numbered.
- Text formatting for **all** assignments except discussion posts: 12 point Times, 1.5-spaced, 1 in. margins. Include your name, assignment type, and date in the first line, second line title in bold, one free line, then the text, then works cited, such as:

Name, First Name: Text Presentation, MM/DD/YYYY
<b>Title of Your Presentation (either a topical title, or “Presentation on the Text by N.N.”)</b>
Text (of the length specified)
<b>Works Cited</b>
List the works you cited, either APA or MLA style

### Researching Articles and Books:

- Any materials you find for use in your own research should be coming from **academic journals or books**. You may also use original sources (media examples), but need to find 2 research articles minimum.
- Research articles or books are basically distinguished from other materials in that they do not primarily focus on exposition but on **analysis**, and on commenting on other research. **The articles chosen for this class are supposed to serve as examples.**
- You can find such materials, for instance, through the use of **Google Scholar** (<http://scholar.google.com>). **Library catalogs** will be available to you as well.
- **News sources and statistics** can be used – but only to supplement research articles, not to replace them.
- **Internet sources** are good if they are of a scholarly nature.
- **Wikipedia** can be a good starting point for research – it is never its ultimate end!

## Explanation of individual assignments:

### ❖ 1 Discussion Board (10 points / 20%). Due Regularly

Students will have to participate regularly in the Moodle discussion board.

#### *Additional Guidelines:*

- **Introduce yourself initially** to Moodle by saying who you are, what your study interests are, and whatever else you would like people to know about yourself.
- Discussions will be graded in terms of frequency of participation and quality of your contributions. Students need to participate on at least 2-3 days per week.
- You then need to write **at least 10 posts for Moodle of substantial length and quality**. Quality posts are those that are substantial in content and indicate that the student is engaged with the course readings and content (i.e. posts are not “off the top of your head,” but rather demonstrate that you have completed and understood the course readings). Such post cannot just be brief responses of twitter length, or a mere link, but have to be contributions for discussion of at least 2 paragraphs of length which open up a possible discussion topic and/or discuss or introduce a topic and/or provide a thoughtful response to a post opened by someone else earlier.
- You are **also expected to respond in other ways**, by briefly commenting on other people’s comments. These will not be graded, as they are part of the class conversation.

#### *Grading: 10 points total*

- 1 point per post, but only a maximum of 10 points.

### ❖ 2 Presentation of one assigned text (5 points / 10%). Due depending on when the text is assigned, via Assignments & Discussion Board

In the beginning of the quarter, the texts will be distributed amongst all participants. The presentation should introduce the main arguments of the text and briefly explain the historical background. The length of the presentation should be **approx. 1 page of text**. Presenters will then also be responsible for facilitating the class discourse by being the experts on the text. Whether you are presenting or not, **everybody is required to read all the texts**, unless they are marked as additional. You may upload texts as separate documents, or post in the forum. Mark it as “**Text Presentation**”.

#### *Additional Guidelines:*

- You are the expert on the text. You can assume everyone else has read the text as well (they should). Nevertheless, recap the major arguments of the text.
- None of the texts holds absolute truth. All of them are written from a specific point of view, with which you may agree or disagree. If you voice any such judgment, you need to provide reasons.
- Prepare up to 2 questions for class discussion.
- For general remarks, see the presentation guidelines in Appendix I.

#### *Grading: 5 points total*

- complexity of the argument (3 points)
- correct rendition of the text’s argument (½ point)
- correct citations (½ point)
- clarity and correctness of writing (½ point)
- handling your responses to questions in the discussion (½ point)

❖ 3 **Midterm Response Essay (10 points / 20%).**

**Due Friday of Week 7, 8 PM Pacific Time, via Assignments**

This is an opinion piece which is based upon the seminar readings and discussions, and can already prepare ideas for your research. You are supposed to develop a thesis in the beginning, and then develop arguments in support of the thesis, but also hint at possible counterarguments. You do not need to find additional research articles or books. Standard citation methods apply. The paper should be **approx. 2 pages** of text (12 point Times, 1.5-spaced, 1 in. margins) plus bibliography.

