Course Description: The aim of this course is to explore some of the key questions concerning relations among the great powers.

Course Requirements: Every student is expected to do all the reading, attend every seminar, and participate in the discussion. The grade will be based on classroom participation (25%), and one 15-page paper (75%).

I will provide students with a list of paper topics from which they can choose one. The paper will be due in my office (Pick 416A) no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday of exam week – March 19. Papers received after that time will be dropped one letter grade for each day past the due date. The paper must be no longer than 15 pages of text, double-spaced, have at least 1-inch margins on all four sides, and have a standard-sized font.

Readings and Books: The following books – all of which are in paper – have been ordered through the Seminary Coop Bookstore.

John M. Hobson, *The Eurocentric Conception of World Politics* (Cambridge)
John Ikenberry, *Liberal Leviathan* (Princeton)
Robert Jervis, *The Meaning of the Nuclear Revolution* (Cornell)
Robert Keohane, *After Hegemony* (Princeton)
Srdjan Vucetic, *The Anglosphere* (Stanford)

All articles, unpublished papers, and book chapters with ** next to them are on Chalk.

Course Outline:

1. January 10 (Thurs): Organizational Meeting

2. January 17 (Thurs): Offensive Realism


3. January 24 (Thurs): Defensive Realism


4. January 31 (Thurs): International Institutions


5. February 7 (Thurs): Bargaining Theory and International Politics


6. February 14 (Thurs): Audience Costs


7. February 21 (Thurs): Nuclear Weapons and Nuclear Proliferation


8. February 28 (Thurs): Culture and International Politics


9. March 7 (Thurs): Liberal Imperialism


10. March 14 (Thurs): The Origins and Future of the EU


