**THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**  
**Political Science Department**

Political Science 416  
Seminar on Liberalism and American Foreign Policy  
Spring 2016  
Instructor: John Mearsheimer

**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 seminars, and participate in the discussion. The grade will be based on classroom participation (25%) and either one 15-page paper or two 7-page papers (75%). Students can choose either option.

I will provide a list of paper topics, from which students will choose one or two. Papers will be due in my office (Pick 416A) no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday of exam week – June 7. For graduating students, papers will be due no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, June 1.

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. Please make sure to identify the question you are answering at the start of your paper.

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

-- Louis Hartz, *The Liberal Tradition in America* (Harvest)  
-- Samuel Moyn, *The Last Utopia* (Belknap)  
-- Samuel Huntington, *Who Are We?* (Simon & Schuster)  
-- Uday Mehta, *Liberalism and Empire* (Chicago)  
-- Yael Tamir, *Liberal Nationalism* (Princeton)  
-- Michael Walzer, *Just and Unjust Wars* (Basic)

All pieces with ** are on Chalk.

**Course Outline:**

1. March 28 (Mon): Organizational Meeting

2. April 4 (Mon): What is Liberalism?


3. April 11 (Mon): Progressive liberalism


4. April 18 (Mon): Liberal America


5. April 25 (Mon): Liberalism and Nationalism


6. May 2 (Mon): American Nationalism


7. May 9 (Mon): Universal Human Rights


8. May 16 (Mon): Liberal Imperialism


9. May 23 (Mon): Liberal Peace


10. June 3 (Wed): Just War Theory