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## NOTE ON READING

There is no one text that adequately covers the whole of this course. Students wishing to do some preliminary reading will find the following works of value. And while I acknowledge that buying books is a costly business it would be a distinct advantage in a course such as this to own as many of these titles as possible. The texts marked with asterisks are regarded as particularly useful.

### OVERVIEWS OF THE TRADITIONAL DEBATES (Approx. 1945-1975)

P. Williams et. al. eds. *Classic Readings and Contemporary Debates in International Relations* 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (Belmont, California: Wadsworth, 2006)

J. Vasquez, *The Power of Power Politics* 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998).

T. Knutson, *A History of International Relations Theory* 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1997)

### THE NEW DEBATES (Approx. 1975 -)

\*R. Devetak, A. Burke and J. George Eds. *An Introduction to International Relations: Australian Dimensions* (Melbourne: Cambridge University Press, 2007) (**Strongly recommended**)

J. Baylis, S. Smith and P. Owens, Eds. *The Globalization of World Politics* 4<sup>th</sup> Ed. (Oxford University Press, 2008)

S. Burchill et al *Theories of International Relations* 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (London, Macmillan, 2005)

G. Fry and J. O'Hagan eds., *Contending Images of World Politics* (London: Macmillan, 2000)

J.A. Scholte, *Globalization: A Critical Introduction* (London: Macmillan, 2000)

A. Linklater, *The Transformation of Political Community* (Oxford: Polity Press, 1998)

J. George, *Discourses of Global Politics: A Critical Re-Introduction to International Relations* (Boulder, Colorado: Lynne Rienner, 1994)

### Also very useful works:

S. George, *We Can Change the World If...*(London, Verso Books, 2004)

W. Bello, *Deglobalization* (London: Zed Books, 2004)

G. Dorrien, *Imperial Designs: Neoconservatism and the New Pax Americana* (New York: Routledge, 2004)

J.L. Richardson, *Contending Liberalisms in World Politics* (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 2001)

RBJ Walker, *Inside/Outside: International Relations as Political Theory* (Cambridge University Press, 1993)

## ASSESSMENT

We will discuss the details of the assessment structure at the beginning of the course. Most commonly the assessment package in Pols. 3017 has consisted of an essay component worth 60 % of the final grade, an examination of 30% and a 10% component associated with seminar contribution. As regards assessment it should also be noted that:

- a) any essays still outstanding on the day of the examination, and which have not been granted an extension of time to submit, will be unacceptable in terms of this course, and accordingly, will not be assessed.
- b) although the minimum "pass mark" for this course is 50 per cent, such a mark must include a satisfactory performance in the final examination, namely, a mark of, or greater than 40 per cent. An unsatisfactory performance in the final examination will result in an overall "fail" being awarded.

As regards the essay component, students are advised that there is a Department of Political Science policy on extensions and penalties for late submission which is promulgated below.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE  
Faculty of Arts

Undergraduate Essays - Policy on Extensions and  
Penalties for Late Submission

Extensions

Students seeking an extension of the essay deadline must make the request before the due date. Extensions may be granted on medical or other reasonable grounds.

Penalties

In fairness to students who meet the deadlines, the Department of Political Science imposes a penalty upon all essays submitted after the due date or later than an approved extension of the due date. The penalty is **two percentage points** subtracted from the assessed mark for the essay, for each working day (or part thereof) by which the essay is overdue. Once essays on a particular topic have been returned to students, no further essays on that topic will be accepted.

Students must also be aware that **PLAGIARISM WILL NOT BE TOLERATED**. If you are not familiar with the School of Social Science policy on plagiarism, or do not understand it, seek advice immediately. **WRITTEN WORK IN THIS COURSE WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ASSESSMENT ON THE PRESUMPTION THAT STUDENTS FULLY UNDERSTAND THE SCHOOL'S POLICY ON PLAGIARISM.**

## NOTE ON SEMINAR READING

Students in this course will be expected to engage in serious and sustained reading, sometimes of important IR texts, sometimes of a contemporary literature which seeks to locate and critically evaluate such texts in broader historical and intellectual terms than has traditionally been the case in the International Relations discipline. The following list is designed, primarily, to introduce students to some of the major themes of this contemporary literature in order to provide a more comprehensive framework of understanding for the discussions of specific IR issues to follow. While these works relate most explicitly to the early weeks of the course they have relevance to the course as a whole and should be considered important supplementary references for lecture/seminar reading.

