

International Relations: A Custom Reader

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Part I. OVERVIEW

Chapter 1. Trends, Actors, and Concepts

IR108 **The Myth of Post-Cold War Chaos** G. John Ikenberry 13pp.

Description - Ikenberry argues that post-Cold War American foreign policies constituted a continuation of earlier behavior rather than a break with it.

IR068 **Coping with Antiglobalization: A Trilogy of Discontents** Jagdish Bhagwati 8pp.

Description - A prominent economist argues that critics of globalization don't understand the real effects of economic integration.

There are no suggestions for Chapter 2.

Chapter 3. International Relations and World Politics in Historical Perspective

IR043 **What Was the Cold War About?: Evidence from Its Ending** John Mueller 30pp.

Description - Mueller argues that the Cold War was due to the Soviet Union's expansionary ideology, since the West believed it had ended after Mikhail Gorbachev renounced Soviet expansionism in 1988-89 but before the collapse of Soviet power or Soviet control over Eastern Europe.

IR018 **International Relations Theory and the End of the Cold War** John Lewis Gaddis 74pp.

Description - Reviewing the extensive theoretical literature in international relations, John Lewis Gaddis concludes that none of the major approaches in the field adequately forecast how and when the Cold War would end.

There are no suggestions for Chapter 4.

Part II. STATE SECURITY AND STATECRAFT

Chapter 5. Power: Interests, Objectives, and Capabilities of States

IR157 **Will the Nation-State Survive Globalization?** Martin Wolf 13pp.

Description - The death of the state has been much exaggerated, Wolf argues globalization is less an unstoppable force that renders states irrelevant than a policy choice states embrace for its economic benefits.

IR032 **Threat Inflation and the Failure of the Marketplace of Ideas: The Selling of the Iraq War** Chaim Kaufmann 51pp.

Description - Kaufmann argues that the George W. Bush administration's deliberate exaggeration of the Iraqi threat, along with the help of complicit experts, swayed the U.S. public to support the war. This selection can be paired with Kenneth M. Pollack's article, # IR048.

Chapter 6. Diplomacy: Managing Relations Among States

IR044 **Soft Power and American Foreign Policy** Joseph S. Nye, Jr. 22pp.

Description - Nye argues that leading U.S. foreign policy goals would be better served by a greater emphasis on persuasion and attraction.

IR020 **The Case for Multiple Advocacy in Making Foreign Policy** Alexander L. George 74pp.

Description - George presents an ideal model for presidential foreign policy decision-making based on careful review of multiple policy options moderated by a neutral adviser.

Chapter 7. Force: War, Just Wars, and Armed Intervention

IR079 **Somalia and the Future of Humanitarian Intervention** Walter Clarke and Jeffrey Herbst 16pp.

Description - Clarke and Herbst trace the problems with the US mission in Somalia to its original design and offer suggestions for how to intervene abroad more successfully.

IR117 **Rwanda in Retrospect** Alan J. Kuperman 25pp.

Description - Kuperman argues that the possibilities for external intervention to stop the genocide in Rwanda were less than commonly believed. This selection can be paired with Samantha Power's article, # IR050.

IR050 **Bystanders to Genocide: Why the United States Let the Rwandan Tragedy Happen** Samantha Power 48pp.

Description - Power analyzes how the Clinton administration stood by while the 1994 Rwandan genocide unfolded. This selection can be paired with Alan J. Kuperman's article, # IR117.

IR058 **Sources of Humanitarian Intervention: Beliefs, Information, and Advocacy in the U. S. Decisions on Somalia and Bosnia** Jon Western 36pp.

Description - Western analyzes why the George H. W. Bush administration intervened in Somalia but not Bosnia, emphasizing the interaction of the administration's priorities and its ability to shape political debate.

Part III. INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Chapter 8. International Cooperation and International Security: International Organizations, Alliances, and Coalitions

IR040 **The False Promise of International Institutions** John J. Mearsheimer 64pp.

Description - Mearsheimer provides a realist critique of neoliberal institutionalist, collective security, and critical theories of war and peace. This selection can be paired with Lisa Martin and Beth Simmons' article, # IR038.

IR131 **Striking a New Transatlantic Bargain** Andrew Moravcsik 16pp.

Description - The United States and Europe should move past their disputes over Iraq by developing a new partnership with Washington respecting others' views and Europe helping American efforts succeed on the ground.

Chapter 9. Controlling Global Armaments

IR066 **The New Threat of Mass Destruction** Richard K. Betts 16pp.

Description - Betts argues that the greatest threat to U.S. security in the post-Cold War world is the use of weapons of mass destruction, especially biological weapons, by rogue states or terrorists.

IR042 **The Essential Irrelevance of Nuclear Weapons: Stability in the Postwar World** John Mueller 27pp.

Description - Mueller argues that nuclear weapons and deterrence have not significantly affected world politics.

