

IR qualifying examination reading list (draft), January 2021

This is a partial list of possible readings that students should be familiar with. It is in no way a full or comprehensive list. But it is a starting point.

Another way of checking preparation for quals is whether the student can open any first-tier journal and understand all of the articles in any particular issue.

Ethics

1. Fujii, Lee Ann. 2012. "[Research Ethics 101: Dilemmas and Responsibilities.](#)" *PS: Political Science & Politics* 45 (04): 717–23.
2. Enloe, Cynthia. *Bananas, Beaches & Bases : Making Feminist Sense of International Politics*. 1st U.S. ed. University of California Press; 1990. (new edition 2014) Barnett, M. and Finnemore, M., 2004. *Rules for the world: International organizations in global politics*. Cornell University Press.

Epistemological Issues: What is Social Science?

- Nuno P. Monteiro and Kevin G. Ruby. "IR and the false promise of philosophical foundations." *International Theory* 1, no. 1 (2009): 15-48.

Top-ten "offbeat" recommendations for consideration

(The basic thrust of these suggestions comes from the idea that students need to read contemporary classic books that cross conventional subfield and disciplinary boundaries)

1. Huntington, Samuel P. *The soldier and the state: The theory and politics of civil–military relations*. Harvard University Press, 1981. (Could be paired with Feaver, Peter D., and Christopher Gelpi. *Choosing your battles: American civil-military relations and the use of force*. Princeton University Press, 2005.)
2. Trachtenberg, Marc. *History and strategy*. Princeton University Press, 1991.
3. Tilly, Charles. *Coercion, capital, and European states, AD 990-1992*. Oxford: Blackwell, 1992. (Could be paired with Centeno, Miguel Angel. *Blood and debt: War and the nation-state in Latin America*. Penn State Press, 2002. Or if that's too long: Centeno, Miguel Angel. "Blood and debt: War and taxation in nineteenth-century Latin America." *American Journal of sociology* 102, no. 6 (1997): 1565-1605.)
4. Sagan, Scott Douglas. *The limits of safety: Organizations, accidents, and nuclear weapons*. Princeton University Press, 1995.(Could be paired with Eden, Lynn. *Whole world on fire: Organizations, knowledge, and nuclear weapons devastation*. Cornell University Press, 2004.)
5. Horowitz, Donald L. *Ethnic groups in conflict, updated edition with a new preface*. Univ of California Press, 2000.

6. Lebow, Richard Ned. *The tragic vision of politics: Ethics, interests and orders*. Cambridge University Press, 2003.
7. Pinker, Steven. *The better angels of our nature: The decline of violence in history and its causes*. Penguin uk, 2011.
8. Sjoberg, Laura. *Gendering global conflict: toward a feminist theory of war*. Columbia University Press, 2013.
9. Vitalis, Robert. *White world order, black power politics: The birth of American international relations*. Cornell University Press, 2015. (Could be paired with Oren, Ido. "The subjectivity of the " democratic" peace: changing US perceptions of imperial Germany." *International Security* 20, no. 2 (1995): 147-184.)
10. Hironaka, Ann. *Tokens of power: rethinking war*. Cambridge University Press, 2017. (Could be paired with Meyer, John W., John Boli, George M. Thomas, and Francisco O. Ramirez. "World society and the nation-state." *American Journal of sociology* 103, no. 1 (1997): 144-181.)

Decolonize the curriculum

- Ole Waeber, "The Sociology of a Not So International Discipline: American and European Developments in International Relations," *International Organization* 52, no. 4 (1998): 687-727.
- Kathleen R. McNamara (2009) Of intellectual monocultures and the study of IPE, *Review of International Political Economy*, 16:1, 72-84, DOI: 10.1080/09692290802524117
- Andrew Phillips, J. C. Sharman, Explaining Durable Diversity in International Systems: State, Company, and Empire in the Indian Ocean, *International Studies Quarterly*, Volume 59, Issue 3, September 2015, Pages 436–448

International orders and hierarchy

- Mattern, J., & Zarakol, A. (2016). Hierarchies in World Politics. *International Organization*, 70(3), 623-654.
- Allan, Bentley B., Srdjan Vucetic, and Ted Hopf. 2018. "The Distribution of Identity and the Future of International Order: China's Hegemonic Prospects." *International Organization* 72(4): 839-869
- McConaughy, Megan, Paul Musgrave, and Daniel Nexon. 2018. "Beyond Anarchy: Logics of Political Organization, Hierarchy, and International Structure." *International Theory* 10(2): 181-218.
- Goddard, Stacie E. 2018. "Embedded Revisionism: Networks, Institutions, and Challenges to World Order." *International Organization* 72(4): 763-797.
- Gowa, Joanne and Kristopher Ramsay. 2017. "Gulliver United: Entry Deterrence Under Unipolarity." *International Organization* 71(3):459-490.
- Paris, Roland. 2020. "The Right to Dominate: How Old Ideas About Sovereignty Pose New Challenges for World Order." *International Organization* 74(3): 453-489.
- Lee, Melissa M. 2018. "The International Politics of Incomplete Sovereignty: How Hostile Neighbors Weaken the State." *International Organization* 72(2): 283-315.

