The aim of this course is to introduce students to the realist paradigm of international relations.

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 one 15-page paper (75%).

We 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 Wednesday of exam week -- June 9. For graduating seniors, papers will be due no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, June 2.

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 in paperback -- have been ordered through the Seminary Coop Bookstore:

Machiavelli, *The Prince* (Chicago)
Reinhold Niebuhr, *The Irony of American History* (Chicago)
Carl Schmitt, *The Concept of the Political* (Chicago)
Michael Walzer, *Just and Unjust Wars* (Basic Books)
Kenneth Waltz, *Theory of International Politics* (Waveland)

All articles, and book chapters are on Chalk.

Course Outline:

1. March 29, 2010 (Mon): Organizational Meeting

2. April 5 (Mon): Thomas Hobbes


3. April 12 (Mon): Structural Realism

   -- Waltz, *Theory of International Politics*, read entire book

4. April 19 (Mon): Offensive Realism

5. April 26 (Mon): **Defensive Realism**


6. May 3 (Mon): **Classical Realism**


7. May 10 (Mon): **Machiavelli**


8. May 17 (Mon): **The Neo-Conservative Theory of International Politics**


9. May 24 (Mon): **The Realist Critique of Liberal Imperialism**


10. June 1 (Tues): **Morality in the State System**