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Political Science 142J
National Security Strategy

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Political Science 142J surveys the development of American policies (and concepts emerging from the strategic community) concerning the uses of armed forces and violence as instruments of foreign policy.

- I. FORCE AND POWER—BASIC CONCEPTS
- II. EVOLUTION OF AMERICA'S FIRST GRAND STRATEGY
- III. ELEMENTS OF A NEW GRAND STRATEGY
 - A. Strategic Bargaining
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 - C. Crisis Bargaining and Coercive Diplomacy
 - D. Unconventional Warfare

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Reading Assignments. At the UCSD Bookstore you may purchase the following two books:

- (1) Thomas C. Schelling. *Arms and Influence*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1966.
- (2) Richard Smoke. *National Security and the Nuclear Dilemma*, 3rd ed. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1992.

All other readings are contained in a packet of photocopied articles, which you may purchase at Soft Reserves in the old Student Center.

Most readings are also on reserve at Geisel Library.

Grades. Your course grade will be the average of your performance on two short papers and a final examination as follows:

Policy Memorandum #1	Friday, October 27
Policy Memorandum #2	Friday, December 1
Final Examination	Tuesday, December 5 [3:00 pm].

The final examination will last one hour, will be conducted in class, and will cover key terms introduced in the readings and lectures.

Note: By enrolling in this course you agree to submit your final paper for textual similarity review to Turnitin.com for the detection of plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such papers. Use of the Turnitin.com service is subject to the terms-of-use agreement posted on the Turnitin.com website.

In the computation of your course grade each paper and the final examination will be weighted 30%. An additional 10% will be assigned to the highest of these three grades.

Course Web-site. A copy of the course syllabus, the lecture outlines, and the paper assignments are (or will be) posted on the course web-site. You can reach this through my homepage:
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SCHEDULE OF LECTURES AND READINGS

I. FORCE AND POWER—BASIC CONCEPTS

Th Sep 21. Introductory Meeting: Power and the Uses of Armed Force

Tu Sep 26. Force as an Instrument of Policy

Read for the week of September 25:

Harry R. Yarger. "Strategic Theory for the 21st Century: The Little Book on Big Strategy." Carlisle, Pennsylvania: Strategic Studies Institute of the United States Army War College, 2006. Chapter 2.

Richard Smoke. *National Security and the Nuclear Dilemma*, 3rd ed. New York: Random House, 1993. Chapters 1-7.

II. EVOLUTION OF AMERICA'S FIRST GRAND STRATEGY

Th Sep 28. From Old Look to New Look, 1945-1960

Tu Oct 3. From New Look to Flexible Response, 1961-1969

Th Oct 5. The Transition to Flexible Strategic Options, 1969-1980

Read for the week of October 2:

Richard Smoke. *National Security and the Nuclear Dilemma*, 3rd ed. New York: Random House, 1993. Chapters 8-16.

George W. Bush. *The National Security Strategy of the United States of America*. Washington, DC, 2006. Letter of Transmittal and I-V.

John Lewis Gaddis. "A Grand Strategy of Transformation." *Foreign Policy* 133 (November-December 2002), 50-57.

Melvyn P. Leffler. "Bush's Foreign Policy." *Foreign Policy* (September-October 2004), 22-28.

Nathan Freier. "Primacy without a Plan?" *Parameters* 36 (Autumn 2006), 5-21.

Tu Oct 10. The Reagan Doctrines: Revolution or Culmination?, 1981-1989

Th Oct 12. After the Cold War—The Search for a New Strategy, 1989-2006

Read for the week of October 9:

Thomas C. Schelling. *Arms and Influence*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1966. Chapters 1-3.

III. ELEMENTS OF A NEW GRAND STRATEGY

A. STRATEGIC BARGAINING

Tu Oct 17. Bargaining with Violence and the Threat of Violence

Th Oct 19. Beginnings: How to Win World War II

Read for the week of October 16:

Thomas C. Schelling. *Arms and Influence*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1966. Chapters 4-6.

B. NUCLEAR DETERRENCE AND STRATEGIC DEFENSE

Tu Oct 24. Nuclear Strategies, I

Th Oct 26. Nuclear Strategies, II

Due October 27. Policy Memorandum #1

Read for the week of October 23:

R. Jeffrey Smith. "Clinton Directive Changes Strategy on Nuclear Arms: Centering on Deterrence, Officials Drop Terms for Long Atomic War," *Washington Post*, December 7, 1997.

