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AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY SINCE VIETNAM  
(HIST/MANS/AS/DHC 495-80)  
FALL 2001

PART ONE: ROOTS OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY

WEEK ONE

SEPT 4  INTRODUCTION
Readings:  
None

SEPT 6  OVERVIEW
Readings:
-Henry Kissinger, ”America at the Apex: Empire or Leader,” from Does America Have a Foreign Policy? (2001).

WEEK TWO

Sept 11  CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK
Readings:
-US Constitution. Art. I, sec’s 8,9 and 10; Art II sec’s 2 and 3.

Sept 13  HISTORICAL FRAMEWORK
Readings:
-LeFeber, Chap 7.

WEEK THREE

Sept 18  HISTORICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL OVERVIEW
Readings:
LeFeber, chaps 8 and 9.

PART TWO: THE TRAGEDY AND LEGACY OF VIETNAM

Sept 20  THE WAR
Video on the background of the war (TBA)
Readings:

WEEK FOUR
Set.25                                                                       THE VIETNAM WAR

Readings;
LeFeber, Chap 17, pp 610-623; Chap 18, pp 633-643 and 665-669.

Sept 27                                                                      THE VIETNAM ERA
Readings:
William Safire, ”Syndrome Returns;” NY Times, April 30, 2001
*** First Paper Due

WEEK FIVE

Oct 2                                                                         IMPACT OF VIETNAM
Readings:
Warren P. Strobel, The CNN Effect: Myth or Reality,” from Domestic Sources of American Foreign Policy
US State Department, Daily Press Briefing

PART THREE: AFTER THE COLD WAR

Oct 4                                                                         HOW IT ENDED
Readings:
Jentleson, Chap 4
LeFeber, Chap 14, pp 457-468; Chap 15 pp 502-511

WEEK SIX
Oct 9                                                                       IMPACT: CHINA AND RUSSIA
Gerald Segal, ”Does China Matter,” from *Foreign Affairs*, (1999)

Oct 11

ALLIANCES: NATO, JAPAN AND EUROPE

Readings:
George Bush and Brent Scowcroft, ”Leading the Alliance,” from *A World Transformed*, (1999)

WEEK SEVEN

Oct 16   REGIONAL CONFLICTS: The Middle East
Readings:  
Tom Friedman, *From Beirut to Jerusalem*, pp 106-125 and pp 251-283.

Oct 18   REGIONAL CONFLICTS: The Balkans/Kosovo, Africa
Readings:  

WEEK EIGHT

*** Oct 23   MIDTERM EXAM
PART FOUR: GLOBALIZATION
OVERVIEW

Oct 25
Readings:
Tom Friedman, ”Responsive Governance in the 21st Century,” 2000 Mansfield American Pacific Lectures, pp1-29
Strobe Talbott,”Globalization and Diplomacy: The View from Foggy Bottom,” from *The Domestic Sources of American Foreign Policy*

WEEK NINE

Oct 30   GLOBALIZATION (CONT’D)
Nov 1
GLOBAL ISSUES:
Environment
Population
Refugees

Readings:

WEEK TEN

Nov 6
GLOBAL ISSUES
Human Rights, AIDS

Readings:
March 2, 2000

Nov 8
GLOBAL ISSUES:
Drugs, thugs, WMD

Readings:
US State Department, Patterns of Global Terrorism 2000

WEEK ELEVEN

Nov 13
NEW STRUCTURES OF
DIPLOMACY: PRESIDENCY

Readings:
Geoffrey Kemp, “Presidential Management of the Executive Bureaucracy,”
From Domestic Sources of Foreign Policy
LeFeber, Chap 20, pp 766-779

Nov 15
INSIDE THE STATE
DEPT. AND AN EMBASSY

Readings:

WEEK TWELVE
Nov 20
Video: TBA

WEEK THIRTEEN

Nov 27

INTELLIGENCE AND
THE MILITARY

Readings:
Jentleson, Chap 8, pp 283-297
Dana Priest, “A Four-Star Foreign Policy?: US Commanders Wield Rising Clout,”
Washington Post (Nov. 2000)
*** Second Paper Due

Nov 29

MULTILATERAL
DIPLOMACY: UN

Readings:
Jentleson, Chap 7
Michael J. Matheson, “UN Governance of Post Conflict Societies,” American Journal of
International Law, (2001)

WEEK FOURTEEN

Dec 4

MULTILATERAL
DIPLOMACY: IMF, IBRD

Readings:

December 6

PREVENTIVE
DIPLOMACY

Readings:
The Carnegie Commission on Preventing Deadly Conflict, The Final Report, Executive
Summary, (1998)

WEEK FIFTEEN

Dec 11

PREVENTIVE
DIPLOMACY

Readings:
The Carnegie Commission on Preventing Deadly Conflict,” The Costs of Conflict Prevention
and Cure in the Global Arena,” The cases of Somalia and Haiti (1999)

PART FIVE: CONCLUSION

Dec 13

SUMMARY AND WRAP-UP

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