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POLI 3315.2: CANADIAN FOREIGN POLICY

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I. Course Objectives

How do we analyze Canada's role in the world, and to what extent does the Canadian-American relationship affect and constrain Canadian actions and decisions in the global context? Does it make a difference who the prime minister is or what political party is in power? This course offers a survey of the Canadian foreign policy field. Its primary objective is to offer students an opportunity to become acquainted with central ideas, debates, issues and themes in the study of Canadian foreign policy through a reading of scholarship in the field.

The specific objectives of the course are:

- to encourage students to read course material closely
- to facilitate informed discussion on various topics in the Canadian foreign policy field
- to improve the ability of students to research and write on a contemporary topic drawn from work in the course
- to foster reading, writing and verbal skills through an active learning environment

II. Teaching Methods and Activities

Active learning is at the heart of what we do in this course. Every Tuesday, beginning January 10 up to, and including, March 27, I will give a quiz on the readings. These quizzes will serve not only as an immediate reward for your preparation on topics that we

cover weekly, but also as the basis for shared understandings stemming from the readings.

After each quiz, I will use the questions posed on the quiz to introduce the topic, begin my lecture on the week’s topic, and continue the lecture at our Thursday class meeting. Because of the close reading by students of course material before we examine a topic, I anticipate effective class contributions and discussions so that my lectures will indeed be interactive. Although I structure my lectures through powerpoint slides, and I am not treating this as a seminar-style course, the weekly preparation of students will ensure that the class as a whole will be well situated to engage in the kinds of discussions illustrative of an upper-level university course.

I will make my powerpoint slides available on the Course Homepage at SMUport *after* a topic has been covered. I will also post any announcements regarding the course on SMUport.

Throughout the term in this course, I expect you to be an active participant, rather than a mere observer, in the learning process; and you will be rewarded, as evident below.

III. Evaluation

WORK	DESCRIPTION	DATE	VALUE
In-Class Work	Class contributions, small group discussions, debates, “think, pair and share”	Throughout the term	5%
Reading Quizzes	20-minute, in-class quizzes (fill in the blanks and short answers) with the best 8 quizzes counted	Jan 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb 7, 14, 28; Mar 6, 13, 20, 27	40%
Research Paper	2500-3000 words, 12-font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, hard copy with a proper title page, in-text references, a bibliography and word count (excluding bibliography)	April 3	30%
Final Exam	Short answer (3 out of 5 worth 60%) and Essay (worth 40%)	April Formal Exam Period	25%
			100%

There are 11 reading quizzes, of which the best 8 are counted towards your final grade. There are no make-ups for the reading quizzes.

The research paper is due on April 3 and the final exam is to be taken on the date and time determined by the Registrar. Extensions or make-ups will only be given if you provide a medical certificate. You must notify me at the latest on the day the paper is due or the day of the exam that you will be unable to hand in the paper or take the exam.

Please READ CAREFULLY the section on “Academic Integrity and Student Responsibility” in the Saint Mary’s University *Academic Calendar 2011-2012*, specifically “Academic Integrity” (p. 21-22).

IV. Required Readings

Bratt, Duane and Christopher Kukucha, eds. 2011. *Readings in Canadian Foreign Policy: Classic Debates and New Ideas*. 2nd ed. Don Mills: Oxford University Press.

Other supplemental readings as assigned, available through the university’s electronic holdings [EH], posted on SMUport, through electronic links provided, or handed out in class

V. Outline

DATE	TOPIC	READINGS
Jan 5	Introductions	POLI 3315.2 Syllabus Campbell Clark, “John Baird crafts Canadian foreign policy with a hard edge” <i>Globe and Mail</i> , December 28, 2011 [Handout]
Jan 10, 12	Overview of the Field	Duane Bratt and Christopher Kukucha, PART I: Studying Canadian Foreign Policy: Varying Approaches, p. 1-8 “Key Terms in Canadian Foreign Policy” (Appendix A), p. 514-520 “Key Dates in Canadian Foreign Policy” (Appendix B), p. 521-530 <i>Additional:</i> John Kirton, “The 10 Most Important Books on Canadian Foreign Policy,” p. 10-17 <i>Recommended:</i> Sjolander, Claire Turenne and Heather A. Smith. 2010. “The practice, purpose and perils of list-making.” <i>International Journal</i> 65, 3 (Summer): 751-762. [EH]