\*R. Tarnas, *The Passion of the Western Mind: Understanding the Ideas That Have Shaped Our World* (London: Pimlico Books, 1996) (**Strongly Recommended**)

A. Linklater, *The Transformation of Political Community* (Oxford: Polity Press, 1998)

R. Bernstein, *The New Constellation* (Cambridge: Polity Press, 1991)

R. Scruton, *A Short History of Modern Philosophy: From Descartes to Wittgenstein* (Ark Paperbacks, 1984)

Also very useful:

S. George, *Another World is Possible If....*(London: Verso, 2004)

R. Berki, *On Political Realism* (London: J.M. Dent, 1981)

W. Connolly, *Political Theory and Modernity* (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1988)

W. Connolly, *Identity/Difference: Democratic Negotiations of Political Paradox* (Ithica, Cornell UP, 1991)

J. Flax, *Thinking Fragments: Psychoanalysis, Feminism and Postmodernism in the Contemporary West* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1990).

## LECTURE/SEMINAR SCHEDULE

27 February Introduction to the Course

No seminar this week: opportunity for preliminary reading (see Seminar Reading)

5 March The "Theory" Question and IR (1)

6 March The "Theory" Question and IR (2)

12 March IR Theory: The Classical Debate (1)

13 March IR Theory: The Classical Debate (2)

19 March Realism and IR Theory: Carr, Morgenthau and Waltz (1)

20 March Realism and IR Theory: Carr, Morgenthau and Waltz (2)

26 March Neo-Liberalism and the Globalisation Debate (1)

27 March Neo-Liberalism and the Globalisation Debate (2)

2 April Reflections on IR Theory: Film - 'The Day the Universe Changed'

3 April Reflections on 'The Day the Universe Changed'

9 April The 'Death of God' Revisited: Evangelicalism as IR Theory (1)

10 April The 'Death of God' Revisited: Evangelicalism as IR Theory (2)

### SEMESTER BREAK

30 April The 'Death of God' Revisited: Strauss, Religion and 'Noble Lies'(1)

1 May The 'Death of God' Revisited: Strauss and Neoconservatism (2)

7 May Neoconservatism and the Bush Doctrine (1)

8 May Neoconservatism and the Bush Doctrine (2)

14 May Critical Theory and IR (1)

15 May Critical Theory and IR (2)

21 May Postmodernism and IR (1)

22 May Postmodernism and IR (2)

## SEMINAR REQUIREMENTS

Seminars are an integral part of the learning process and as such attendance at seminars is mandatory. Accordingly, **students in Pols. 3017 are required to attend all seminars**. Students not fulfilling this requirement will be considered to have failed the course and be ineligible to sit the final exam.

Seminar Reading: The extended reading lists in Pols. 3017 are constructed to make the 'reading group' format more effective throughout the semester and to assist students with Essay and Exam preparation. Complimenting these reading lists are a whole range of contemporary readings to be found on the course website (updated regularly) and on the websites list below.

<http://www.oup.co.uk/best.textbooks/politics/jacksonsorensen2e/weblinks/>

A comprehensive overview of key themes in International Relations Theory

<http://www.iep.utm.edu/>

The internet encyclopaedia of philosophy

<http://rightweb.irc-online.org/index.php>

A useful website that explores the various links between the American right wing's main actors, organisations and institutions.

<http://www.eurolegal.org/useur/usneocon.htm>

A comprehensive history of neoconservatism and its contemporary influence on American society and foreign policy. Includes a lot of useful links.

<http://www2.bc.edu/~wilsonop/linksa.html>

Includes links to many articles about Strauss and reviews of his work.

