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PSC 230E.01: Introduction to International Relations

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1. Basic reading for the course will be assigned from:
   - John Stoessinger, THE MIGHT OF NATIONS: WORLD POLITICS IN OUR TIME (10th ed.)
   - CLASSICAL READINGS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (mimeo packet)

2. In addition, regular reading of a daily newspaper (and/or weekly news-magazine) is expected.

3. There will be a 1 hour midterm: June 11 (Wed); and a 1 hour final exam: June 27 (Fri). (1st 1/2 of mimeo pack due for midterm; 2nd 1/2 due for final). Three page essay due June 16 (Mon); explained in class.

Course Outline

I. INTRODUCTION
   a. What are "International Relations?" Ch. 1
   b. Problem of Theory
   c. National might and human values

II. HISTORICAL CONTEXT FOR PRESENT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
   a. Roman Empire Ch. 2
   b. Holy Roman Empire
   c. Peace of Westphalia (emergence of the state)
   d. Problem of Sovereignty
   e. Balance of Power/"Classical Politics"

III. NATURE OF MODERN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
   a. Dilemma of International Relations Ch. 6,3,5,7,4
      1) Struggle for Power v. Struggle for Order
   b. The Bomb: Moral views on war & peace in the Nuclear Age
   c. Cold War: Ideology and Politics
   d. The "third world" - "Haves" v. "Have Nots"

IV. THE SEARCH FOR WORLD ORDER
   a. International Law: law & justice Ch.9,10-13,8,14
   b. International Organization: allocating values
   c. International Politics/Diplomacy: ethics & statesmanship
   d. Prospects for World Order: ethical relationships & choices