Jan 17, 19	Analyzing Canada's Power	<p>David Dewitt and John Kirton, "Three Theoretical Perspectives," p. 52-69</p> <p>John Kirton, "Canada as a Principal Power 2010" (Update), p. 69-75</p> <p><i>Additional:</i></p> <p>Mike Cleland, "Canada as an Energy Superpower: How Clean? How Powerful? How Super?" (Dec 2007-Jan 2008) http://www.irpp.org/po/archive/dec07/cleland.pdf</p> <p><i>Recommended:</i></p> <p>John Holmes, "Most Safely in the Middle," p. 31-44</p> <p>Monica Gattinger and Geoffrey Hale (excerpt), p. 340-344</p> <p>Edna Keeble and Heather Smith, "Reading the Gendering of Role and Status Conceptions" [SMUport]</p>
Jan 24, 26	Bilateralism and Canada-US Relations	<p>Duane Bratt and Christopher Kukucha, PART II: External Factors and Canadian Foreign Policy, p. 127-129</p> <p>Donald Barry, "Managing Canada-US Relations in the Post-9/11 Era: Do We Need a Big Idea?," p. 130-156</p> <p>Brian Bow and Patrick Lennox, "The 'Independence' Debates, Then and Now" (Update), p. 92-95</p> <p><i>Additional:</i></p> <p>"Perimeter Security and Economic Competitiveness Action Plan in Brief" (December 2011) http://www.borderactionplan-plandactionfrontalier.gc.ca/psec-scep/bap_brief-paf_bref-dec2011.aspx?view=d</p> <p><i>Recommended:</i></p> <p>Stephen Clarkson, "The Choice to be Made" and "Update," p. 76-92</p> <p>Monica Gattinger and Geoffrey Hale, "Borders and Bridges along a Multidimensional Policy Landscape: Canada's Policy Relations in North America," p. 329-348</p>
Jan 31, Feb 2	Canada, the United States and Cuba	<p>Lana Wylie, "Reassessing Canada's Relationship with Cuba in an Era of Change" (October 2010) http://www.opencanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/Reassessing-Canada%E2%80%99s-Relationship-with-Cuba-in-an-Era-of-Change-Lana-Wylie1.pdf</p> <p><i>Recommended:</i></p> <p>Klepak, Hal. 2009. "50 Years of a Complex but Positive</p>

		<p>Relationship: Cuba-Canada Relations 1959-2009.” <i>Diplomacy and Statecraft</i> 20: 258-274. [EH] Tabio, Luis Rene Fernandez. 2010. “Canadian-Cuban Economic Relations: The Recognition and Respect of Difference.” <i>Canadian Foreign Policy</i> 16, 1 (Spring): 141-153. [EH] Cristina Warren, “Canada’s Constructive Engagement with Cuba” (May 2003) http://www.cubasource.org/pdf/cuba_canada.pdf</p>
Feb 7, 9	Multilateralism and Global Governance	<p>Tom Keating, “Multilateralism Reconsidered” (Update), p. 44-51 Andrew Cooper and Whitney Lackenbauer, “The Achilles’ Heel of Canadian Good International Citizenship,” p. 175-192</p> <p><i>Additional:</i> Adam Chapnick, “Canada’s Failed Campaign for the UN Security Council” (February 2011) http://www.irpp.org/po/archive/feb11/chapnick.pdf</p> <p><i>Recommended:</i> John Kirton, “Canada as a G8 and G20 Principal Power” Keating, Tom. 2010. “Multilateralism: Past Imperfect, Future Conditional.” <i>Canadian Foreign Policy</i> 16, 2 (Spring): 9-25.</p>
Feb 14, 16	Governmental Actors and Processes	<p>Duane Bratt and Christopher Kukucha, PART III: Domestic Factors and Canadian Foreign Policy, p. 215-216 Paul Gecelovsky, “Of Legacies and Lightning Bolts Revisited: Another Look at the Prime Minister and Canadian Foreign Policy,” p. 217-227 Patrice Dutil, “The Institutionalization of Foreign Affairs (1909-2009),” p. 239-258</p> <p><i>Recommended:</i> John English, “The Member of Parliament and Foreign Policy,” p. 228-235 Christopher Kukucha, “Dismembering Canada? Stephen Harper and the Foreign Relations of Canadian Provinces,” p. 259-277</p>
Feb 21, 23	WINTER BREAK	No Classes

