
COURSE SCHEDULE

Some readings may be subject to modification

Week 1 (Feb 13) Introduction

Week 2 (Feb 20) State of the World: From Globalization to Polycrisis?

- Adam Tooze “Welcome to the world of the polycrisis”, “On deglobalisation and polycrisis” <https://adamtooze.substack.com/p/chartbook-192-on-deglobalisation>
- J. Baylis “Globalization and the Return of Geopolitics” in Baylis & Smith eds
- M. Cox “From the end of the cold war to a new world dis-order”? in Baylis & Smith eds

Discussion:

2025 Report - International Bank for Reconstruction and Development Fragile and Conflict-Affected Situations Intertwined Crises, Multiple Vulnerabilities

Week 3 (Feb 27) Future of World Order: Technofeudalism? Oligarchic Sovereignty?

- Jodi Dean “Neofeudalism: The End of Capitalism?” <https://lareviewofbooks.org/article/neofeudalism-the-end-of-capitalism/>
- Atal et.al. (2025) “Oligarchic sovereignty: Technology and the future of global order” *Forum Review of International Studies*

Discussion:

Burcu Kilic “The Geopolitics of Surveillance Capitalism” Carr-Ryan Center for Human Rights Harvard Kennedy School

Suggested further readings:

- Jodi Dean (2025) “Neofeudalism’s Basic Features” in *Capital’s Grave: Neofeudalism and the New Class Struggle*
- Soshana Zuboff (2019) Excerpts from *The Age of Surveillance Capitalism*

Week 4 (Mar 6) Ecological Crisis

- J. Vogler “Environmental Issues” in Baylis & Smith Ch.24
- C. Daggett “Petro-masculinity: Fossil Fuels and Authoritarian Desire” *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* 2018, Vol. 47(1) 25 –44

Discussion:

“The Fortunes of Denial” in A. Malm, the Zetkin Collective *White Skin, Black Fuel: On the Dangers of Fossil Fascism*

Week 5 (Mar 13) Migration, Smart Borders, Statecraft

- Ariadna Estévez Refugees and forced migration in Baylis & Smith
- Georgios Glouftsiou, Matthias Leese “Epistemic fusion: Passenger Information Units and the making of international security” *Review of International Studies* (2023), 49: 1, 125–142

Discussion:

Interview with Wendy Brown “Border walls don’t make us safer or stronger, says political scientist” <https://news.berkeley.edu/2019/10/15/walled-states-waning-sovereignty-wendy-brown/>

Suggested further Reading:

- Wendy Brown *Walled States, Waning Sovereignty*

Week 6 (Mar 20) MIDTERM

(MAR 27) NO CLASS Eid al Fitr - Ramadan

Week 7 (Apr 3) War in the 21st Century

- Grégoire Chamayou, “The Manhunt Doctrine”, translated by Shane Lillis, *Radical Philosophy*, No 169, 2011, pp. 2-6.
- Andrew Merrill “Start-Up War and the world as platform: venture capital, the U.S. military, & Silicon Valley” *Critical Military Studies*

Discussion:

SIPRI Reports “Trends in World Military Expenditure 2024”

SIPRI Report “Trends in International Arms Transfers 2024”

Week 8 (Apr 10) AI, Warfare, and Humanitarian Law

- Christian Reus-Smit “The Laws of War” in Baylis & Smith
- M. Wagner (2014) “Dehumanization of International Humanitarian Law: Legal, Ethical, Political Implications of Autonomous Weapons Systems” *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law*, 47, pp.1371-1424

Discussion:

SIPRI Annual Report 2025 “Artificial intelligence and international peace and security”

Week 9 (Apr 17) Cybersecurity

- Tim Stevens (2023) Excerpts from *What is Cybersecurity for?* Bristol University Press.
- Andreas Wenger and Myriam Dunn Cavelty “The ambiguity of cyber security politics in the context of multidimensional uncertainty” in Andreas Wenger and Myriam Dunn Cavelty Eds. *Cyber Security Politics Socio-Technological Transformations and Political Fragmentation*

(Apr 24) NO CLASS – Spring Break

(May 1) NO CLASS - National Holiday

Week 10 (May 8) Astropolitics, Weaponization of Outer Space

- Symposium “Governing the New Space Race” *American Journal of International Law* Vol 113, 2019 pp. 92-97
- C. Havercroft, R. Duvall (2009) “Critical astropolitics: The geopolitics of space control and the transformation of state sovereignty” in Bormann & Sheehan (Eds.) *Securing Outer Space International Relations Theory and the Politics of Space*

Discussion:

Executive Orders Dec 16, 2025 “Ensuring American Space Superiority”

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/12/ensuring-american-space-superiority/RITY>

Week 11 (May 15) Arctic and Geopolitics

- Klaus Dodds “Icy geopolitics” *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 2008, volume 26, pages 1 – 6
- WATCH “Why the world's superpowers are racing to control the Arctic”
BBC World Service <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkRmrPQDPFw&t=1s>