

**International Relations
Comprehensive Exam
General Reading List
Fall 2010**

Instructions and Caveats

- 1) This is a *general* reading list for the International Relations Comprehensive Examination. It is *not* meant to cover the specific material needed to answer subfield questions fully and effectively. It is intended as a general overview of the field both for the first question and for general applicability to subfield questions.
- 2) In addition to this reading, you should be familiar with the latest issues of major journals in the field.
- 3) The categories listed below are meant to be indicative, not authoritative. Many of the readings fit into multiple categories. Each category includes *not only* work in that paradigmatic approach but also works that inspired the development of that paradigm, debates within it, and critics of it.
- 4) Works on this list should be read both critically and comparatively, as parts of debates, discussions, and field dynamics rather than in isolation. It is detailed, but not meant to be comprehensive. In other words, there is work in International Relations that is not on this list. You are encouraged to cite other work you find relevant.

Classics in IR

Norman Angell, *The Great Illusion*

Raymond Aron, *Peace and War: A Theory of International Relations* (particularly chs II, V, X)

Hedley Bull, *The Anarchical Society*

E. H. Carr, *Twenty Years Crisis*

Immanuel Kant, *Perpetual Peace*

Vladimir Lenin, *Imperialism: The Highest Stage of Capitalism*

Karl Marx, Selections in Robert Tucker's *The Marx-Engels Reader*

Hans Morgenthau, *Politics Among Nations*

Niccolo Machiavelli, *The Prince*

Niccolo Machiavelli, *The Discourses*

Reinhold Niebuhr, *Christian Realism and Political Problems*

Jean Jacques Rousseau, *The Social Contract*

Abbe Charles-Irenee Castel de Saint-Pierre, *Project for Perpetual Peace in Europe*

Thomas Schelling, *Strategy of Conflict*

Adam Smith, *The Wealth of Nations*

Thucydides, *History of the Peloponnesian War*

Immanuel Wallerstein, *The Modern World System* (Volume III)

Kenneth Waltz, *Man, the State, and War*

How-to, Disciplinary History, and Overviews

- APSR Review Symposium, "The Qualitative-Quantitative Disputation: Gary King, Robert O. Keohane, and Sidney Verba's *Designing Social Inquiry*, *American Political Science Review* 89(2) June 1995: 454-481.
- J. Samuel Barkin, *Realist Constructivism: Rethinking International Relations Theory* (Cambridge University Press, 2010)
- Michael Barnett and Raymond Duvall (eds.). *Power in Global Governance*. (Cambridge University Press, 2005)
- Barry Buzan and Richard Little. 2001. Why International Relations has Failed as an Intellectual Project and What to do About It. *Millennium* 30 (1): 19-40.
- Colin Elman and Miriam Fendius Elman, eds. *Progress in International Relations Theory*
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- Robert Keohane, Steve Krasner, and Peter Katzenstein. 1999. International Organization at Fifty. In Katzenstein, et al., IO special issue on IO at Fifty.
- Yosef Lapid, "The Third Debate: On the Prospects of International Theory in a Post-Positivist Era." *International Studies Quarterly* 33 (1989), pp. 235-254.
- Yosef Lapid and Friedrich Kratochwil, *The Return of Culture and Identity in IR* (Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1996)
- Audie Klotz and Deepa Prakash, eds. *Qualitative Methods in International Relations: A Pluralist Guide* (Palgrave, 2008)
- Jennifer Milliken, "The Study of Discourse in International Relations: A Critique of Research and Methods." *European Journal of International Relations* 5 (1999), pp. 225-254.
- Heikki Patomaki and Colin Wight, "After Postpositivism? The Promises of Critical Realism," *International Studies Quarterly* 44 (2000): 213-237.
- Robert Powell, *In the Shadow of Power* (Princeton University Press, 1999)
- Christian Reus-Smith and Duncan Snidal, eds. 2008. *Oxford Handbook of International Relations*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Brian Schmidt, *The Political Discourse of Anarchy: A Disciplinary History of International Relations* (SUNY Press, 1998)
- Brian Schmidt and David Long, eds. *Imperialism and Internationalism in the Discipline of International Relations* (SUNY, 2005)
- Steve Smith, Ken Booth, and Marysia Zalewski, *International Theory: Positivism and Beyond* (Cambridge University Press, 1996)
- Steve Smith. 2000. The Discipline of International Relations: Still an American Social Science? *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 2 (3): 374-402.
- Waeber, O. 1998. "The Sociology of a Not So International Discipline: American and European Developments in International Relations," *International Organization* 52: 687-728.
- Stephen Walt. 1999. Rigor or Rigor Mortis. *International Security*. See also responses: In "Formal Methods, Formal Complaints." 24, 2, Fall, 56-130
- Colin Wight, *Agents, Structures and International Relations* (Cambridge University Press, 2006).

