

Summer Seminar in History and Statecraft

Syllabus and List of Readings

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Sunday, July 26th

William Inboden: “History, Statecraft, and Policy Relevance”

1. Inboden, William. "Statecraft, Decision-Making, and the Varieties of Historical Experience: A Taxonomy." *Journal of Strategic Studies*, vol. 37, no. 2 (2014): 291-318.

Monday, July 27th

Hal Brands and Nina Silove: “What is Grand Strategy? And What is it Good For?”

2. Brands, Hal. *What Good is Grand Strategy? Power and Purpose in American Statecraft from Harry S. Truman to George W. Bush*. (Cornell University Press, 2014.) Introduction.
3. Gaddis, John. "What is Grand Strategy?" The Karl Von Der Heyden Distinguished Lecture, Duke University, February 26, 2009. Keynote address for a conference on “American Grand Strategy after War.”
4. Krasner, Stephen. "An Orienting Principle for Foreign Policy," *Policy Review*, October/November 2010.

Christopher Bright: “History and Historians on Capitol Hill”

5. Gavin, Francis J. "History and policy." *International Journal* (2007): 162-177.
6. William R. Keylor, “The Problems and Prospects of Diplomatic/International History,” H-Diplo Essay No. 126, April 10, 2015 (esp. pp. 13-18).
7. Please familiarize yourself with the February 2015 activities of the House Armed Services Committee (including witness statements).
8. Please skim the recent activities of the House Foreign Affairs Committee (including witness statements).

Tuesday, July 28th

Charles Edel and Bartholomew Sparrow: “History and Strategists: John Quincy Adams and Brent Scowcroft”

9. Sparrow, Bartholomew. *The Strategist: Brent Scowcroft and the Call of National Security*. (Public Affairs, 2015.) Chapters 17 and 18.
10. Edel, Charlie. *Nation Builder: John Quincy Adams and the Grand Strategy of the Republic*. (Harvard University Press, 2014.) Intro, pp. 1-12; Conclusion, pp. 290-305.

Frank Gavin: “History, Political Science, and Policy Uncertainty”

11. Gavin, Francis J. "What We Talk About When We Talk About Nuclear Weapons: A Review Essay."
12. Gavin, Francis J. “What We Do, and Why it Matters: A Response to FKS.”
13. Gavin, Francis J. and James B. Steinberg. “Mind the Gap: Why Policymakers and Scholars Ignore Each Other, and What Should Be Done About It.” *Carnegie Reporter*, vol. 6, no. 4 (Spring 2012).

Peter Feaver and Derek Chollet: “The Uses of History in the Bush and Obama Administrations”

14. Feaver, Peter and William Inboden. “A Strategic Planning Cell on National Security at the White House,” Chapter 7 in *Avoiding Trivia*, ed. by Daniel W. Drezner. (Brookings Institution Press, 2009.)
15. Feaver, Peter. “Roundtable on ‘Politics and Scholarship,’” H-Diplo / ISSF Roundtable, vol. 1, no. 2 (June 2010).
16. Kagan, Robert. “Not Fade Away,” *The New Republic*, January 11, 2012.
17. Kaplan, Robert. “Fated to Lead,” *The National Interest*, Jan/Feb 2015.
18. Jervis, Robert. “How Decision-makers Learn from History,” in *Perception and Misperception in International Politics*. (Princeton University Press, 1976.) Chapter 6.

Wednesday, July 29

Steve Slick and Steven Galpern: “History and Intelligence”

19. The Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction. *Report to the President of the United States*. March 2005. Chapter 1 (read highlighted portions only).
20. National Intelligence Council. “Yugoslavia Transformed.” National Intelligence Estimate, October 1990. (skim)
21. Duelfer, Charles. “The Iran Deal’s Fatal Flaw.” *Politico Magazine*, April 2, 2015.
22. Frontline. “Spying on Saddam: Chronology.” PBS online resource.
23. Salibi, Kamal S. *A house of many mansions: The history of Lebanon reconsidered*. (IB Tauris, 2003.) Chapter 12.
24. Pillar, Paul R. *Intelligence and US foreign policy: Iraq, 9/11, and misguided reform*. (Columbia University Press, 2013.) Chapter 5.

Celeste Ward Gventer: “Exporting the National Security State”

25. Hogan, Michael J., *A Cross of Iron: Harry S. Truman and the Origins of the National Security State, 1945-1954*. (Cambridge University Press, 1998.) Chapter 2, pp. 23-69.

Mark Lawrence: “Analogies, Vietnam, and the Uses of History”

26. MacMillan, Margaret. *Dangerous Games: The Uses and Abuses of History*. (New York: Modern Library, 2009.) Chapters 4 and 8.

Thursday, July 30

Mary Habeck and Paul Miller: “History, Combatting Jihadism, and the War in Afghanistan”

27. Al-Madani, Hazim. “This is how we see jihad, and how we want it.”
28. “Mauritanian detainee reveals details about al-Qa’ida’s leadership after Bin Ladin,” *al-Akhbar*, 27 November 2014.
29. General Directives for the Islamic Jihadist Project in Azawad
30. Miller, Paul D. “Graveyard of Analogies: The Use and Abuse of History for the War in Afghanistan.”

Seth Center: “History at Foggy Bottom”

31. Packet of readings on Iraq post-war occupation and reconstruction.