

Passions and International Politics

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COURSE OVERVIEW:

This upper level seminar provides an analytical introduction to major topics in the study of emotion and international relations. We will study current debates in international relations over the theory and methodological relevance of emotion to core themes in the discipline, ranging from cooperation, conflict, terrorism, security, mobilization, international law, religious conflict, and ethics. The course is intended to prepare students to engage in independent research projects related to emotion and their research interest. Given that much of their course relies on some knowledge of the foundations of International Relations' theory and methodology, prior coursework in either Introduction to International Relations and/or International Relations Theory is *required*.

REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING:

Grades are based on the following criteria:

- **Class participation (20%):** You should complete the assigned readings and actively participate in class discussion. This portion of your grade is based on both quantity (how often you discuss the readings, ask questions, etc.) and quality (comments based on a careful reading of the material vs. unsubstantiated opinions).
- **Response Papers (50%):** You will write 5 critical response papers based on the readings for a class of your choosing. The papers should be 2 pages (double-spaced, Times New Roman 12 point font, 1 inch margins). Since the purpose of the response paper is for you to synthesize the readings on your own, you must turn in your response paper before the start of the discussion section on that topic. Sign-up will occur the second session, please be prepared.
- **Author Defendant (10%):** During the week in which you have been assigned the role of authors' defendant, you will be stepping into the shoes an author of one of readings assigned for the seminar; you will be responsible for presenting the main arguments and evidence in the readings and will be expected to be prepared to respond to tough questions about the readings that are raised by me or the other members of the group.
- **Research Presentation and Proposal (20%):** Students are required to write a full research proposal at the end of the semester. Topic must be approved by X/XX. Please meet me during office hours, I will hold extended hours in the two weeks prior to this date. If you are unavailable to meet, please contact me to schedule alternative accommodations. The last week of classes, you will present your proposals (worth 5% of the grade) to fellow students followed by short Q&A's to receive constructive feedback before final submission on X/XX (worth 15% of the grade).

ASSIGNED READINGS

Week 1: Introduction

Tuesday X/XX

1. Introductions

Thursday X/XX: What is an Emotion?

1. Crawford, Neta C. "The Passion of World Politics: Propositions on Emotion and Emotional Relationships." *International Security* 24, no. 4 (April 1, 2000): 116–56.
2. McDermott, Rose. "The Feeling of Rationality: The Meaning of Neuroscientific Advances for Political Science." *Perspectives on Politics* 2, no. 04 (December 2004): 691–706.

Further Readings:

- Roland Bleiker, and Emma Hutchison. "Fear No More: Emotions and World Politics." *Review of International Studies* 34, no. S1 (2008): 115-35.
- Simon Koschut, Todd H. Hall, Reinhard Wolf, Ty Solomon, Emma Hutchison, and Roland Bleiker. "Discourse and Emotions in International Relations." *International Studies Review* 19, no. 3 (2017): 481-508.

Week 2

Tuesday X/XX: Paradigms

1. Jonathan Mercer, "Human Nature and the First Image: Emotion in International Politics," *Journal of International Relations and Development*, 9, 2006. 288-303.
2. Andrew A. G Ross. "Coming in from the Cold: Constructivism and Emotions." *European Journal of International Relations* 12, no. 2 (June 1, 2006): 197–222.
3. Ty Solomon,, and Brent J. Steele. "Micro-Moves in International Relations Theory." *European Journal of International Relations* 23, no. 2 (2017): 267-91

Thursday X/XX: Critiques

1. C Papoulias, & F Callard. (2010). "Biology's Gift: Interrogating the Turn to Affect." *Body & Society*, 16(1), 29–56.
2. Christian Reus-Smit. (2014). "Emotions and the Social." *International Theory*, 6(3), 568-574.

Further Readings:

- Brader, Ted. "The Political Relevance of Emotions: "Reassessing" Revisited." *Political Psychology* 32.2 (2011): 337-346.
- Ruth Leys, "The Turn to Affect: A Critique." *Critical Inquiry*, 37:3, 434-472

Week 3

Tuesday X/XX : Can States Feel?

