

MAYMESTER 2015

War Studies and the Anglo-American Strategic Tradition

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON DEPARTMENT OF WAR STUDIES

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS CLEMENTS CENTER FOR HISTORY, STRATEGY, AND STATECRAFT

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OVERVIEW

- This course will consist of 14 classes of 3 hours each
- For class, students will be expected to:
 - o Read one or two items of required reading;
 - o Prepare for participation in class and work in teams to debate and discuss;
 - o Keep a daily journal reflecting on the major themes and questions arising from the lectures, readings, and field trips to be handed in on the last day of the programme;
 - o Seven response papers summarizing the readings and posing one or two discussion questions. In some instances, instructors will direct students to use these exercises for specific purposes geared to the goals of a particular seminar. These papers (approximately one page) are due at the beginning of the relevant seminar. More information regarding this means of assessment will be communicated in due course.
- All readings for class will be circulated to students before the course begins.

PRE-READING FOR THE COURSE

- Andrew Roberts, *Masters and Commanders: The Military Geniuses Who Led the West to Victory in World War II*
- Walter Russell Mead, *God and Gold: Britain, America and the Making of the Modern World*, (preface, introduction and conclusion)

26 May **Strategy Master Class**

Lecturer Sir Lawrence Freedman, King's College London

Chair Dr John Bew

Topic Strategy

- Reading
- Sir Lawrence Freedman, *Strategy: A History* (Oxford University Press, 2013) - Preface, Conclusion (Chapter 38) and The Myth of the Master Strategist (Chapter 17)
 - Sir Lawrence Freedman, 'The Master Strategist is still a myth', www.warontherocks.com, October 2014.
 - Daniel Steed, 'Finding Strategic Man', www.warontherocks.com, October 2014

Discussion Does strategy matter?

26 May **Dinner with Emma Sky, OBE, Senior Fellow at the Jackson Institute for Global Affairs at Yale University**

27 May **The Foundations of War Studies - I**

Lecturer Professor Michael Rainsborough

Topic What changes war?

- Reading
- Carl von Clausewitz, 'Key Concepts', in Lawrence Freedman (ed.), *War* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1994), pp. 206-212.

Discussion What is the relevance of modern strategic theory today?

28 May **The Foundations of War Studies - II**

Lecturer Dr John Stone

Chair Professor Michael Rainsborough

Topic Sun Tzu, Clausewitz, and the art of war

- Reading
- John Stone, 'Escalation and the War on Terror', *The Journal of Strategic Studies* 35 (2012): 639-61;

- John Stone, 'Technology and War: A Trinitarian Analysis', Defense and Security Analysis 23 (2007): 27-40;

- Carl von Clausewitz, On War, Book 1, Chapter 1

Discussion What value does discussion of Clausewitz offer today?

01 June The Foundations of American Foreign Policy

Lecturer Professor Mark Lawrence

Topic Intellectual and Cultural traditions underlying U.S. Foreign Policy

- Reading
- John Winthrop, excerpt from "A Model of Christian Charity" (1630)
 - Robert Kagan, Dangerous Nation (New York: Knopf, 2006), chapter 1 (30 pages)
 - Henry Kissinger, Diplomacy (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1994), chapter 2 (26 pages)

Discussion Why is American foreign policy so erratic?

02 June The Foundations of British Foreign Policy

Lecturer Dr John Bew

Topic British foreign policy after the American Revolution, defeating Napoleon, Congress diplomacy, and the balance of power. Henry Kissinger, Hans Morgenthau and British diplomacy.

- Reading
- John Bew, 'In Defence of Cornwallis', National Interest
 - Castlereagh's State Paper of 1820, <http://inveritascrecscientes.files.wordpress.com/2011/09/week-2-castleraugh.pdf>
 - Brendan Simms, 'Castlereagh's Catechism': A Statesman's Guide to Building a New Concert of Europe

Discussion How important was the Empire to the foundations of British foreign policy and are there any lessons for America?

03 June **Power Projection, Intervention and Anti-Slavery**

Lecturer Dr John Bew

Topic Pre-emption, Castlereagh, Canning, Palmerston, and the abolition of slavery.

- Reading
- John Stuart Mill, 'Essay on Non-Intervention', http://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/255#lf0223-21_head_040
 - John Bew, 'From an umpire to a competitor': Castlereagh, Canning and the issue of international intervention in the wake of the Napoleonic Wars.
 - John Bew, review of Robert Holland, Blue-Water Empire, London Review of Books.

Discussion What are the lessons from 19thC interventionism for today's world?

