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National Security Policy

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**Content.** This course surveys key issues in the ongoing debate over U.S. post-Cold War national security policy. It is a highly policy-oriented course. In keeping with the expertise of the professor, and the role of this course in the broader WWS curriculum, it emphasizes military analysis and issues, though not exclusively. Several weeks focus on key regions of the world; several focus on key problems, such as weapons proliferation and ethnic violence and missile defense; and several focus on military analysis.

**Requirements.** Grades will be based on seminar participation and three short memos/papers.

**Readings.** Most readings will be on reserve in the WWS library; some will be accessible on the internet. A few books (indicated by asterisks) will be recommended for purchase as well.

## **1. East Asia and the Rise of China**

Gerald Segal, “Does China Matter?” *Foreign Affairs* (Sept./Oct. 1999)

David Shambaugh, “Containment or Engagement of China?” *International Security* (Fall 1996).

Robert Ross, “The Geography of Peace: East Asia in the Twenty-first Century,” *International Security* (Spring 1999).

Bates Gill and Michael O’Hanlon, “China’s Hollow Military,” *National Interest* (Summer 1999).

\*James Lilley and Carl Ford, “China’s Military: A Second Opinion,” *National Interest* (Fall 1999).

\*Thomas J. Christensen, “Posing Problems without Catching Up: China’s Rise and Challenges for U.S. Security Policy,” *International Security* (Spring 2001).

Report of the Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the PRC (the Cox Committee), May 25, 1999, through p. 57.

## **2. The Persian Gulf and War Against Iraq?**

Ken Pollack, "Next Stop Baghdad," *Foreign Affairs* (March/April 2002)

Gordon/Indyk/O'Hanlon, "Getting Serious About Iraq," *Survival* (Autumn 2002)

\*Richard Butler, *The Greatest Threat* (New York: Public Affairs, 2000)

### **3. Nationalism, Civil Conflict, and Intervention**

Chaim Kaufmann, "Possible and Impossible Solutions to Ethnic Civil Wars," *International Security* (Spring 1996).

John Mueller, "The Banality of 'Ethnic War,'" *International Security* (Summer 2000).

Edward Luttwak, "Give War a Chance," *Foreign Affairs* (July/August 1999).

Michael Mandelbaum, "A Perfect Failure," *Foreign Affairs* (Sept./Oct., 1999).

James B. Steinberg, "A Perfect Polemic," *Foreign Affairs* (Nov./Dec. 1999).

Yahya Sadowski, "Ethnic Conflict: Think Again," *Foreign Policy* (Summer 1998).

Catherine Guicherd, "International Law and the War in Kosovo," *Survival* (Summer 1999).

### **4. Proliferation and Missile Defense**

Dept. of Defense, "Proliferation: Threat and Response," November 1997  
([www.defenselink.mil/pubs/prolif97](http://www.defenselink.mil/pubs/prolif97)).

Janne Nolan, *Trappings of Power* (Brookings, 1991), pp. 32-40, 63-73.

Donald Rumsfeld, et.al., "Executive Summary of the Report of the Commission to Assess the Ballistic Missile Threat to the United States," July 15, 1998  
([www.house.gov/hasc/testimony/105thcongress/BMThreat.htm](http://www.house.gov/hasc/testimony/105thcongress/BMThreat.htm)).

Joseph Cirincione, "Assessing the Assessment: The 1999 National Intelligence Estimate of the Ballistic Missile Threat," *Nonproliferation Review* (Spring 2000).

Richard L. Garwin, "A Defense that Will Not Defend," *Washington Quarterly* (Summer 2000).

George Lewis, Lisbeth Gronlund, and David Wright, "National Missile Defense: An Indefensible System," *Foreign Policy* (Winter 1999/2000).

Theodore Postol, "Hitting Them Where It Works," *Foreign Policy* (Winter 99/2000).

\*Michael O'Hanlon, *Defense Policy Choices for the Bush Administration*, second edition (Washington, D.C.: Brookings, 2002), chapter 5.

## **5. Terrorism**

\*Paul Pillar, *Terrorism and U.S. Foreign Policy* (Brookings, 2001).

\*Ian Lesser, ed., *Countering the New Terrorism* (Santa Monica, Calif.: RAND, 1999)

## **6. Homeland Security**

O'Hanlon et.al., *Protecting the American Homeland: A Preliminary Analysis* (Brookings, 2002), available at [www.brookings.edu](http://www.brookings.edu)

Stephen Flynn, "Beyond Border Control," *Foreign Affairs* (Nov./Dec., 2000)

Stephen Flynn, "America the Vulnerable," *Foreign Affairs* (Jan./Feb. 2002)

Richard Betts, "Fixing Intelligence," *Foreign Affairs* (Jan./Feb. 2002).

## **7. Nuclear Weapons and Nuclear Policy**

Keith Payne et.al., "Rationale and Requirements for U.S. Nuclear Forces and Arms Control," Executive Summary, National Institute for Public Policy, January 2001, ([www.nipp.org/Adobe/volume%201%complete.pdf](http://www.nipp.org/Adobe/volume%201%complete.pdf)).

\*Harold Feiveson, et.al., *The Nuclear Turning Point* (Washington, D.C.: Brookings ), skip 129-242.

OTA, *Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction*, pp. 45-69.

## **8. Military Analysis: Armored and Aerial Combat**

Barry Posen, "Measuring the European Conventional Balance: Coping with Complexity in Threat Assessment," *International Security* (Winter 84/85)

Joshua M. Epstein, "Dynamic Analysis and the Conventional Balance in Europe," *International Security* (Spring 1988)

Tom Keaney and Eliot Cohen, *Gulf War Air Power Survey Summary Report* (GPO, 1993), pp. 27-143, 181-205.

## **9. Infantry Combat**

Mark Bowden, *Black Hawk Down* (New York: Atlantic Monthly Press, 1999)

Trevor Dupuy, *Attrition*, esp. pp. 98-132 (plus the tables in the first 100 pp.)

## **10. Understanding Military Logistics and Transport**

CBO, *Moving U.S. Forces: Options for Strategic Mobility* (1997), pp. 1-56.

Joshua Epstein, *Strategy and Force Planning* (Brookings, 1987), pp. 44-63, 112-116

O'Hanlon, *Defense Choices*, China-Taiwan chapter

## **11. Defense Strategy and Budgeting**

Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), *National Defense Budget Estimates for FY 2003* (2002), available at [defenselink.mil](http://defenselink.mil).

O'Hanlon, *Defense Choices*, remaining chapters

## **12. Future Warfare and the “Revolution in Military Affairs”**

Andrew Krepinevich, “From Cavalry to Computer,” *National Interest* (Fall 1994)

David Ochmanek et.al., *To Find and Not to Yield* (RAND, 1999)

Andrew Krepinevich, “The Conflict Environment of 2016,” Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments (Washington, 1996)

Stephen Biddle, “Victory Misunderstood,” *International Security* (Fall 1996).