

**UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY - AFRICA**

**Course: IRL 2005 Comparative Foreign Policy**

**Credit: 3 Units**

**Lecturer:**

**Day(s) and Time:**

**Consultation:**

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**Course Description**

Constant and variable determinants of foreign policies of selected major powers and Third World States from a comparative perspective, including various techniques employed by states at the bilateral and multilateral levels.

**Link to Program Learning Outcomes**

- Analysis of current international situation with a view to arriving at appropriate strategies.
- Make a critical assessment of relevant contemporary international issues and formulation of appropriate foreign policies.
- Application of understanding of global, multicultural and complex interconnected world to explain and predict issues in International Relations.

**Course Learning Outcomes**

The course seeks to equip the student with:

- A scientifically sound framework for analyzing and understanding the foreign policies of various states
- An in-depth knowledge of fundamental elements of the foreign policies of the major powers in the contemporary world.
- A clear perspective of the major trends and patterns of continuity and change in evolution of the foreign policies of states.

**Course Content**

**Week 1**

Introduction to foreign policy.

- The concept of foreign policy
- Foreign policy as part of International Relations

**Learning Outcomes:**

- Understand content of foreign policy and its formulation and implementation

**Discussion Topics:**

- Elements of foreign policy
- Articulation and evaluation of foreign policy

**Assigned Reading**

Roy C. Macridis: Foreign Policy in World Politics, Ch 1.

Ryan K. Beasley et al. : Foreign Policy In Comparative Perspective Chap. L.

**WEEK 2 Analysis of foreign policy**

- Making of policy (formulation)
- Implementation and evaluation

**Learning Outcomes**

- Understand process of foreign policy - formulation, implementation and evaluation.
- Understand position of foreign policy in International Relations.

### **Discussion topics**

- Sources of foreign policy
- Organs of foreign policy
- Instruments and techniques of foreign policy
- Continuity and change of foreign policy

### **Assigned Reading**

Ryan K. Beasley et al.: Foreign Policy In Comparative Perspective Chap.1

## **WEEK 3**

Dyadic and systemic approaches to foreign policy

- British foreign policy

### **Learning Outcomes**

- Understand evolution of British foreign policy
- Identify major factors and players affecting its evolution and formulation.

### **Discussion Topics**

- Evolution of British foreign policy
- Britain in the European Union (EU)
- Britain in the Commonwealth
- British foreign policy towards Africa

### **Assigned Reading**

Roy C. Macridis: Foreign Policy in World Politics, Ch 2.

## **WEEK 4**

Foreign policies of selected states

US foreign policy

- Evolution and prospects
- Major determinants of US foreign policy
- US as unipolar super power

### **Learning Outcomes**

- Determinants of US supremacy.
- Understand US foreign policy in the contemporary world as unipolar super power
- Examine foreign policy landmarks during Obama's administration

### **Discussion Topics**

- Future US relations with the Arab World
- Future US relations with Iran
- US and terrorism
- US foreign policy towards Kenya

### **Assigned Reading**

Roy C. Macridis: Foreign Policy in World Politics, Ch. 13.

## **WEEK 5**

Foreign policy of Brazil

- Historical development of Brazil foreign policy
- Current trends in Brazil's foreign policy

### **Learning Outcomes**

- Analyze trends in Brazilian foreign policy
- Analyze the major determinants of Brazilian foreign policy.

### **Discussion Topics**

- Brazil position in Latin America
- Brazil relations with US
- Brazil relations with Africa

### **Assigned Reading**

Ryan K. Beasley et al.: Foreign Policy In Comparative Perspective.

## **WEEK 6**

China:

- Evolution of Chinese foreign policy

### **Learning Outcomes**

- Understand foreign policy of post- Mao China
- China's relations with the US
- China's relations with Japan
- China's relations with Africa

### **Discussion Topics**

- Post - Mao period
- Content of China's foreign policy
- China's policy towards Africa - motivation
- China's policy towards US.

### **Assigned Reading**

- Roy C. Macridis: Foreign Policy in World Politics, Ch. 13
- Ryan K. Beasley et al. Foreign Policy in Comparative Perspective, Ch. 6

## **WEEK 7**

- Mid- Semester Examination
- Foreign policy of Russia
  - a) Collapse of the Soviet Union
  - b) Evolution of Russian foreign policy

### **Learning Outcomes**

- Understand Russian relations with former Soviet republics
- Russian Foreign policy in post -Cold War era

### **Discussion Topics**

- Collapse of bipolar order
- Gorbachev and Brezhnev influence of Russian foreign policy
- Boris Yeltsin Presidency and Russian foreign policy
- Major determinants in Russian foreign policy

### **Assigned Reading**

Roy C. Macridis: Foreign Policy in World Politics. Ch. 6

## **WEEK 8**

Foreign Policy of Kenya

- Historical evolution of Kenya's foreign policy.
- Determinants of contemporary Kenya's foreign policy

### **Learning Outcomes**

- Internal and external forces affecting Kenya's foreign policy
- Trends in Kenya's foreign policy

#### **Discussion Topics**

- Post Cold War Kenya's foreign policy
- Kenya's foreign policy towards Somalia
- Kenya and the East African Community
- Kenya and the world in post 2007 general elections.

#### **Assigned Reading**

Roy C. Macridis: Foreign Policy in World Politics.

Korwa G. Adar, Kenyan Foreign Policy Behavior Towards Somalia

### **WEEK 9**

Foreign policy of France

- Evolution and prospects
- French foreign policy landmarks

#### **Learning Outcomes**

- Role of General Charles De Gaulle
- France in EU
- French position in Post Cold War period

#### **Assigned Reading**

Roy C. Macridis: Foreign Policy in World Politics. Ch. 3

Ryan K. Beasley et al. Foreign Policy in Comparative Perspective Ch. 3

### **WEEK 10**

A) South African foreign policy

Evolution of South African foreign policy.