- Carter, David B. and Hein E. Goemans. 2011. "The Making of the Territorial Order: New Borders and the Emergence of Interstate Conflict." *International Organization* 65(2): 275-309.

Signaling, information, and war

- Weiss, Jessica Chen. 2013. "Authoritarian Signaling, Mass Audiences, and Nationalist Protest in China." *International Organization* 67(1): 1-35
- Marc Trachtenberg (2012) Audience Costs: An Historical Analysis, *Security Studies*, 21:1, 3-42.
- Jack Snyder and Emily Borghard, (2011). The Cost of Empty Threats: A Penny, Not a Pound. *American Political Science Review*, 105(3), 437-456.
doi:10.1017/S000305541100027X
- Schultz, Kenneth A. 2012. "Why We Needed Audience Costs and What We Need Now." *Security Studies* 21(3): 369-375
- Branislav L. Slantchev (2012) Audience Cost Theory and Its Audiences, *Security Studies*, 21:3, 376-382, DOI: 10.1080/09636412.2012.706476

Rationalism: Economistic Approaches to International Relations

- Thomas Schelling, *Arms and Influence* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1966), pp. 92-125.
- James Fearon, "Rationalist Explanations for War," *International Organization*, Vol. 49, No. 3 (1995), pp. 379-414.
- Beth A. Simmons, *Who Adjusts: Domestic Sources of Foreign Economic Policy during the Interwar Years* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1994), pp. 1-13, 20-51.*
- Jessica L. Weeks "Autocratic Audience Costs: Regime Type and Signaling Resolve," *International Organization* 62(1): 35-64.

The Commitment problem and war

- VERY RECOMMENDED -- Scott Wolford, *The Politics of the First World War: A Course in Game Theory and International Security* (Cambridge, 2019), Chapters 1, 2, and 5
- Powell, Robert. 2006. "War as a Commitment Problem." *International Organization* 60(1): 169-203
- Schultz, Kenneth A. and Goemans, Henk E. 2019. "Aims, Claims, and the Bargaining Model of War." *International Theory* 11(3): 344-374.
- Fazal, Tanisha. 2004. "State Death in the International System." *International Organization* 58(2): 311-344.
- Stephen M. Walt, "Rigor or Rigor Mortis? Rational Choice and Security Studies," *International Security* 1999 23:4, 5-48
- Lisa L. Martin, "The Contributions of Rational Choice: A Defense of Pluralism," *International Security* 1999 24:2, 74-83

- Robert Powell, "The Modeling Enterprise and Security Studies" *International Security* 1999 24:2, 97-106

Alliances

- Leeds, Brett Ashley, Andrew G. Long, and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell. 2000. "Reevaluating Alliance Reliability: Specific Threats, Specific Promises." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 44.5:686-699.
- Victor Cha "Powerplay: Origins of the U.S. Alliance System in Asia," *International Security* (2010) 34:3: 158-196.
- Leeds, Brett Ashley. 2003. "Do Alliances Deter Aggression? The Influence of Military Alliances on the Initiation of Militarized Interstate Disputes." *American Journal of Political Science* 47.3:427-439.
- Wolford, Scott. 2014. "Showing Restraint, Signaling Resolve: Coalitions, Cooperation, and Crisis Bargaining." *American Journal of Political Science* 58.1:144-156
- Smith, Alastair. 1995. "Alliance Formation and War." *International Studies Quarterly* 39.4:405-426.
- Fang, Songying, Jesse C. Johnson, and Brett Ashley Leeds. 2015. "To Concede or Resist? The Restraining Effects of Military Alliances." *International Organization* 68.4:741-774.

Domestic sources of conflict

- Beth Simmons, *Mobilizing for Human Rights: International Law in Domestic Politics* (Cambridge University Press), chapters 3-4.
- Jack Snyder, *Myths of Empire: Domestic Politics and International Ambition* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1991), pp. 21-60.
- Henderson, Errol A. 2009. "Disturbing the Peace: African Warfare, Political Inversion, and the Universality of the Democratic Peace Thesis." *British Journal of Political Science* 39(1): 25-58.
- Erik Gartzke and Yonatan Lupu, "Trading on Preconceptions: Why World War I Was Not a Failure of Economic Interdependence," *International Security* 2012 36:4, 115-150
- Sartori, Anne E. 2002. "The Might of the Pen: A Reputational Theory of Communication in International Disputes." *International Organization* 56(1): 121-149
- McDonald, Patrick. 2015. "Great Powers, Hierarchy, and Endogenous Regimes: Rethinking the Domestic Causes of Peace." *International Organization* 69(3): 557-588
- Weeks, Jessica L.P. 2012. "Strongmen and Straw Men: Authoritarian Regimes and the Initiation of International Conflict." *American Political Science Review* 106(2): 326-347
- Carter, Jeff. 2017. "The Political Cost of War Mobilization in Democracies and Dictatorships." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61(8): 1768-1794.
- Filson, Darren, and Suzanne Werner. 2004. "Bargaining and Fighting: The Impact of Regime Type on War Onset, Duration, and Outcome." *American Journal of Political Science* 48(2): 296-313.

