Course Description: This course examines how America's liberal tradition affects its foreign policy.

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

I will provide a list of paper topics, from which students will choose one. Papers will be due in my office (Pick 416A) no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday of exam week – June 10. For graduating seniors, papers will be due no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, June 4.

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: All of the following books are in paperback and have been ordered through the Seminary Coop Bookstore:

-- John Gray, Two Faces of Liberalism (New Press)
-- Francis Fukuyama, America at the Crossroads (Yale)
-- Louis Hartz, The Liberal Tradition in America (Harvest)
-- Samuel Huntington, Who Are We? (Simon & Schuster)
-- John Ikenberry et al, The Crisis of American Foreign Policy (Princeton)
-- Uday Mehta, Liberalism and Empire (Chicago)
-- Reinhold Niebuhr, The Irony of American History (Chicago)
-- Rogers M. Smith, Civic Ideals (Yale)
-- Yael Tamir, Liberalism and Nationalism (Princeton)

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Course Outline:

1. March 31 (Mon): Organizational Meeting

2. April 7 (Mon): What is Liberalism?

   -- Gray, Two Faces of Liberalism, read all.


3. April 14 (Mon): Liberalism and Nationalism

   -- Tamir, Liberal Nationalism, read all.

4. **April 21 (Mon): The American Case -- I**

-- Hartz, *Liberal Tradition in America*, read all.


5. **April 28 (Mon): American Case -- II**

-- Smith, *Civic Ideals*, read all.

6. **May 5 (Mon): American Case -- III**

-- Huntington, *Who Are We*, read all.


7. **May 12 (Mon): The Bush Doctrine**

-- Fukuyama, *America at the Crossroads*, read all.

-- Ikenberry et al., *Crisis of American Foreign Policy*, read all.

8. **May 19 (Mon): Liberal Imperialism**


-- Mehta, *Liberalism and Empire*, read all.

9. **May 28 (Wed): Liberal Peace**


10. **June 2 (Mon): Liberalism and the Balance of Power**