#### **Learning Outcomes**

- Understand post-apartheid South Africa foreign policy
- Understand South Africa foreign policy towards African States

#### **Discussion Topics**

- Post-Apartheid South Africa in African development.

#### **Assigned Reading**

- Roy C. Macridis: Foreign Policy in World Politics.
- Ryan K. Beasley et al. Foreign Policy in Comparative Perspective Ch. 12

B) Nigerian foreign policy

Evolution of Nigerian foreign policy

#### **Learning Outcomes**

- Understand determinants of Nigerian foreign policy
- Nigerian role in West Africa

#### **Discussion Topics**

- Understand Nigerian position in Africa

#### **Assigned Reading**

- Roy C. Macridis: Foreign Policy in World Politics.
- Ryan K. Beasley et al. Foreign Policy in Comparative Perspective

## **WEEK 11**

### **A. German foreign policy**

- Post WWII German foreign policy
- Post Cold War German foreign policy
- Germany in EU

#### **Learning Outcomes**

- Analyze German foreign policy major determinants
- German foreign policy towards Africa
- German role in maintenance of international peace and security

#### **Discussion Topics**

- Germany in EU
- Germany's role in maintenance of international peace and security •

#### **Assigned reading**

- Roy C. Macridis: Foreign Policy in World Politics. Ch 4
- Ryan K, Beasley et al. Foreign Policy in Comparative Perspective, Ch. 4 •

### **B. Japan's foreign policy**

- Evolution, formulation and management of Japanese foreign policy
- Japanese foreign policy in the modern world

#### **Learning Outcomes**

- Analyze Japan foreign policy major determinants
- Japanese foreign policy towards Africa
- Japanese involvement in maintenance of international peace and security.

#### **Discussion Topics**

- Role of private sector in formulation and implementation of Japan foreign policy.
- Japan's role in maintenance of international peace and security

#### **Assigned reading**

- Roy C. Macridis: Foreign Policy in World Politics. Ch 7

## **WEEK 12**

Cultural influence on foreign policy

- Governance
- Human rights
- Environmental issues

#### **Learning Outcomes**

- Analyze and understand influence of governance, human rights and environmental issues on formulation and implementation of foreign policy.

#### **Discussion Topics**

- Democracy
- Role of international community vis-a-vis foreign policies of states

## **WEEK 13**

Simulation exercise: Subject: Terrorism. Preparation to start from second week of the semester. They will be issued relevant material and guidance by the lecturer.

### **Learning Outcomes**

- Analyze background to the issue under consideration
- Understand techniques of (bilateral/ multilateral) international negotiations

### **Discussion Topics**

- Nature of issue of negotiation
- Preparations for negotiations
- Negotiations, outcome and implementation

### **WEEK 14**

Final examination.

### **TEACHING METHODOLOGY**

The course will be conducted through lectures, group discussions, simulation exercise and writing of a term paper of 10-12 double spacing typed pages. The student will select his/her own topic but consult with the lecturers before on writing the paper. The paper should be submitted to the lecturer not later than July 20<sup>th</sup> 2011.

### **COURSE TEXTS**

- Macridis, Roy C.: Foreign Policy in World Politics, 5<sup>th</sup> Ed. (Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey)
- Ryan K. Beasley et al. Foreign Policy in Comparative Perspective.
- Korwa G. Adar, Kenyan Foreign Policy Towards Somalia 1963-1983.

### **RECOMMENDED READINGS**

- Hermann, Charles F. et al (Eds.); New Directions in the Study of Foreign Policy (Boston: Allen and Unwin, 1987)
- Rosenau, James N. (Ed.), Comparing Foreign Policies: Theories, Findings and Methods. (New York: John Wiley and Sons, 1974)
- Gerner. Deborah J. Foreign Policy Analysis: Renaissance, Routine or Rubbish? In Rotty William (Ed.) Political Science : Looking Into The Future, Vol. 11 (Evanston: Northwestern Press 1991)
- Blackburn, Glen, The West and The World Since 1945, (London : Macmillan, 1992)
- Cameron, Fraser; US Foreign Policy After the Cold War. Global Hegemon or
- Rosati, Jerel A. The Politics of United States Foreign Policy; Belmont CA; Thomson Wadsworth C. 2007
- Kawashima, Yutaka, Japanese foreign Policy at the Crossroads: Challenges and options for the twenty first century, Washington D.C.: Brookings Institutions Press, 2003
- Kanet, Roger E, & Kozhemiakin, Alexander V., The Foreign Policy of the Russian Federation. Houndmills Basingstoke Hampshire Great Britain: Macmillan Press Ltd., 1997.
- Adar, Korwa G. & Ajulu, Rok; Globalization and Emerging Trends in African States Foreign Policy - Making Process: A Comparative Perspective of Southern Africa. Aldershot, Hampshire: Ashgate, 2002.
- Hey, Jeanne A.K. Small States in World Politics: Explaining Foreign Policy Behavior Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2003
- Baehr, Peter R. & Castermans - Holleunan, The Role of Human Rights, a Foreign Policy. New York, Palgrave Macmillan, 2004.

- *Further reading material may be issued if and when appropriate and available.*

### **COURSE EVALUATION**

Class Attendance & Participation	10%
Simulation Exercise	10%
Term Paper	30%
Mid-Semester Exam	20%
Final Semester Exam	30%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

### **GRADING**

A	90 -100	C	70 – 75
A-	87 - 89	C-	67 – 69
B+	84 – 86	D+	64 – 66
B	80 – 83	D	62 – 63
B-	77 – 79	D-	60 – 61
C+	74 – 76	F	0 - 59