Gender and IR

- Joslyn Barnhart, Robert Trager, Elizabeth Saunder, and Allan Dafoe, "The Suffragist Peace," *International Organization* 74 (Fall 2020): 633-70.
- Hudson, Valerie M. and Andrea M. Den Boer, "A Surplus of Men, a Deficit of Peace: Security and Sex Ratios in Asia's Largest States," *International Security*, Vol. 26, No. 4 (2002), pp. 5-38.
- Carol Cohn, "War, Wimps, and Women: Talking Gender and Thinking War," in M. Cooke and A. Wollacott (eds.) *Gendering War Talk*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, pp. 227-246
- Sjoberg, Laura. 2012. "Gender, Structure, and War: What Waltz Couldn't See." *International Theory* 4(1): 1-38
- Dara Cohen, "Explaining Rape during Civil War: Cross-National Evidence (1980-2009)." *The American Political Science Review* 107, no. 3 (2013): 461-77.
- Katharine Moon, "South Korean Movements against Militarized Sexual Labor," *Asian Survey* (1999) 39 (2): 310-327.

Psychology and leaders

- Robert Jervis, *Perception and Misperception in International Politics* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1976), pp. 59-83, 102-107, 117-155.
- Brian C. Rathbun, "Before Hegemony: Generalized Trust, International Cooperation and the Design of International Organizations," *International Organization*, Vol. 45, No. 2 (2011), pp. 243-273.
- Renshon, Jonathan. 2016. "Status Deficits and War." *International Organization* 70(3): 513-550.
- Deborah Welch Larson **and** Alexei Shevchenko, "Status Seekers: Chinese and Russian Responses to U.S. Primacy," *International Security* 2010 34:4, 63-95
- Byman & Pollack, "Let us now praise great men: Bringing the statesman back in" *International Security* 25, no. 4 (2001): pp.107-146.
- Saunders, Elizabeth N. 2018. "Leaders, Advisers, and the Political Origins of Elite Support for War." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 62(10): 2118-2149.
- Yarhi-Milo, Keren, Joshua D. Kertzer, and Jonathan Renshon. 2018. "Tying Hands, Sinking Costs, and Leader Attributes." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 62(10): 2150- 2179
- Goddard, Stacie E. 2006. "Uncommon Ground: Indivisible Territory and the Politics of Legitimacy." *International Organization* 60(1): 35-68

Civil and Religious War

- James Fearon and David Laitin, "Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War," *American Political Science Review* 97, no. 1 (2003): 75-90.
- Bridget Coggins, "Friends in High Places: International Politics and the Emergence of States from Secessionism," *International Organization* 65, No. 3 (Summer 2011), pp. 433-467
- Monica Toft, "Getting Religion? The Puzzling Case of Islam and Civil War," *International Security* 31, no. 4 (2007): 97-131.
- Ron Hassner, (2003) "To Halve and to Hold": Conflicts over Sacred Space and the Problem of Indivisibility, *Security Studies*, 12:4, 1-33.

- Jørgen Møller, Medieval Origins of the European State System: The Catholic Church as Midwife, *International Studies Review*, ,
viaa091, <https://doi-org.libproxy2.usc.edu/10.1093/isr/viaa091>
- Lisa Blaydes and Christopher Paik, "The Impact of Holy Land Crusades on State Formation: War Mobilization, Trade Integration, and Political Development in Medieval Europe," *International Organization* 70, Summer 2016, pp. 551–586

International law, human rights, institutions

- Ruggie, John Gerard (1982). "International Regimes, Transactions, and Change: Embedded Liberalism in the Postwar Economic Order." *International Organization* 36(2): 379-415.
- Wendt, Alexander (1992). "Anarchy Is What States Make of It: The Social Construction of Power Politics." *International Organization* 46(2): 391-425.
- Karen Alter, *The New Terrain of International Law : Courts, Politics, Rights*
- Martha Finnemore, *National Interests in International Society*
- Margaret Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, *Activists beyond Borders*
- Peter Katzenstein, *The Culture of National Security : Norms and Identity in World Politics*
- Robert Keohane, *After Hegemony*
- Barbara Koremenos, *The Continent of International Law*
- Karl Polanyi, *The Great Transformation*
- Beth Simmons, *Mobilizing for Human Rights*

