This course is an introduction to foreign policy analysis. It begins with an examination of the theoretical foundations and frameworks of foreign policy analysis. Then, it analyzes the foreign policy making of fourteen different states, including the United States, Russia, China, as well as European, Latin American, Asian and African states. In each of these cases, we look into the role of various actors involved in formulating foreign policy as well as the constraints and opportunities they face – internally and externally. We will examine how the interaction between these various actors, the definition they give to their constraining/enabling structures, contribute to defining the foreign policy behavior of the state in reference.

Textbooks

Evaluation
1. Reading and Participation 10%
   - Participation is based on reading the texts – not expressing personal views.
2. Mid-Term I 30%
   - Covering the theoretical part only, in class.
3. Presentations 10%
   - Each session, two students will present the material and lead the discussion. This means that each student will present & lead twice during the course.
4. Mid Term II 20%
   - Students will take this test in class.

5. Final Exam 30%
   - This exam is comprehensive
   - It takes place during the final exam period

Submissions

- No late submission is accepted.
- Work should be concise, reflect clarity of thinking, and follow a logical presentation.
- All submissions are done via BlackBoard. No hard copies or email attachments are acceptable.
- Submissions should be typed in Times New Roman font, size 12, spaced in 1.5, 1-inch margin each side, on regular A4 sheets.

Expectations

- Students are required to read the texts thoroughly before coming to class. Not reading means a loss of the participation grade. Students will be quizzed on the readings.
- Students should arrive before class begins. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of class. No entry is allowed 10 minutes after class begins. Those who arrive during these 10 minutes - and those who leave before class ends - lose a third of the attendance grade. Students who are absent for more than six sessions, regardless of the reason, will receive an F grade in the course.
- The AUC has a zero-tolerance policy regarding academic integrity.
- Negotiation is a skill that students will not need in this course in any shape or form. Students who feel that they are subject of unfairness are encouraged to complain directly to the Political Science Department.
- Students are expected to observe general rules of civility (turn off your mobile phone before you come, listen to your colleagues and avoid interrupting them, don’t monopolize the discussion, be considerate of others, etc.).
Communication

- The instructor is available to answer questions about the academic content of this course. All other questions should be directed to the teaching assistant.
- All emails to the instructor should be copied to the teaching assistant.

Schedule

Week 1
Sunday, 31 January Introduction
Wednesday, 3 February What FPA is about: a discussion

Week 2
Sunday, 7 February Foreign Policy Analysis
- Pages 1-27 in:

Wednesday, 10 February Foreign Policy Leaders
- Pages 29-64 in:

Week 3
Sunday, 14 February Foreign Policy Making, Culture and National Role
- Pages 81-94 in:

Wednesday, 17 February Foreign Policy Making and Domestic Constraints
- Pages 95-128 in:

Week 4
Sunday, 21 February Decision Units and Bureaucratic Politics
- Pages 65-79 in:

Wednesday, 24 February Foreign Policy of Great Powers
- Pages 129-152 in:

Week 5
Sunday, 28 February The Other Powers
- Pages 153-171 in:

Wednesday, 2 March Foreign Policy as a Nested Game
- Pages 173-189 in:
Sunday 6 March Mid Term I (in class)

Week 6
Wednesday 9 March  American FP: the National Context
- Chapter 2, Pages 25-57 in: 

Sunday, 13 March  American FP: a “New” Era?
- Chapter 6, pages 258-303 in: 

Week 7
Wednesday, 16 March  China’s Foreign Policy: Basic Concepts

Sunday, 20 March  China’s Peaceful Rise?

Week 8
Wednesday, 23 March  German Foreign Policy

Sunday, 27 March  Official Holiday (Western Easter)

Week 9
Sunday, 3 April  French Foreign Policy

Week 10
Wednesday, 6 April  British Foreign Policy

Sunday, 10 April  The Origins of a European Foreign Policy
Week 11

Wednesday, 13 April  
Russian Foreign Policymaking

Sunday, 17 April  
Iran

Week 12

Wednesday, 20 April  
Turkey
- Ozkececi-Taner, Binnur. “Turkish Foreign Policy: Bridge, Buffer, and Barrier.”, in: Beasley, Ryan K. Foreign Policy in Comparative Perspective, pp. 183-203.

Spring Break 24 April – 2 May

Wednesday, 4 May  
Nigeria

Week 13

Sunday, 8 May  
Venezuela

Wednesday, 11 May  
India

Week 14

Sunday, 15 May  
South Africa

Wednesday, 18 May  
Japan

Final Exam (Check Final Exams Schedule)