Chapter 10. International Terrorism and Transnational Crime

IR094 **Can Democracy Stop Terrorism?** F. Gregory Gause, III 15pp.

Description - Gause argues that the Bush administration is wrong to think that promoting democracy in the Middle East will reduce terrorism and necessarily serve American interests.

IR118 **Postmodern Terrorism** Walter Laqueur 13pp.

Description - A new kind of terrorism began to emerge in the 1990s, less committed to symbolic acts in support of discrete political objectives and more willing to kill large numbers indiscriminately in pursuit of a fanatical mission.

IR153 **The Protean Enemy** Jessica Stern 14pp.

Description - After the destruction of its haven in Afghanistan, al Qaeda evolved and decentralized and still poses a major threat to U.S. interests.

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IR116 **The Myth of Asia's Miracle** Paul Krugman 17pp.

Description - The high growth rates of Asian economies, Krugman argues, have been achieved by mobilizing new inputs rather than increasing the efficiency with which resources are employed, and as inputs become fully mobilized, Asian economies will face constraints on their ability to sustain rapid growth.

IR125 **Saving the World Bank** Sebastian Mallaby 11pp.

Description - Although the World Bank plays an important role in promoting economic development, Mallaby argues, its financial and operational viability is threatened by external demands that sap resources and divert focus.

Chapter 12. The Political Economy of International Trade, Money, and Regional Integration

IR096 **China's Coming Transformation** George Gilboy and Eric Heginbotham 14pp.

Description - China's economic development has already generated corresponding social development and is likely to generate political development soon as well.

IR002 **The Political Economy of International Trade: Enduring Puzzles and an Agenda for Inquiry** James Alt, Michael Gilligan, Dani Rodrik, and Ronald Rogowski 35pp.

Description - The authors argue that both the mobile factors model and the specific factors model have problems in explaining patterns of trade policy preferences among economic interest groups.

IR089 **The World Bank's Mission Creep** Jessica Einhorn 14pp.

Description - The World Bank has become an increasingly unmanageable institution over the years, argues Einhorn, as its mission has expanded to accommodate proliferating demands; it needs to narrow its focus and overhaul its management structure.

Chapter 13. The Political Economy of Investment and Sustainable Development

IR144 **The Development Challenge** Jeffrey D. Sachs 13pp.
Description - The United States devotes only a pittance to long-term development aid, argues Sachs, and by giving more could do wonders in reducing poverty around the globe. This selection can be paired with Nancy Birdsall, Dani Rodrik, and Arvind Subramanian's article, # IR070.

IR090 **How to Rebuild Africa** Stephen Ellis 14pp.
Description - The international community has compiled a poor record in helping failed and failing states in Africa; future interventions must be open to different approaches.

IR070 **How to Help Poor Countries** Nancy Birdsall, Dani Rodrik, 17pp.
and Arvind Subramanian
Description - The authors argue that trade and aid have limits as tools for spurring economic development in poor countries, and that more can be accomplished by tailoring economic policies to local circumstances, discouraging corruption, facilitating the development of appropriate technology, and permitting greater international labor mobility. This selection can be paired with Jeffrey D. Sachs' article, # IR070.

IR088 **The Future of AIDS** Nicholas Eberstadt 24pp.
Description - The global HIV/AIDS pandemic is about to devastate Russia, India, and China, with staggering effects on those countries and the world at large.

Chapter 14. The Global Environment

IR073 **Beyond Kyoto** John Browne 13pp.
Description - The head of one of the world's largest oil companies discusses the importance of global climate change and what can and should be done about it.

IR133 **Preparing for the Next Pandemic** Michael T. Osterholm 14pp.
Description - An avian flu pandemic or comparable infectious disease calamity is likely to strike the world relatively soon and could cause untold suffering unless much more is done now to prepare for it.

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IR105 **The Clash of Civilizations?** Samuel P. Huntington 28pp.
Description - In this classic article, Huntington argued that culture was likely to be a major dividing line in the post-Cold War international system. This selection can be paired with Fouad Ajami's article, # IR062.

IR160 **Culture Is Destiny: A Conversation with Lee Kuan Yew** Fareed Zakaria 18pp.
Description - Singaporean leader Lee Kuan Yew makes the case for distinct "Asian values" in which democracy has a low priority. This selection can be paired with Kim Dae Jung's article, # IR111.

Chapter 16. Humanitarianism: Human Rights and Refugees

IR080 **The Payoff From Women's Rights** Isobel Coleman 16pp.
Description - Coleman argues that improving the status of women in developing countries is important not only because it promotes human rights but also because it fosters economic and political success.

IR106 **The Attack on Human Rights**

Michael Ignatieff

15pp.

Description - Ignatieff makes the case for the universality of human rights against critics who find the concept overly hubristic or Western-centric.

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