Contemporary IR Theorizing

Conversations about and Criticisms of Realism(s)

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- James D. Fearon, "Rationalist Explanations of War." *International Organization* 49, no. 3 (Summer 1995): 379–414.
- Robert Gilpin, *War and Change in World Politics* (Cambridge University Press 1983)
- Robert Gilpin, *Political Economy of International Relations* (Princeton University Press, 1987).
- Joseph Grieco, "Anarchy and the Limits of Cooperation: A Realist Critique of the Newest Liberal Internationalism," *International Organization* 42/3 (Summer 1988), 485–507.
- Stefano Guzzini, *Realism in International Relations and the International Political Economy* (Taylor and Francis, Second Edition, 1998)
- Robert Jervis, "Realism in the Study of World Politics." *International Organization* 52 (1998), pp. 971-992.
- Robert Jervis, "Cooperation Under the Security Dilemma," *World Politics* 30(2) (1978): 167-214.
- Robert Jervis, *Perception and Misperception in International Politics* (Princeton University Press, 1976).
- Miles Kahler, "Rationality in International Relations." *International Organization* 52 (1998), pp. 919-942.
- Robert Keohane, ed. *Neorealism and Its Critics* (Columbia University Press, 1986)
- Richard Ned Lebow, *The Tragic Vision of Politics* (Cambridge University Press, 2003)
- Richard Ned Lebow. 1994. The Long Peace, the End of the Cold War, and the Failure of Realism. *International Organization* 48 (2): 249-77.
- Jeffrey Legro and Andrew Moravcsik, "Is Anybody Still a Realist?" *International Security* 24, No. 2 (Fall 1999), 5–55.
- Jack Levy, "Loss Aversion, Framing, and Bargaining: The Implications of Prospect Theory for International Conflict." *International Political Science Review* 17 (1996), pp. 179-195.
- Jack Levy, "Prospect Theory, Rational Choice, and International Relations." *International Studies Quarterly* 41, no. 1 (March 1997): 87–112.
- John Mearsheimer, *Tragedy of Great Power Politics*, (W.W. Norton, 2002)
- Ido Oren, "The Unrealism of Contemporary Realism: The Tension between Realist Theory and Realists' Practices," *Perspectives on Politics* 7, No. 2 (June 2009), 283–301.
- Gideon Rose, "Neoclassical Realism and Theories of Foreign Policy," *World Politics* 51, No. 1 (Oct. 1998), 144–72.
- Anne Sisson Runyan and V. Spike Peterson. 1990. The Radical Future of Realism: Feminist Subversions of IR Theory. *Alternatives* 16: 67-106.
- Randall Schweller, "Bandwagoning for Profit: Bringing the Revisionist State Back In," *International Security* 19 (Summer 1994), pp. 72-107.
- John Vasquez, "The Realist Paradigm and Degenerative Versus Progressive Research Programs: An Appraisal of Neo-traditional Research on Waltz's Balancing Proposition," *American Political Science Review* 91, No. 4 (December 1997), 899–912
- Stephen Walt, *The Origins of Alliances* (Cornell University Press, 1987), 1–33.
- Kenneth Waltz, *Theory of International Politics* (McGraw Hill, 1979)
- William Wohlforth. 1998. Reality Check: Revising Theories of International Politics in Response to the End of the Cold War. *World Politics* 50 (4): 650-79.