Feb 28	Domestic/Societal Considerations	<p>Duane Bratt and Christopher Kukucha, PART VI: Social Considerations: The Need to Do More?, p. 429, 432</p> <p>Duane Bratt and Christopher Kukucha, "Canadian Foreign Policy and the Promotion of Human Rights," p. 503-505</p> <p>Maher Arar, "Chronology of Events, 26 September 2002 to 5 October 2003," p. 506-513</p> <p>"Address by Minister Baird at Office of Religious Freedom Stakeholder Consultations"</p> <p>http://www.international.gc.ca/media/aff/speeches-discours/2011/2011-034.aspx?lang=eng&view=d</p> <p><i>Recommended:</i></p> <p>Nelson Michaud, "Soft Power and Canadian Foreign Policy-making: The Role of Values," p. 433-451</p> <p>Edna Keeble, "Immigration, civil liberties and national/homeland security" [SMUport]</p>
Mar 1		No Class
Mar 6, 8	Canada and Global Security: Afghanistan	<p>Duane Bratt and Christopher Kukucha, PART IV: Security, p. 301-303</p> <p>Duane Bratt, "Afghanistan: Why did we go? Why did we stay? Will we leave?," p. 316-328</p> <p>Claire Turenne Sjolander and Kathryn Trevenen, "Constructing Canadian Foreign Policy: Myths of Good International Citizens, Protectors, and the War in Afghanistan," p. 96-108</p> <p><i>Recommended:</i></p> <p>Stephane Roussel and Jean-Christophe Boucher, "The Myth of the Pacific Society: Quebec's Contemporary Strategic Culture," p. 277-298</p> <p>Kim Richard Nossal, "Understanding Canadian Defence Policy," p. 303-315</p>
Mar 13, 15	Canada, the Arctic and Climate Change	<p>Rob Huebert, "Canadian Arctic Sovereignty and Security in a Transforming Circumpolar World," p. 348-372</p> <p><i>Additional:</i></p> <p>Heather Smith, "Unwilling Internationalism or Strategic Internationalism? Canadian Climate Policy under the Conservative Government," p. 452-468</p> <p><i>Recommended:</i></p> <p>Paul Dempsey and Edna Keeble, "Dodging Icebergs and Talking Policy: HMCS <i>Montreal</i>'s 2006 Northern</p>

		Deployment” (Winter 2007) http://naval.review.cfps.dal.ca/archive/6836912-9910421/vol2num4art5.pdf
Mar 20, 22	Canada and the Global Economy	Duane Bratt and Christopher Kukucha, PART V Trade and Other Economic Issues, p, 375-376 Robert Wolfe, “Canada’s Adventures in Clubland: Trade Clubs and Political Influence,” p. 377-389 Stephen McBride, “Canada and the Global Economic Crisis,” p. 390-405 <i>Recommended:</i> Winham, Gilbert. 2010. “Canadian Trade Multilateralism: The GATT, the WTO, and Beyond.” <i>Canadian Foreign Policy</i> 16, 2 (Spring): 125-141. [EH]
Mar 27, 29	Canada and Global Development	Stephen Brown, “Aid Effectiveness and the Framing of New Canadian Aid Initiatives,” p. 469-486 David Black, “Canada, the G8, and Africa: The Rise and Decline of a Hegemonic Project?,” p. 487-502 <i>Additional:</i> David Black and Molly den Heyer, “A Crisis of Conscience?” (Dec 2010/Jan 2011) http://www.thebrokeronline.eu/var/broker/storage/original/application/794d42dfa1684607c862c9f7e1d2fef2.pdf
Apr 3	Concluding Thoughts: Canadian Foreign Policy in the Harper Age	<i>Research paper due in class</i>
April Formal Exam Period	FINAL EXAM	<i>Date, time, place TBD</i>