03 June **Dinner with Catarina Tully, Director of FromOverHere and Honorary Fellow of the Strategy and Security Institute at Exeter University**

04 June **Theodore Roosevelt and Anglo-American Relations around WW1**

Lecturer Dr Charlie Laderman, (Cambridge University)

Topic Britain and America before and after World War One. Roosevelt, Walter Lippman and the role of Britain in America's geo-political awakening.

- Reading
- H.J. Mackinder, "The Geographical Pivot of History", Geographical Journal 23, no. 6 (April 1904), pp. 421-423, 432- 437, and commentary.
 - Theodore Roosevelt, Annual Message to Congress, December 6th 1904 (Foreign Policy Sections)
 - Woodrow Wilson, Address to the U.S. Senate, Jan. 22, 1917 (<http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/?pid=65396>)
 - John Bew, 'Reluctant Goliath', 18-24 July 2014 New Statesman
 - Aaron L. Friedberg (1987), Britain and the Experience of Relative Decline, 1895-1905, in Journal of Strategic Studies, 10:3, pp. 331-362
 - William C. Widenor, Henry Cabot Lodge and the Search for an American Foreign Policy, (University of California Press, 1980), Chapter IV "Theodorus Pacificus"

Discussion How significant was the British role in America's geopolitical awakening?

08 June **The Causes of World War II**

Lecturer Professor Joe Maiolo

Topic Appeasement, the interwar years, and the collapse of world order

Reading • The Origins of the Second World War (Seminar Studies In History) (Routledge, 2008) by R. J. Overy

Discussion Debate: When did the Second World War begin?

09 June **Fighting World War Two: Churchill and Roosevelt Master Class**

Lecturer Andrew Roberts

Topic Churchill and America

Reading • Andrew Roberts, Masters and Commanders: The Military Geniuses Who Led the West to Victory in World War II

Discussion Debate: What is the role of leadership in the shaping of Grand Strategy?

10 June **Britain, America and the Special Relationship during the Cold War**

Lecturer Dr James Ellison, Queen Mary University London

Topic Cold War, Empire, NATO and Nuclear Deterrence

Reading • N J Ashton, 'Harold Macmillan and the "Golden Days" of Anglo-American relations revisited, 1957-63', Diplomatic History, 29/4 (2005), pp. 691-723

• D Reynolds, 'A "Special Relationship"? America, Britain and the International Order Since the Second World War', International Affairs, 62/1 (Winter 1985/6), pp. 1-20

• The Atlantic Charter, 1941

• The Declaration of Common Purpose, 1957

Discussion Debate: What was special about Anglo-American relations during the Cold War?

10 June **Dinner with Shiraz Maher**, Senior Research Fellow at the International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation and Political Violence

11 June **The Special Relationship in the modern era: Thatcher, Blair and 9/11**

Lecturer Dr John Bew

Topic Thatcher and Reagan, Blair and Bush

Reading • T. Blair, Speech to the economic club of Chicago, April 22nd 1999.
• L. Freedman, 'The special relationship, then and now', *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 85, No. 3, (2006).
• J. Bew, 'Pax Anglo-Sonica', *The American Interest*, Vol. 10, No. 5, (2015).

Discussion Debate: How Special is the Special Relationship?

16 June **Terrorism and the Liberal State Master Class**

Lecturer Sir David Omand, *former UK Security and Intelligence Coordinator, Home Office Permanent Secretary, and Director GCHQ*

Topic Terrorism

Reading • David Omand, *Securing the State* Chapters 1/4/10/12: Servitas - The Public Value of Security, Civitas - the Public Value of Civic Harmony, Ethical Issues, A Fresco for the Future
• The United Kingdom's Strategy for Countering Terrorism: Annual Report for 2014

Discussion How can strategy help combat terrorism?

17 June **Fighting Small Wars in Theory and Practice: From Iraq to Afghanistan**

Lecturer Professor Michael Rainsborough

Topic Guerilla Warfare and Counter-Insurgency

Reading • Celeste Ward Gventer, David Martin Jones, and M.L.R. Smith (eds), *The New Counter-insurgency Era in Critical Perspective* (Introduction and chapter 1).

Discussion How should insurgency be fought? (Based on documents).

18 June Peace-Making Master Class

Lecturer Lord David Trimble, Noble Peace Prize Laureate

Topic Ten principles of peace-making

Reading • D. Trimble, Misunderstanding Ulster, Conservative Friends of Israel, London, 2007
 • David Trimble – Athenaeum Lecture, 16 September 2010
 • The Nobel Peace Prize Lecture 1998

Discussion What factors are necessary to contribute to national sustainable peace?