<http://www.theglobalsite.ac.uk/>

A database of new writing in the critical social sciences

## SEMINAR PROGRAMME

### Week Beginning

25 February No Seminar: Opportunity for background reading and for Seminar One. Recommended: the works by Tarnas: Chs. 1, 4 and 5; Knutson: Chs. 1, 2, 5, and Devetak, Burke and George, Introduction and Ch. 2

3 March What is "Theory"? What is the relationship between "Theory and "Practice", between "Theory" and History", between "Theory and Philosophy", between "Theory and "Reality"? How do we begin to answer such questions? Why is it important that we do so? How are these questions directly relevant to International Relations.?

READING (At least one piece from each list)

### What is Theory?

\*R. Tarnas, *The Passion of the Western Mind*, Ch's. 5 and 6

R. Scruton, *A Short History of Modern Philosophy* Part 1: "Rationalism"; Part 2: "Empiricism"; Part 3: "Kant".

T. Knutson, *A History of International Relations Theory* 2nd ed. esp. Ch's. 1, 2 and 5

RN Berki, "Taming a Term" and the "Dialectic of Political Understanding" in *On Political Realism* (JM Dent, 1983)

R. Bernstein, "Philosophy, History and Critique" in Bernstein, *The New Constellation* (Polity, 1991)

J. Flax, "Why Epistemology Matters", *Journal of Politics* 43, 1981

### On the contemporary theory/IR debates

\*J. George, 'International Relations Theory in the Age of Critical Diversity' in Devetak, Burke and George Eds. *An Introduction to International Relations* (Melbourne: Cambridge University Press, 2007)

R. Devetak, 'The Origins and Changing Agenda's of a Discipline' in Devetak, Burke and George Eds. *An Introduction to International Relations* (Melbourne: Cambridge University Press, 2007)

S. Burchill and A. Linklater, "Introduction" in S. Burchill et al *Theories of International Relations* 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (London: Macmillan, 2005)

J. George, "Back to the Future" in G. Fry and J. O'Hagan Eds. *Contending Images of World Politics* (London: Macmillan, 2000)

J. George, *Discourses of Global Politics* Ch's. 1 and 2

J. George, "Understanding IR After the Cold War: Probing Beyond the Realist Legacy" in M. Shapiro and H. Alker Eds., *Challenging Boundaries*(1996)

S. Seth, "A Postcolonial World?" in G. Fry and J. O'Hagan Eds. *Contending Images of World Politics* (London: Macmillan, 2000)

RBJ Walker, "International Relations as Political Theory", Ch.1 in Walker, *Inside/Outside*

R. Cox "Social Forces, States and World Orders" in J. Vasquez, *Classics of International Relations* 2nd Ed.

10 March      **Power Politics Realism** has been dominant within the International Relations intellectual and policy community since WW2. What have been the implications of the Realist tradition for the theory and practice of global life since that time? What, if anything, is different at the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

#### READING

T. Knutson, *A History of International Relations Theory* Ch's. 8-9

\*J. George, *Discourses of Global Politics*, Ch's. 3-5

J. Vasquez, *Classics of International Relations*, Ch. 6

\*P. Williams et al Eds., *Classic Readings of International Relations* (2006:251-289)

J. Donnelly, "Realism" in S. Burchill et al *Theories of International Relations* (London: Macmillan, 2005)

C. Reus-Smit, "International Relations" in I. McAllister et al Eds. *The Cambridge Handbook of the Social Sciences in Australia* (Cambridge UP, 2003)

RBJ Walker, *Inside/Outside* Ch. 5

J. Vasquez, *The Power of Power Politics*, Ch's 2, 7 and 8.

B. Buzan, "The Timeless Wisdom of Realism" in Smith, et al Eds. *International Theory: Positivism and Beyond*

P. Williams et al Eds. "Morgenthau's Six Principles of Political Realism" in *Classic Readings of International Relations* (2006:57-63)

W. Keylor, *The Twentieth Century World*, esp. Chs. 3 and 4

J.A. Tickner, "Hans Morgenthau's Principles of Political Realism: A Feminist Reformulation", *Millennium* 17(3) (1988)