George W. Bush. "Remarks by the President to Students and Faculty at National Defense University." Washington, DC, 1 May 2001.

Charles L. Glaser and Steve Fetter. "National Missile Defense and the Future of U.S. Nuclear Weapons Policy," *International Security* 26 (Summer 2001), 40-92.

John Newhouse. "The Missile Defense Debate," *Foreign Affairs* 80 (July/August 2001), 97-109.

Stephen Peter Rosen. "After Proliferation: What do Do If More States Go Nuclear." *Foreign Affairs* 85 (September-October 2006), 9-14.

C. CRISIS BARGAINING AND COERCIVE DIPLOMACY

Tu Oct 31. Crisis Bargaining and Coercive Diplomacy, I

Th Nov 2. Crisis Bargaining and Coercive Diplomacy, II

Read for the week of October 30:

Daniel L. Byman and Matthew C. Waxman. "Kosovo and the Great Air Power Debate." *International Security* 24 (Spring 2000), 5-38.

Andrew L. Stigler. "A Clear Victory for Air Power: NATO's Empty Threat to Invade Kosovo." *International Security* 27 (Winter 2002-2003), 124-157.

Wallace Thies. "Compellence Failure or Coercive Success: The Case of NATO and Yugoslavia." *Comparative Strategy* 22 (July-September 2003), 243-267.

Tu Nov 7. Case Study: Cuban Missile Crisis

Th Nov 9. Crisis Bargaining and Coercive Diplomacy, III

Read for the week of November 6:

Richard M. Leighton. "The Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962: A Case in National Security Crisis Management." Washington, D C: National Defense University, 1978.

Robert Art. "Coercive Diplomacy: What Do We Know?" In *The United States and Coercive Diplomacy*, edited by Robert Art and Patrick Cronin, 359-410. Washington, DC: US Institute of Peace, 2003.

D. UNCONVENTIONAL WARFARE

Tu Nov 14. Strategies of Revolution and Insurgency

Th Nov 16. American Strategy for Fighting Insurgency, I

Read for the week of November 13:

Richard N. Haass. *Intervention: The Use of American Military Force in the Post-Cold War World*, rev. ed. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 1999. Chapter 5.

United States Department of the Army. *Counterinsurgency* (FM 3-24). 2006. Chapter 1.

Wade Markel. "Draining the Swamp: The British Strategy of Population Control." *Parameters* 36 (Spring 2006), 35-48.

Tu Nov 21. American Strategy for Fighting Insurgency, II

Th Nov 23. Thanksgiving Day [No lecture—now that's reason to be thankful]

Read for the week of November 20:

James F. Dobbins. "America's Role in Nation-Building: From Germany to Iraq." *Survival* 45 (Winter 2003-2004), 87-110.

James F. Dobbins. "Iraq: Winning the Unwinnable War." *Foreign Affairs* 84 (January-February 2005), 16-25.

Larry Diamond. "What Went Wrong in Iraq." *Foreign Affairs* 83 (September-October 2004), 34-56.

Richard Lowry. "What Went Right: How the United States Began to Quell the Insurgency in Iraq." *National Review* 57 (May 9, 2005), 29.

Tu Nov 28. Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism

Th Nov 30. Concluding Lecture

Due December 1. Policy Memorandum #2

Read for the week of November 27:

Audrey Kurth Cronin. "Sources of Contemporary Terrorism." In *Attacking Terrorism: Elements of a Grand Strategy*, edited by Audrey Kurth Cronin and James M. Luddes, 19-45. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2004.

National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States. "Overview of the Enemy." Staff Statement No. 15. Washington, DC, June 2004.

Timothy D. Hoyt. "Military Force." In *Attacking Terrorism: Elements of a Grand Strategy*, edited by Audrey Kurth Cronin and James M. Luddes, 162-185. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2004.

Graham Allison. "How to Stop Nuclear Terror." *Foreign Affairs* 83 (January-February 2004), 64-75.

Robert Hutchings. "X + 9/11." *Foreign Policy* (July-August 2004), 70-72.

James Fallows. "Success Without Victory." *The Atlantic Monthly* (January-February 2005), 80-90.

Richard D. Clarke. "Ten Years Later." *The Atlantic Monthly* (January-February 2005), 61-77.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5. FINAL EXAMINATION. (3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)