***Grading: 10 points total***

- 5 points for complexity of the argument
- 2 points for correct bibliography and correct citation (choose either MLA or APA, see Appendices II and III, page 24, and stick to one method throughout your paper).
- 1 point for spelling and language
- 1 point for structure
- 1 point for fulfilling formal criteria (formatting, length, etc.)
- Penalties for turning it in later: Same day but late: -½ a point; then -1 point per day

❖ 4 **Research Presentation (10 points / 20%).**

**Due Anytime During Weeks 14/15, via Assignments & Discussion Board**

Students will present a topic of their own choice to the entire class. The presentation should be the equivalent **2 pages of text and a PowerPoint (up to 10 slides)**. The presentation should ideally be a preparation for the final research paper. You are expected to find 3 scholarly sources for your research that are not part of the assigned reading in class.

***Additional Guidelines:***

- Find your own topic, and discuss it with the instructor in beforehand via e-mail.
- Find a minimum of 3 new scholarly articles for your research.
- Justify why you think your topic is of relevance.
- Put your own topic into its proper historical and/or political context.
- Structure your argument clearly.
- Prepare up to 3 questions for class discussion.
- For general remarks, see the presentation guidelines in Appendix I.

***Grading: 10 points total***

- complexity of the argument (5 points)
- correct rendition of the your argument (1 point)
- additional scholarly sources (3 points)
- clarity and correctness of writing (½ point)
- handling your responses to questions in the discussion (½ point)

❖ **5 Final Research Paper on a topic of your own choice (15 points / 30%).**  
**Due Thursday of Week 16, 8 PM Pacific Time, via Assignments**

This research paper can be based on the preceding research presentation. Unlike the response paper, your focus has to be on analysis rather than on opinion. You are supposed to develop a thesis in the beginning, and then develop arguments in support of the thesis, but also hint at possible counterarguments. You need to use at least 2 of the texts discussed throughout the seminar, and to find at least 3 additional scholarly research articles or books. Standard citation methods apply. The paper should be a minimum of **5 pages of text**, no more than 6 (12 point Times, 1.5-spaced, 1 in. margins) plus bibliography in addition to the allotted pages.

**Grading: 15 points total**

- 5 points for complexity of the argument
- 2 points for correct bibliography and correct citation (choose either MLA or APA, see Appendices II and III, page 24, and stick to one method throughout your paper).
- 1 point for spelling and language
- 1 point for structure
- 1 point for fulfilling formal criteria (formatting, length, etc.)
- 1 point per cited article or book that was assigned for class (up to 2 points)
- 1 point per cited article or book that you individually researched (up to 3 points)
- Penalties for turning it in later: Same day but late: -½ a point; then -1 point per day

## 6. FINAL GRADE DISTRIBUTION

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Maximum possible points:	50 points
1. Discussion Board:	10 points
2. Text Presentation:	5 points
3. Response Paper:	10 points
4. Research Presentation:	10 points
5. Research Paper:	15 points

<b>A</b>	95%	to under or equal	100%	47.5	to under or equal	50	points
<b>A-</b>	90%	to under	95%	45	to under	47.5	points
<b>B+</b>	87%	to under	90%	43.5	to under	45	points
<b>B</b>	83%	to under	87%	41.5	to under	43.5	points
<b>B-</b>	80%	to under	83%	40	to under	41.5	points
<b>C+</b>	77%	to under	80%	38.5	to under	40	points
<b>C</b>	73%	to under	77%	36.5	to under	38.5	points
<b>C-</b>	70%	to under	73%	35	to under	36.5	points
<b>D+</b>	67%	to under	70%	33.5	to under	35	points
<b>D</b>	63%	to under	67%	31.5	to under	33.5	points
<b>D-</b>	60%	to under	63%	30	to under	31.5	points
<b>F</b>	0%	to under	60%	0	to under	30	points