17 March EH Carr's, *Twenty Years Crisis* (1939); Hans Morgenthau's, *Politics Among Nations* (1948) and Kenneth Waltz's *Theory of International Politics* (1979) are arguably the most important Realist and (neo-Realist) texts of all time. **What does this tell us about Realism and its development since WW2?** Are these works still of relevance at the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

READING:

\*EH Carr, *The Twenty Years Crisis*, esp., Chs., 1,2 and 10

\*H. Morgenthau, *Politics Among Nations*, esp., Chs, 1 and 2

\*K. Waltz, *Theory of International Politics* (Reading, Mass., 1979) Intro. and Ch. 1

K. Waltz, *Man, the State and War* (Columbia UP, 1959) esp. Ch.1 and final chapter

On Realism (see readings for March 21 above)

On Neo-Realism

S. Lamy, "Contemporary Mainstream Approaches: Neo-Realism and Neo-Liberalism, in J.Baylis, S. Smith and P. Owens, Eds., *The Globalization of World Politics*, (2008).

J. Vasquez, *The Power of Power Politics* Ch's. 9, 12 and 14 (Cambridge UP, 1998)

J. George, "Back to the Future" in G. Fry and J. O'Hagan Eds. *Contending Images of World Politics* (London: Macmillan, 2000)

J. George, *Discourses of Global Politics* Ch. 5

J. George, "Of Incarceration and Closure: Neo-Realism and New/Old World Orders", *Millennium*, 22,3, 1993

Neo-Realist Works

\*R. Kaplan, "The Coming Anarchy" in *Atlantic Monthly*, February, 1994

S. Huntington, *The Clash of Civilisations and the Remaking of World Order* (NY, Simon and Schuster, 1996)

S. Huntington, "The Clash of Civilisations" in *Foreign Affairs*, 72, (3) 1993

J. Mearsheimer, "Why we Shall Soon Miss the Cold War" in P. Williams et al, *Classic Readings of International Relations*

23 March     **Neo-Liberalism and Globalisation** were the two dominant themes in IR and IPE immediately after the Cold War. What does neo-liberalism stand for and why is it associated with what Falk and others have termed 'globalisation from above'? Are there any alternatives to neo-Liberalism? What is globalisation from below?

## READING

### (Neo-Liberal Texts and Influences)

\*T. Friedman, *The Lexus and the Olive Tree* (London: HarperCollins, 1999) Preface, Part 1 pp 123-247 and ch.18

D. Yergin and J. Stanislaw, *The Commanding Heights* (New York: Touchstone Books, 1999) esp. Intro. and Ch's 4-5

C. Kindleberger, "Dominance and Leadership in the International Economy", in *International Studies Quarterly* 25(3) (1981), pp.242-254

S. Krasner, "The Accomplishments of International Political Economy" in S. Smith et al eds. *International Theory: Positivism and Beyond*

### (Discussions on Neo-Liberalism)

C. Berber, "Three Myths", C. Berber, in *People Before Profits* (London: Souviner Press, 2002)

J.L. Richardson, "Liberalism in International Relations" in J. L. Richardson, *Contending Liberalisms* (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 2001)

J. L. Richardson, 'Liberalism' in Devetak, Burke and George Eds. *An Introduction to International Relations* (Melbourne: Cambridge University Press, 2007)

\*J. L. Richardson, "Neoliberalism in Practice", in J. L. Richardson, *Contending Liberalisms* (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 2001)

S. Burchill, "Liberalism" in S. Burchill et al *Theories of International Relations* (London: Macmillan, 2005)

S. Rosow, "Echoes of Commercial Society: Liberal Political Theory in Mainstream IPE", in K. Burch and R. Denmark Eds. *Constituting International Political Economy* (Lynne Rienner, Colorado, 1997)

S. Lamy, "Contemporary Mainstream Approaches: Neo-Realism and Neo-Liberalism", in J. Baylis and S. Smith Eds., *The Globalization of World Politics*, 2008)

J. George, "Australia's Global Perspectives in the 1990's: a Case of Old Realist Wine in New (neo-Liberal) Bottles?" in R. Leaver Ed. *Middling, Meddling and Muddling: Multilateralism and Australian Foreign Policy* (Sydney: Allen and Unwin, 1997)