The Traditional Approaches: Realism and Liberalism

- E.H. Carr, *The Twenty Years Crisis* (New York: Harper, 1964), pp. 63-95.
- Hans Morgenthau, *Politics among Nations* (New York: Knopf), selections.
- G. John Ikenberry, *After Victory: Institutions, Strategic Restraint, and the Rebuilding of Order after Major Wars* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2001), ch. 3.
- Richard Matthew and Mark Zacher, "Liberal International Relations Theory: Common Threads, Divergent Strands," in Charles Kegley (ed.), *Controversies in International Relations Theory* (New York: St. Martin's, 1995), pp. 107-50.
- Robert Keohane, *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1984), ch. 5-6.

Constructivism: Sociological Approaches to International Relations

- Alexander Wendt, "Anarchy is What States Make of It: The Social Construction of World Politics," *International Organization*, Vol. 46, No. 2 (1992), pp. 391-425
- Ian Hurd, "Legitimacy and Authority in International Politics," *International Organization*, Vol. 53, No. 2 (1999), pp. 379-408.
- Vincent Pouliot, "The Logic of Practicality: A Theory of Practice of Security Communities," *International Organization*, Vol. 62 (2008), pp. 257-88.

IPE Intellectual History / Current Issues

State of the Discipline

- Cohen, Benjamin J. 2008 *International Political Economy: An Intellectual History*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press).
- Gilpin, Robert. 2001. *Global Political Economy: Understanding the International Economic Order*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press).
- Goldstein, Judith and Robert Keohane. 1993. *Ideas and Foreign Policy: Beliefs, Institutions, and Political Change*. (Ithaca: Cornell University Press).
- _____. 2009. Open Economy Politics: A Critical Review. *Review of International Organizations* 4:, pp. 219-44.
- Oatley, Thomas. 2011. "The Reductionist Gamble: Open Economy Politics in the Global Economy." *International Organization* 65 (2): 311-341.
- Grossman, Gene and Elhanan Helpman. 1994. Protection for Sale. *American Economic Review* 84, 4:833-50.
- _____. 2001. Class Versus Industry Cleavages: Inter-Industry Factor Mobility and the Politics of Trade. *International Organization* 55, 1:1-46.
- _____. 1989. *Commerce and Coalitions: How Trade Affects Domestic Political Alignments*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press).

Regional Integration

- Baldwin, Richard. 1997. The Causes of Regionalism. *The World Economy* 20, 7:865-88.
- Moravcsik, A. 1991. Negotiating the Single European Act. *International Organization* 45 (1): 19-56.
- Eichengreen, Barry. 2008. *Globalizing Capital: A History of the International Monetary System*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press).
- Nelson, Stephen C. and Peter J. Katzenstein. 2014. Uncertainty, Risk, and the Financial Crisis of 2008. *International Organization* 68:2, pp.361-392.

International

- Keohane, Robert. 2005. *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press).
- Kahler, Miles and David Lake, eds. 2003. *Governance in a Global Economy*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press). (Introduction and Conclusion).
- Koremenos, B., C. Lipson, and D. Snidal. 2001. The Rational Design of International Institutions. *International Organization* 55 (4): 761-799.
- Ruggie, John. 1982. International Regimes, Transactions, and Change: Embedded Liberalism in the Postwar Economic Order. *International Organization* 36, 2:379-415.

IPE and Security

Drezner, Daniel W. 2003. The Hidden Hand of Economic Coercion. *International Organization* 57 (3), pp. 643-59.

Institutions vs. Geography Debate

Acemoglu and Robinson. 2012. *Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity, and Poverty* (New York, NY: Crown Business), pp. 7-123.

North, Douglas. 1990. *Institutions, Institutional Change, and Economic Performance* (New York, NY: Cambridge University Press), pp. 3-16, 73-104.

Industrializers

Gerschenkron, A. 1962. *Economic Backwardness in Historical Perspective* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press), pp. 5-30, 353-364.

Poverty and Income Inequality

Piketty, T. 2014. *Capital in the Twenty-First Century* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press), pp.430-492

General Works on Development

Easterly, William. 2002. *The Elusive Quest for Growth: Economists' Adventures and Misadventures in the Tropics*. (Cambridge: MIT Press).

Asia

Haggard, Stephan. 1990. *Pathways from the Periphery: The Politics of Growth in the Newly Industrializing Countries*. (Ithaca: Cornell University Press).

A few new additions (including Global South perspectives and new publication)

Chang, Ha-Joon. *Kicking away the ladder: development strategy in historical perspective*. Anthem Press, 2002.

Chwieroth, Jeffrey M., and Andrew Walter. *The Wealth Effect*. Cambridge University Press, 2019.