1. Brent E Sasley. "Theorizing States' Emotions." *International Studies Review* 13, no. 3 (2011): 452-76.

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2. Todd Hall. *Emotional Diplomacy : Official Emotion on the International Stage*. Ithaca ; London: Ithaca ; London : Cornell University Press, 2015. Chap 1.

Thursday X/XX: Cooperation

1. Richard Ned Lebow "Reason, Emotion and Cooperation." *International Politics* 42, no. 3 (September 1, 2005): 283–313.
2. Torsten Michel. "Time to Get Emotional: Phronetic Reflections on the Concept of Trust in International Relations." *European Journal of International Relations* 19, no. 4 (December 1, 2013): 869–90

Further Readings:

- Johnathan Mercer. (2014). "Feeling like a state: Social emotion and identity." *International Theory*, 6(3), 515-535
- Marcus Holmes. "The Force of Face-to-Face Diplomacy: Mirror Neurons and the Problem of Intentions." *International Organization* 67, no. 04 (2013): 829–61.
- Jonathan Renshon, Julia Lee, and Dustin Tingley. "Emotions and the Micro-Foundations of Commitment Problems.: *International Organization*, 71(2018), 189-218.

Week 4

Tuesday X/XX: Conflict

1. Bar-Tal, Daniel, Eran Halperin, and Joseph De Rivera. "Collective Emotions in Conflict Situations: Societal Implications." *Journal of Social Issues* 63, no. 2. 441-460
2. Jonathan Mercer. "Emotion and Strategy in the Korean War." *International Organization* 67, no. 02 (2013): 221–52.

Thursday X/XX: Democratic Peace Revised

1. Stein, Rachel M. "War and Revenge: Explaining Conflict Initiation by Democracies." *American Political Science Review* 109, no. 03 (2015): 556–73.
2. Simon, Koschut. "No Sympathy for the Devil: Emotions and the Social Construction of the Democratic Peace." *Cooperation and Conflict* (2017): 320–338

Further Readings:

- Tom Dolan. "Emotion and Strategic Learning in War." *Foreign Policy Analysis*, Aug 1, 2014. 571–590,

Week 5

Tuesday X/XX: Security

1. Van Rythoven, Eric. "Learning to Feel, Learning to Fear? Emotions, Imaginaries, and Limits in the Politics of Securitization." *Security Dialogue* 46, no. 5 (2015): 458-75.
2. Koschut, Simon. "Emotional (Security) Communities: The Significance of Emotion Norms in Inter-Allied Conflict Management." 40, no. 3 (2014): 533-58.

Thursday X/XX: Cycles of Emotion

1. Fattah, Khaled, and K. M. Fierke. "A Clash of Emotions: The Politics of Humiliation and Political Violence in the Middle East." *European Journal of International Relations* 15, no. 1 (2009): 67-93.

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2. Ross, Andrew A. G. *Mixed Emotions : Beyond Fear and Hatred in International Conflict*. Chicago ; London: Chicago ; London : The University of Chicago Press, 2014. Chap 2.

Week 6

Tuesday X/XX: Terrorism

1. David Wright-Neville, and Debra Smith. "Political Rage: Terrorism and the Politics of Emotion." *Global Change, Peace & Security* 21, no. 1 (2009): 85-98.
2. K. M Fierke,. *Political Self-Sacrifice : Agency, Body and Emotion in International Relations*. Cambridge ; New York: Cambridge ; New York : Cambridge University Press, 2013. Chap 1-2

Thursday X/XX: Publics

1. Emma Hutchison. "Trauma and the Politics of Emotions: Constituting Identity, Security and Community after the Bali Bombing." *International Relations* 24, no. 1 (2010/03/01 2010): 65-86.
2. Todd H Hall., and Andrew A.G. Ross. "Affective Politics after 9/11." *International Organization* 69, no. 04 (September 2015): 847-79.
3. Paul Saurette. "You Dissin Me? Humiliation and Post 9/11 Global Politics." *Review of International Studies* 32, no. 3 (2006): 495-522.