## Alternatives to Neo-Liberal Globalisation

- S. Slaughter, 'Globalisation and its Critics' in Devetak, Burke and George Eds. *An Introduction to International Relations* (Melbourne: Cambridge University Press, 2007)
- J.L. Richardson, "The Search for Alternatives" ch.7 in J. L. Richardson, *Contending Liberalisms* (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 2001)
- A. Linklater, "Globalization and the Transformation of Political Community", in J. Baylis, S. Smith and P. Owens Eds., *The Globalization of World Politics*, 2008
- R. Solnit, "A History of Shadows" in *Hope in the Dark: The Untold Story of People Power* (Melbourne, Text Publishing, 2005)
- S. George, "If...We Combine Knowledge and Politics" Ch. 6 in S. George, *Another World is Possible If...*(London: Verso Books, 2004)
- R. Shapcott, 'Global Justice and Cosmopolitan Democracy' in Devetak, Burke and George Eds. *An Introduction to International Relations* (Melbourne: Cambridge University Press, 2007)
- S. Hobden and R. Wyn-Jones, "Marxist Theories of International Relations" in J. Baylis, S. Smith and P. Owens Eds. *The Globalization of World Politics* (Oxford UP, 2008)
- W. Bello, "Proposals for Global Governance Reform: A Critical Analysis" and "The Alternative: Deglobalization" in W. Bello, *De-Globalization: Ideas for a new World Economy* (London: Zed Books, 2004)
- S. George, "If...Educators Educate" Ch. 8 in S. George, *Another World is Possible If...*(London: Verso Books, 2004)
- S. George, "Conclusion and Speech in Porto Allegro" in S. George, *Another World is Possible If...*(London: Verso Books, 2004)
- W. Bello, " Foreword: The Crisis of the Globalist Project and the New Economics of George W. Bush" in *De-Globalization: Ideas for a new World Economy* (London: Zed Books, 2004)
- \*R. Falk, *Predatory Globalization* (Cambridge, Polity Press, 1999) Sections 1 and 3
- O. Mehmet, *Westernizing the Third World* (London: Routledge, 1995) Chs. 1-3 and 6-7
- Mittleman, J. "How Does Globalisation Really Work?" in J. Mittleman ed. *Globalisation: Critical Reflections* (Boulder, CO. Lynne Rienner, 1997)
- W. Cox and C. Sjolander, "The Global Village and the Global Ghetto" in K. Burch and R. Denmark Eds. *Constituting International Political Economy* (Lynne Rienner, Colorado, 1997)

30 March The film “The Day the Universe Changed” is primarily concerned with questions of certainty, objectivity and reality in Physics and the natural sciences. These questions have also been central to much critical IR scholarship in recent years. Why has this been so? **What, if anything, does the film tell us about issues of knowledge, identity, global reality and the ‘theory question’ in IR?** How is it connected to the resurgence of religion in contemporary politics and IR? Does it explain something about the critical diversity now evident in IR theory?

## READING

\*N. Herbert, “Physicists: Losing Their Grip” in N. Herbert, *Quantum Reality* (London, 1983)

\*R. Tarnas, “The Transformation of the Modern Mind” Ch. 6 in *The Passion of the Western Mind* (London: Pimlico Books, 1996)

A. Linklater, “Globalization and the Transformation of Political Community”, in J. Baylis, S. Smith and P. Owens Eds., *The Globalization of World Politics*, 2008

C. Reus-Smit, “International Relations” in I. McAllister et al Eds. *The Cambridge Handbook of the Social Sciences in Australia* (Cambridge UP, 2003)

J. George, ‘International Relations Theory in the Age of Critical Diversity’ in Devetak, Burke and George Eds. *An Introduction to International Relations* (Melbourne: Cambridge University Press, 2007)

R. Shapcott, ‘Global Justice and Cosmopolitan Democracy’ in Devetak, Burke and George Eds. *An Introduction to International Relations* (Melbourne: Cambridge University Press, 2007)

