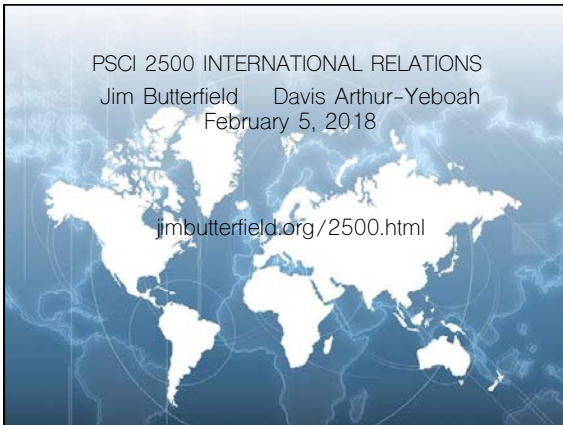


PSCI 2500 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
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Announcements

- Exam I is Wednesday.
- The study guide is on the course web site (not elearning).
- Tip: study together.

IR student on Tuesday night →



Definitions*

- **Empirical**: that which can be observed. The realm of facts, data, evidence.
- **Normative**: value judgments. The realm of values, norms, and ethics.

* These came early in the semester and were not starred/emboldened.

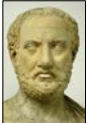
How does the international system work?
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Last Time: Realism


- Rejection of interwar idealism.
- Based on Hobbesian view of society.
- The three S's.
- Anarchy.
- Power as a zero-sum game.

The strong do what they want
and the weak do what they can.



But...

- Is the world really that anarchic and Hobbesian?



Liberal Internationalism

- Democratic values (political liberalism).
- Free trade (economic liberalism).
- **** Multilateralism**: states working together to solve problems.
- Rule-based international society that respects sovereignty and human rights.
- "Liberalism" and "liberal internationalism" are used interchangeably in IR theory.



Liberalism

- The problem is not rooted in human nature or the structure of international politics.
- It's about the choices we make based on the values we embrace.
 - We can choose (individually or collectively) to cooperate, compete, or act confrontationally.



Liberalism

- The world may be anarchic.
- But we can compensate by building institutions and finding incentives to cooperate.



The UN Building, New York

Liberalism

- Perceived benefits:
 - Peace: based on **** democratic peace theory**, the fact that democracies do not go to war with each other.
 - Prosperity: mutual gains for all actors who integrate into the international economy.



Liberalism

- Perceived benefits:
 - **** Collective security**: each state in such an arrangement accepts that the security of one affects the security of all.



Liberalism

- Perceived benefits:
 - Interdependence: states are affected by decisions made by others.
 - Isolationism and absolute state autonomy are neither desirable nor possible.



Liberalism

- Human nature: a more benign view.
- Institutions can be created that promote peaceful conflict resolution.
- Self-help by relying on sovereignty alone is not possible.
 - Globalization is weakening sovereignty.
- Cooperation is both possible and necessary.

Zero Sum and Positive Sum Games

Realists

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Zero Sum Game

Liberals

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Positive Sum Game

Liberalism

- The more democracy there is in the world...
- ...the more capitalism there is...
- ...the more that economies are integrated...
- ...the more that human rights are observed...
- ...the more peaceful and prosperous the world will be.

Liberalism

- Examples of multilateralism and cooperation:
 - The League of Nations.
 - The United Nations.
 - Interpol.
 - The European Union.
 - The Paris Climate Accord.
 - Many, many more.



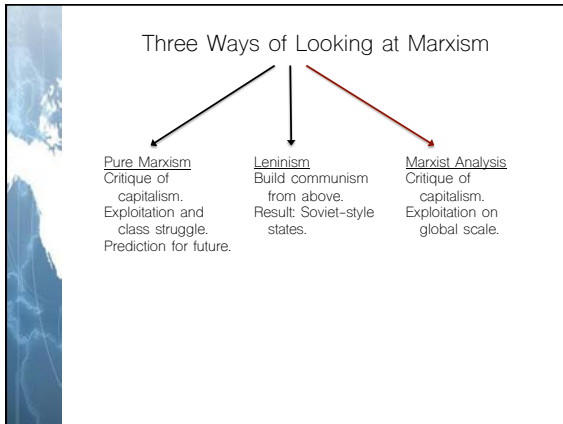
So is it just realists and liberals?

They dominate the debate.
But they also have their critics.

The Marxist Critique

- Why Marx? He's dead. So is the Soviet Union.



The Marxist Critique of IR

- The international system is more than a collection of states.
- It's an international capitalist economy.
- Capitalism is a system of structural inequality.
- Poverty cannot be alleviated until the structural roots of inequality are addressed.

The Marxist Critique of IR

- Imperialism, colonialism, dependency: systems whereby rich countries dominate.

The Marxist Critique of IR

- International organizations, international law, and international financial institutions serve to keep the rich rich and the poor poor.

The Feminist Critique

- It's not men vs women or anti-men.
- It's about how women fare in the world.

The Feminist Critique

- Share of women leaders: 7%
- Share of women in parliaments (legislatures): approximately 20%.
- Women are far more likely to be poor, illiterate or victims of violence.

The Feminist Critique

- The conduct of international relations disadvantages and discriminates against women.



United Nations Entity for Gender Equality
and the Empowerment of Women

The Critical Question for Marxists and Feminists

- Who benefits from the existing system?
- For Marxists, it's disproportionately the rich countries and the upper class within them.
- For feminists, it's disproportionately men.

Office Hours



Davis: today from 3:00-4:30

JB: tomorrow from 4:00-5:30