## 7. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

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### 7.1. Political Science Learning Outcomes:

Political science and global affairs graduates of the University of Portland will be able to:

1. Demonstrate elementary knowledge within three areas of the discipline of political science--American Politics, world politics, and political theory--that will serve as the building blocks for mastery of the discipline over time.
  - a) Demonstrate foundational knowledge of key concepts, theories and discourses within American politics, world politics, and political theory.
2. Understand and demonstrate a foundational knowledge of methodological approaches in political science.
  - a) Understand the role that theory plays in guiding methodological decisions within research.
  - b) Demonstrate knowledge of the fundamentals of conducting research in political science for a variety of methodological approaches.
3. Demonstrate advanced knowledge/mastery of political science subfields, including international relations, comparative politics, American politics, and political theory by critically assessing their key concepts, theories, and discourses.
  - a) Identify and explain the key concepts, theories, and discourses of the scholarly research within the subfields of the discipline.
  - b) Critically evaluate the key concepts, theories, and discourses of scholarly research within the subfields of the discipline.
4. Analyze and apply key concepts, theories, and discourses in at least one of the four subfields of political science.
  - a) Articulate a critical analysis of a problem within political science through a research paper (18-25 pages) that establishes a novel research question, clear thesis, cogent argumentation and conclusions, and that properly engages the relevant scholarly literature in the given field.
  - b) Within this research paper, apply the fundamentals of a research design as mastered in POL 250 *Political Inquiry and Analysis*.

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### 7.2. General Learning Outcomes

Students who take this course will be able to

1. Identify, define and analyze some important concepts in political and cultural theory, specifically as they pertain to the central issues relevant to political and social dimensions of various forms of media. This included the ability to identify and evaluate core ideas of media theory, and the arguments that support them. This includes knowledge in political science theory and cultural studies and is measured through coursework.
2. Analyze current social issues and place them in historical context(s). Specifically, you will be given a genealogy of the ideas of the relationship between media and the state, and work with texts ancient and modern that help you situate current social issues.
3. Accumulate, contextualize, recall, analyze and critically interpret some of the major issues in political theory as well as critical domain knowledge with an interdisciplinary outlook by utilizing methods and approaches applicable to the disciplines of political science and cultural studies.

4. Recognize the necessity to theorize culture and politics and to apply different theoretical models to different circumstances. Also follow the principle of a “ruthless criticism of everything existing” (Marx to Ruge, 1843) by critiquing the nature, value, and limitations of the basic methods of the social sciences.
5. Express the basic argument of a scholarly text and use it as a resource.
6. Work collaboratively and collegially, by sharing ideas and analyses in a respectful but critical and mutually enriching manner.

Discuss and make arguments about these concepts and issues in writing by relating them to contemporary political debates as reflected in contemporary culture. Students will develop own scholarly approaches to a topic, and conduct own research.

### **7.3. University Core Course Requirements**

The University of Portland offers a liberal arts Core Curriculum with a vision of students acquiring knowledge, skills, and values that will prepare you to respond to the needs of the world and its human family, while having a foundation of multiple lenses to address enduring questions of human concern. The University Core Curriculum strives to achieve this vision by cultivating six habits of heart and mind in all graduates regardless of major.

As a priority for this Core class, our focus is the “Global and Historical Consciousness” habit. As part of developing that habit, this course will prioritize students learning to (1) use scientific thinking to understand how the world works, and to (3) use empirical analysis to address human, social, or ecological problems. Toward this end, as one specific Core learning outcome for this class, the expectation is that students who complete this course will be able to demonstrate their understanding of the Global political system by applying their scientific knowledge and empirical analysis to relevant political problems in the world.