R. Tarnas, “Epilogue”, Ch. 7 in *The Passion of the Western Mind* (London: Pimlico Books, 1996)

R. Kanth, “Alternative Visions” and “The Reveille of Emancipation” in R. Kanth, *Breaking With the Enlightenment* (NJ, Humanities Press, 1997)

A. Orford, “Muscular Humanitarianism: Reading the Narratives of the New Interventionism” in *The European Journal of International Law*, 1999

M. Patterson, “Green Politics” in S. Burchill et al *Theories of International Relations* (London: Macmillan, 2005)

R. Eckersley, ‘Global Environmental Politics’ in Devetak, Burke and George Eds. *An Introduction to International Relations* (Melbourne: Cambridge University Press, 2007)

A. Langlois, Human Rights, in Devetak, Burke and George Eds. *An Introduction to International Relations* (Melbourne: Cambridge University Press, 2007)

D. Delaet, "Are Human Rights Universal" in D. Delaet. *The Struggle for Human Rights*, (California, Thompson/Wadsworth, 2006)

S. Murden, "Culture in World Affairs", in J. Baylis and S. Smith Eds., *The Globalization of World Politics*, 2005

S. Seth, "A Postcolonial World?" in G. Fry and J. O'Hagan Eds. *Contending Images of World Politics* (London: Macmillan, 2000)

O. Mehmet, *Westernizing the Third World* (London: Routledge, 1995) Chs. 1-3 and 6-7

Y. Lapid, "Culture's Ship: Returns and Departures in International Relations Theory" in Y. Lapid and F. Kratochwil Eds. *The Return of Culture and Identity in IR Theory* (Boulder: Colorado, Lynne Rienner, 1996)

J. Pettman, "Border Crossings/Shifting Identities: Minorities, Gender, and the State in International Perspective" in M. Shapiro and H. Alker, Eds. *Challenging Boundaries* (University of Minnesota Press, 1996)

#### 7 April

**Religion** has returned to the forefront of international affairs in the current period? What does this mean for IR? One dimension of this new religious era has been the rise to political prominence of the Religious Right in the US centred on the Christian evangelical churches in particular. Is this just an American phenomenon or are we seeing a global reassessment of the 'death of God' theme in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?.

#### READING

\*E. Kaplan, Ch.2, "Christian Nation" and Ch. 3, "Most Favoured Constituency" in *With God on Their Side: How Christian Fundamentalists Trampled Science, Policy, and Democracy in George W. Bush's White House* (New York: The New Press, 2004)

S. Akbarzadeh, 'The Globalisation of Islam' in Devetak, Burke and George Eds. *An Introduction to International Relations* (Melbourne: Cambridge University Press, 2007)

R. Wicks, "Nietzsche and God's Death" in R. Wicks, *Nietzsche* (Oxford, One World, 2002) (note: other chapters from this book, "The Worship of Wildlife", "Dissolving the Shadows of God", "The Contemporary Shadows of Nietzsche" can be found on the Pols 3017 website)

\*R. Dawkins, "What's Wrong with Religion"? Ch. 8 of *The God Delusion* (London, Random House, 2006) (note: other chapters from this book "The God Hypothesis", "Arguments for Gods' Existence", and "Childhood, Abuse and the Escape from Religion", can be found on the Pols 3017 website)

\*S. Diamond, "Life in the Spirit" Ch. 4 in *Spiritual Warfare: The Politics of the Christian Right* (Boston, MA: South End Press, 1989)

S. Diamond, "Casting the First Stones the Early Mobilization of the Christian Right" in S. Diamond, *Roads to Dominion: Right Wing Movements and Political Power in the United States* ((New York: Guilford Press, 1995)

R. Tarnas, "The Christian World View", Ch. 3 in *The Passion of the Western Mind*, London: Pimlico Books, 1996)

J. Cesari, "When Islam and Democracy Meet: Muslims in Europe and in the United States" from *The Reflection Café* November, 20, 2006 (see much more from the Reflection Café on the Pols 3017 Website)

H. Kung, "No World Peace Without Religious Peace" pp71-87 in *Global Responsibility: In Search of a New World Ethic* (New York: Continuum, 1993)

