

## POSC 202: TOOLS OF NATIONAL POWER: STATECRAFT AND DIPLOMATIC POWER

### COURSE SYLLABUS

#### Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Session 1 -- Introduction; Syllabus Review; Class Presentations; Final Paper

--Resources; Readings

--Diplomatic History and Concepts (1)

**Readings:** --Sally Marks, Chas Freeman, *Diplomacy*, Encyclopedia Britannica

-pp.1-4: Definition; Nature and Purpose

-pp. 5-51: History of Diplomacy

-pp. 52-68: Modern Diplomatic Practice

#### Thursday, January 7, 2021

Session 2 --Diplomatic History and Concepts (2)

**Readings:** -- Chas Freeman, *On Diplomatic Relationships and Strategies* (Excerpt)

--Harold Nicolson, "Diplomacy Then and Now," *Foreign Affairs* (October 1961)

--Thomas Hanson, "Traditions and Travails of Career Diplomacy in the United States," Sharp and Wiseman, *American Diplomacy* (Leiden and Boston, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2012)

#### Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Session 3 --U.S. Diplomacy: Traditions; Relation to Military and Economic Tools

**Readings:** --*U.S. Overseas Diplomatic Presence: Background and Issues for Congress* (Congressional Research Service, Updated August 7, 2019)

--*Diversity in the U.S. Department of State Foreign Service: Background and Issues for Congress* (Congressional Research Service, July 2, 2020)

--William J. Burns, "The Lost Art of American Diplomacy: Can the State Department Be Saved?" *Foreign Affairs*, March 27, 2019

--Uzra S. Zeya, Jon Finer, *Revitalizing the State Department and American Diplomacy* (Council on Foreign Relations Special Report Nr. 89, November 2020)

## **Thursday, January 14, 2021**

Session 4 –U.S. Diplomacy: Prospects for Reform

--Guest Speaker: Ambassador Barbara Bodine, Director of the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, Georgetown University (see bio)

**Readings:** --“Diplomacy on the Rocks,” Speech by Ambassador Bodine to the Minnesota Committee on Foreign Relations, November 21, 2017

--Interview with Foreign Service Officer E.Wayne Merry, The Association for Diplomatic History and Training Foreign Affairs Oral History Project, 2010

## **Tuesday, January 19, 2021**

Session 5 –Comparative Diplomacy and Geopolitics (1)

**Readings:** --Robert Hutchings and Jeremi Suri, “The Making of an Effective Diplomat: A Global View,” *The Foreign Service Journal* (December 2017)

--Yan Xuetong, “The Age of Uneasy Peace: Chinese Power in a Divided World,” *Foreign Affairs* (January/February 2019)

--Thomas Hanson, “Geopolitics: Competition in an Age of Shared Global Threats,” (excerpt), Weiss and Wilkinson, *Global Governance Futures* (to be published by Routledge, London, 2021)

## **Thursday, January 21, 2021**

Session 6 –Comparative Diplomacy and Geopolitics (2)

**Readings:** --Jake Sullivan, Hal Brands, “China Has Two Paths to Global Domination,” *Foreign Policy* (May 22, 2020)

--S.N. Jaffe, *Thucydides* (excerpt), Berlin Thucydides Center

--Antony J. Blinken, Robert Kagan, “A Better Approach to ‘America First’,” *Washington Post* (January 2, 2019)

--*Divided We Stand: Democrats and Republicans Diverge on US Foreign Policy*, Results of the 2020 Chicago Council on Global Affairs Survey of American Public Opinion and US Foreign Policy

## **Tuesday, January 26, 2021**

Session 7 –Case Studies: Iran and the JCPOA; Russia and Ukraine

**Thursday, January 28, 2021**

Session 8 –Case Studies: Kashmir and the Himalayan Frontier; Taiwan

**Tuesday, February 2, 2021**

Session 9 –Case Studies: Libya; China and the South China Sea

**Thursday, February 4, 2021**

Session 10 –Case Studies; Summing Up; Careers

**Monday, February 8, 2021**

Individual Research Papers Due