## 8. GENERAL ARGUMENTATION RULES (FOR PRESENTATIONS AND PAPERS)

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- If you refer to somebody or a text, always provide a detailed source. Never say “As Aristotle has said, ...” but provide a concrete source. You will find that many quotes are continually misattributed. Do the research.
- Be respectful of others’ opinions and arguments, no matter how harshly you may disagree. Any criticism must be aimed at the argument or subject matter (“*argumentum ad rem*”), not at the person (“*argumentum ad hominem*”).
- If you disagree with a certain position, make sure you represent it accurately in all its scope, and not as a distorted caricature (“straw man argument”).
- Base your argument on a solid database, not just on your own experiences or things you have heard (“anecdotal evidence”).
- Just because a famous or influential person made a certain argument, does not automatically provide it with legitimacy (“argument from authority”).
- Just because something occurs in nature, does not make it good (“naturalistic fallacy”).
- See also: [www.fallacyfiles.org](http://www.fallacyfiles.org)

## 9. APPENDIX I: PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

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### 9.1. When Introducing a Text

*These questions need not be answered verbatim or in that order– but address them or be kept in mind.*

- What is it about?
- Who is the author? (relevant if important person of history -- but no extended biographies)
- What is the context?
- What is the line of argument?
- What are the theoretical assumptions? Does the text speak to a specific school of thought?
- How is it written? What can you derive from the structure of the text?
- How was it perceived? What has it achieved? (relevant if this text is a historical source or has had a deep impact on a field of research)
- Provide own evaluations and analysis, briefly.

### 9.2. When Presenting Your Own Analysis or Argument

*These questions need not be answered verbatim or in that order– but address them or be kept in mind.*

- Be transparent: name your sources, provide a handout with a bibliography and a structure of your presentation.
- Provide a clear line of argument
- Prefer analysis over opinion, personal experiences and anecdotal knowledge
- Be clear to differentiate between your own analysis and someone else's.

### 9.3. Q&A Rules

- Welcome critique as an opportunity to better yourself.
- When critiquing others, aim the argument at the issue, not the person, and remain respectful.
- When you don't know what to answer, offer to follow up with them later -- don't improvise.

### 9.4. General Presentation Rules

- Everybody is nervous. EVERYBODY.
- Everybody makes mistakes.
- Preparation always helps.
- Practice.
- A class presentation is supposed to help you to learn, you are not expected to be perfect.

#### 9.4.1. Content

- The presentation is not about you. It is about the content.

#### 9.4.2. Structure

- You are *communicating*, not talking *at* somebody.
- Make sure you do everything to get your message across in the short time you have.
- Tell them what you're about to tell them. -- Tell them. -- Tell them what you've just told them.
- Intelligent redundancy is good.
- Patronizing is bad.

#### 9.4.3. Modes of Presenting

- Do what you feel is most comfortable to you.
- Talk loudly and clearly.
- Make eye contact as much as possible.
- Provide a handout with your most important points, central quotes or data (brief!), works cited, and your contact information.

#### *Reading out a written text:*

- pro: safety, you tend to forget less, you can formulate better
- contra: inflexible, less communicative

#### *Speaking freely (without notes):*

- pro: flexible, can adapt to audience quickly, communicative
- contra: needs experience, you may forget things, imperfect formulations
- you may compensate with a handout

#### *Speaking freely with notes*

- possibly best of both worlds
- you may even write an introduction & a closing to read out

#### **9.4.4. Time**

- Time yourself. You have limited time allotted. Test out your presentation beforehand; then add 2-3 minutes. You will always take longer than planned.
- Provide a handout collating your most important findings, central quotes, a bibliography, and your contact information. If you forget to say something important in the presentation, it'll be there.

#### **9.4.5. Technology**

- Use technology only if necessary.
- Only use technology that you know how to handle.
- Be sure to have reliable equipment. If possible, bring your own computer. Apple computer owners: bring an adapter cable for VGA. Assume no HDMI compatibility.
- Make backups of your presentation. Make a backup of the backup.
- Be only as fancy as absolutely necessary. Anything flashy that distracts from your message can go.
- Sometimes, a Moodle is enough.
- A paper handout may substitute or supplement a visual presentation. It gives people something to take away.
- Be prepared for tech to break down.