R. Falk, "A Worldwide Religious Resurgence in an Era of Globalization and Apocalyptic Terrorism" Ch. 6, in F. Petito and P. Hatzopoulos (eds), *Religion in International Relations: The Return From Exile* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2003)

H. Bloom, "Invocation: The Evening Land" and Ch. 1, "What is Religious Criticism?" in *The American Religion: The Emergence of the Post-Christian Nation* (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1992)

R. G. Hutcheson, Ch. 1, "Religion and the Modern Presidency" in *God in the White House: How Religion Has Changed the Modern Presidency* (New York: Collier, 1988)

G. Vidal, Ch.8, "Armageddon?" in *Armageddon?: Essays 1983 - 1987* (London: Andre Deutsch, 1987)

G.Wills, "Introduction" in *Under God: Religion and American Politics* (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1990)

(1-2 pages) P. Kelly, "Kevin Rudd Determined to Outflank John Howard on Religion" *The Australian*, 13/12/2006

A.West, "Labor's God Squad", *The Australian* 6/7/2005

"Doctrine and Law Collide in a Curious Test of Faith", *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 28/12/2006

## **SEMESTER BREAK**

28 April The name of Leo Strauss was rarely heard outside of conservative philosophy circles until recently when it became a prominent feature of the debate over the rise of the neoconservatives in the Bush Administration. **Who was Leo Strauss? What, if anything, has been his legacy for neoconservatism?** What is a 'noble lie' and what has it got to do with IR?

#### READING

\*J. George, "Leo Strauss, Neoconservatism and US Foreign Policy: Esoteric Nihilism and the Bush Doctrine" *International Politics*, 42, 2005

A. Norton, "The Sicilian Expedition" Ch. 11 in A. Norton, *Leo Strauss and the Politics of the American Empire* (New Haven, Yale UP, 2004)

A. Norton, "Athens and Jerusalem" Ch. 12 in A. Norton, *Leo Strauss and the Politics of the American Empire* (New Haven, Yale UP, 2004)

S. Drury, "America's Application of Straussian Philosophy" Ch 4, in S. Drury, *Leo Strauss and the American Right* (Middlesex:, Macmillan, 1997)

S. Drury, "Neoconservatism: A Straussian Legacy" Ch. 5 in S. Drury, *Leo Strauss and the American Right* (Middlesex:, Macmillan, 1997)

A. Söllner, "Leo Strauss: German Origin and American Impact", in P. Kielmansegg, Ed., *Leo Strauss and Hannah Arendt* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995)

R. Pippin, "The Modern World of Leo Strauss", in P. Kielmansegg, Ed., *Leo Strauss and Hannah Arendt* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995)

J. Heer, "The Philosopher", *Boston Globe*, May 11, 2003.  
<http://www.jeetheer.com/politics/strauss.html>

J. Lobe, "The Strong Must Rule the Weak: Philosopher for an Empire", *Foreign Policy in Focus*, May 12, 2003.  
<http://www.fpiif.org/commentary/2003/0305strauss.html>

D. Postel, "Noble Lies and Perpetual War: Leo Strauss, the Neo-Cons, and Iraq", *Open Democracy*, October 16, 2003.  
<http://openDemocracy.net>

Thomas G. West, "Leo Strauss and American Foreign Policy", *Claremont Review of Books*, Summer 2004. <http://www.claremont.org/writings/crb/summer2004/west.html>

5 May What are the implications of neoconservative theory and policy prescription for US Foreign Policy in 2005? **How did neoconservatism become integral to the Bush Doctrine?**

## READING

(Works on the Neo-Cons)

\*G. Dorrien, "The Bully on the Block: Paul Wolfowitz, Colin Powell and American Superpowerdom." Ch. 2 in *Imperial Designs: Neoconservatism and the New Pax Americana* (New York:Routledge, 2004)

\*S. Halper and J. Clarke, "Iraq: the False Pretenses", in S. Halper and J. Clarke, *America Alone: The Neo-Conservatives and the Global Order* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004)

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