Conversations about and Criticisms of Liberalism(s)

- Graham Allison, "Conceptual Models and the Cuban Missile Crisis," *American Political Science Review* 63, No. 3 (September 1969), 689–718.
- Robert Axelrod, *The Evolution of Cooperation* (New York: Basic Books, 1984), pp. 3-72.
- Michael E. Brown, Sean M. Lynn Jones, and Steven E. Miller, eds. *Debating the Democratic Peace* (MIT Press 1996).

Daniel Deudney and John Ikenberry, "The Myth of the Autocratic Revival: Why Liberal Democracy Will Prevail," *Foreign Affairs*, January/February 2009

Michael Doyle, *Ways of War and Peace* (W. W. Norton, 1997)

James Fearon, "Domestic Political Audiences and the Escalation of International Disputes," *American Political Science Review* 88, No. 3 (1994), 577–92.

James Fearon, "Bargaining, Enforcement, and International Cooperation." *International Organization* 52 (1998), pp. 269-306.

Christopher Gelpi, *The Power of Legitimacy: Assessing the Role of Norms in Crisis Bargaining* (Princeton University Press, 2002)

Judith Goldstein, Miles Kahler, Robert Keohane, and Anne-Marie Slaughter, "Legalization in World Politics: An Introduction." *International Organization* 54 (2000), pp. 385-420.

Peter Gourevitch, "The Second Image Reversed: The International Sources of Domestic Politics," *International Organization* 32, No. 4 (Autumn 1978), 881–912.

Joanne Gowa and Edward D. Mansfield, "Alliances, Imperfect Markets, and Major-Power Trade." *International Organization* 58 (2004), pp. 775-805.

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Emilie Hafner-Burton, "Trading Human Rights: How Preferential Trade Agreements Influence Government Repression." *International Organization* 59 (2005), pp. 593-629.

Andreas Hasenclever, Peter Mayer, and Volker Rittberger, *Theories of International Regimes* (Cambridge University Press, 1997)

John H. Herz, "Idealist Internationalism and the Security Dilemma," *World Politics* 2, no. 2 (January 1950), 157–80.

Peter Katzenstein, "International Interdependence: Some Long-Term Trends and Recent Changes," *International Organization* 29(4).

Margaret Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, *Activists Beyond Borders: Advocacy Networks in International Politics* (Cornell University Press, 1998)

Robert Keohane, *International Institutions and State Power* (Westview Press, 1989)

Robert Keohane, *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy* (Princeton University Press, 1984)

Robert Keohane and Helen Milner, *Internationalization and Domestic Politics* (Cambridge University Press, 1996), pp. 3-24.

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Andrew Moravcsik, "A New Statecraft? Supranational Entrepreneurs and International Cooperation." *International Organization* 53 (1999), pp. 267-306.

Andrew Moravcsik, "Taking Preferences Seriously: A Liberal Theory of International Politics." *International Organization* 51 (1997), pp. 513-554.

James Morrow, "Modeling the Forms of International Cooperation." *International Organization* 48 (1994), pp. 387-423.

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- Kenneth Oye, "Explaining Cooperation under Anarchy: Hypotheses and Strategies," *World Politics* 38, No. 1 (October 1985), 1–24.
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- Sebastian Rosato, "The Flawed Logic of Democratic Peace Theory," *American Political Science Review* 97, No. 4 (Nov. 2003), 585–602.
- Bruce Russett and John O'Neal, *Triangulating Peace* (W. W. Norton, 2001)
- Duncan Snidal, "The Game Theory of International Relations," *World Politics* 38, No. 1 (October 1985), 25–57.
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- Barry Buzan, *From International to World Society? English School Theory and the Social Structure of Globalisation* (Cambridge University Press, 2004)
- Tim Dunne, *Inventing International Society* (MacMillan, 1998)
- Andrew Linklater and Hidemi Suganami, *The English School of International Relations: A Contemporary Reassessment* (Cambridge University Press, 2006)
- Christian Reus-Smit, "The Constitutional Structure of International Society and the Nature of Fundamental Institutions." *International Organization* 51 (1997), pp. 555-590.

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- Richard Price, "Reversing the Gun Sights: Transnational Civil Society Targets Land Mines." *International Organization* 52 (1998), pp. 613-644.
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