#### **9.4.6. Attire**

- Appear professional. This is work, it should look like that. Respect your audience.
- There will always be a question from the audience you won't like. Be cordial. Admit if you don't know something; promise to get back with more information.
- Know how to react: "Never answer the question that is asked of you. Answer the question that you wish had been asked of you." (Robert S. McNamara, *The Fog of War*, 87:11-87:19)

#### **9.4.7. Remember Murphy's Law**

- Nothing is as easy as it seems. -- Everything takes longer than expected. -- And if something can go wrong it will, -- at the worst possible moment.
- Well, hopefully not. But be prepared anyway. Presentations are always a test of how to react to unforeseen circumstances, and the more you practice, the more experienced you'll be. Good luck!

#### **9.5. Netiquette: How to Present Yourself Online**

- Always remember you are still talking to human beings – it is very easy to lose sight of that online.
- Try to build community with your fellow students by being active in the discussion, by responding to their posts, and by taking part in the Q&A peer critique process after uploaded assignments.
- Check your spelling --- mistakes in writing are unnecessary distractions from what you want to say.
- Name your sources.
- Be concise but substantial. Remember that people tend to read in an F-pattern online: first paragraphs are read, then beginnings oftentimes just scanned (sadly). Make it interesting.

## 10. APPENDIX II: CITATION GUIDE MLA

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You can use MLA or APA style for citations, see: [owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01). The major rules MLA style are summarized here, as follows:

### Page/font format:

- Font Size 12 pt (use a normal system font like Times New Roman, Arial, Cambria, etc.)
- Line spacing 1.5
- Footnotes: 10 pt, Line spacing 1
- Indent quotations longer than 3 lines, with 10 pt size font
- Mark omitted parts of a quotation with squared brackets to distinguish them from possible (round) brackets within the quotation:

*"Falling Down* is a smart film, but it struggles [...] to convince viewers that [the hero] represents an ultimately (mythologically) redundant model of white masculinity." (Kennedy 2000: 122)

### Bibliographical reference in parentheses (Author Year: Page):

Blabla blabla (Soja 1989: 37).

When Works Cited holds more than one title of the same author and from the same year, specify text by adding letters to the publication date:

Blabla blabla (Soja 1989a: 37).

Blabla blabla (Soja 1989b: 1).

**Footnotes** should be used only for further comments, not as bibliographical reference.

The **Works Cited** appears at the end of your paper. The format is the following:

### For articles in collective volumes:

Name, First Name. "Article". In: Name, First Name, ed. *Larger Volume*. Publishing Place: Publishing House, Year. Pages.

e.g. Kennedy, Liam. "Paranoid Spatiality: Postmodern Urbanism and American Cinema." In: Balshaw Maria, Liam Kennedy, eds. *Urban Space and Representation*. London: Pluto, 2000. 116-30.

(use ed. for one Editor, eds. for multiple Editors)

### For articles in journals or magazines:

Name, First Name. "Article". *Magazine Title*. Magazine Number (Year): Pages.

e.g. Foucault, Michel. "Of Other Spaces." *Diacritics* 16.1 (1986): 22-27.

### For monographs:

Name, First Name. *Larger Volume*. Publishing Place: Publishing House, Year. Pages.

e.g. Soja, Edward. *Postmodern Geographies: The Reassertion of Space in Critical Social Theory*. London: Verso, 1989.

**For internet articles:** Name, First Name. "Article." *Main Web Site Title*. URL. Retrieved MM/DD/YYYY.

(or variations, such as organization name or alias in the first place, depending on nature of the web site)

e.g. Edmunds, R. David. "The US-Mexican War: A Major Watershed." *PBS*. [pbs.org/kera/usmexicanwar/war/major\\_watershed.html](http://pbs.org/kera/usmexicanwar/war/major_watershed.html). Retrieved 09/01/2009.

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## 11. APPENDIX III: CITATION GUIDE APA

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