Week 7:

Tuesday X/XX: Mobilization

1. Wendy Pearlman. "Emotions and the Microfoundations of the Arab Uprisings." *Perspectives on Politics* 11, no. 02 (June 2013): 387-409.
2. Jeff Goodwin, James M. Jasper, and Francesca Polletta. *Passionate Politics : Emotions and Social Movements*. Chicago: Chicago : University of Chicago Press, 2001. Chap 1 and 3.

Thursday X/XX: Practices

1. Monique Scheer. "Are Emotions a Kind of Practice (and Is That What Makes Them Have a History)? A Bourdieuan Approach to Understanding Emotion." *History and Theory* 51, no. 2 (2012): 193-220.
2. Janice Bially Mattern. "A Practice Theory of Emotion for International Relations." In *International Practices*, edited by Emanuel Adler and Vincent Pouliot, 63-86. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011.

Week 8:

Tuesday X/XX: International Ethics

1. Linda Ahall. "Affect as Methodology: Feminism and the Politics of Emotion." *International Political Sociology* 12, no. 1 (2018): 36-52
2. L.H.M. Ling (2014). "Decolonizing the international: towards multiple emotional worlds". *International Theory*, 6, pp 579-583.

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3. Jeffery, R. (2011). "Reason, emotion, and the problem of world poverty: Moral sentiment theory and international ethics." *International Theory*, 3(1), 143-178

Thursday X/XX: International Law

1. Bandes, Susan A., and Jeremy A. Blumenthal. "Emotion and the Law." *Annual Review of Law and Social Science* 8, no. 1 (2012): 161-81.
2. Cox, Lloyd, and Steve Wood. "'Got Him': Revenge, Emotions, and the Killing of Osama Bin Laden." 43, no. 1 (2017): 112-29.

Further Readings:

- Rajah, Jothie. "Sinister Translations: Law's Authority in a Post-9/11 World." *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies* 21, no. 1 (2014): 107-43.
- Hunt, Lynn. "Torrents of Emotion." Ch. 1 In: *Inventing Human Rights: A History*, 35-69. New York: Norton, 2007.

Week 9:

Tuesday X/XX: Religion

1. Ural, N. Yasemin, and Anna Lea Berg. "From Religious Emotions to Affects: Historical and Theoretical Reflections on Injury to Feeling, Self and Religion." *Culture and Religion* (2019): 1-17
2. Sheikh, Mona Kanwal. "Religion, Emotions, and Conflict Escalation." Forthcoming.

Thursday X/XX: Blasphemy and Offense

1. Yelle, Robert (2014) "Secular Blasphemies: Symbolic Offense in Modern Democracy" in Christopher S. Grenda, Chris Beneke, and David Nash (eds.), *Profane: Sacrilegious Expression in a Multicultural Age*, Berkeley: University of California Press, pp. 141-166.
2. Moosa, Ebrahim (2014) 'Muslim Political Theology: Defamation, Apostasy, and Anathema' in Christopher S. Grenda, Chris Beneke, and David Nash (eds.), *Profane: Sacrilegious Expression In a Multicultural Age* Berkeley: University of California Press. 169-188

Further Readings:

- Mahmood, Saba (2009) 'Religious Reason and Secular Affect: An Incommensurable Divide?' in *Is Critique Secular? Blasphemy, Injury, and Free speech*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, pp. 64-100.
- Holmes, Marcus. "Believing This and Alieving That: Theorizing Affect and Intuitions in International Politics." *International Studies Quarterly* 59, no. 4 (December 1, 2015): 706–20.
- Mercer, Jonathan. "Emotional Beliefs." *International Organization* 64, no. 01 (2010): 1–31.

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Week 10:

Tuesday X/XX:

1. Presentation of Research Proposals

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