This course seeks to incorporate history and culture into the study of international relations by examining the functioning of different historical international societies, both Western and non-Western. In sharp contrast to the dominant mainstream within the discipline that emphasizes trans-historical law-like regularities, our emphasis will be on the diversity of ways in which polities have organized their relations. And although the examples are all of past international societies, the course is rooted in the assumption that one of the best ways to understand the present (and the future) is through detailed comparisons with the past.

The course is intended equally for (primarily MA) students interested in an introductory exposure to material rarely covered in more mainstream classes and for (primarily PhD) students interested in broad theoretical questions and/or this particular style of work. I will assume that you have had INTS 4900 or its equivalent. There is no expectation, though, of prior work or knowledge in this area. With luck, we will have a group of students with diverse interests and backgrounds, to complement the diversity of cases we will consider in the course.

Grades will be based on either a final research paper on a topic of your choice or on two shorter papers, one of 5-7 pages, due in either the fifth or the eighth week of the quarter, and one of 15 pages due at the scheduled time for the final exam. The grade may also be raised (but not lowered) by as much as half a grade based on class participation (quality not quantity). There is a LOT of reading for this course. Because of that, I strongly recommend the short papers option, unless you have a clearly defined research paper in mind at the outset of the quarter.

I have ordered the following books. If you are short of money, my recommendation is to start at the top of the list and work down until you exhaust your budget -- unless something lower down looks really interesting (in my view, all these books are good ones).

- Barry Buzan and Richard Little, *International Systems in World History*
- Yale H. Ferguson and Richard W. Mansbach, *Politics: Authority, Identities, and Change*
- Adam Watson, *The Evolution of International Society*
- Michael Mann, *The Sources of Social Power, Volume I*
- Marshall Hodgson, *Rethinking World History*
- Adda B. Bozeman, *Politics and Culture in International History*
- Fernand Braudel, *A History of Civilizations*
- Robin Osborne, ed., *Classical Greece (Short Oxford History of Europe)*
- Anja Hartmann and Beatrice Heuser, eds., *War, Peace and World Orders in European History*
1. Units, Structures, and International Societies

Required Reading:
It is important that you read everything here. I know it is a lot, but it will really help as we proceed. Also, read Buzan and Little and Ferguson and Mansbach before the rest (which can be read profitably in almost any order, except that you should read Philpott immediately after Reus-Smit).

Martin van Creveld, *The Rise and Decline of the State*, chapter 1.
Christian Reus-Smit, *The Moral Purpose of the State*, chapters 1, 2.
Daniel Philpott, *Revolutions in Sovereignty*, chapters 1, 2.
Andreas Osiander, “History and International Relations Theory,” in Hartmann and Heuser.

Recommended:
Buzan and Little, chapters 1-3.
Ferguson and Mansbach, chapter 1.
T. Knutsen, *The Rise and Fall of World Orders*.

2. The Ancient Near East

Required Reading:
Watson, chapters 2-4.
Ferguson and Mansbach, chapters 3-4.

3. Ancient Greece (I): Society and Values

Required Reading:
Yes, I realize that the quantity is ridiculous, but do your best. Try to read more or less in this order, but skip ahead if some later pieces look more interesting.

von Creveld, pp. 10-35 (reread).
Mann, chapter 7.
Mogens Herman Hansen, Polis, pp. 56-65, 85-97, 101-117.
Jean-Pierre Vernant, ed., The Greeks, chapter 7 (Oswyn Murray, "Forms of Sociality").
Mary Whitlock Blundell, Helping Friends and Harming Enemies, chapter 2.
Osborne, ed., chapter 3 (Rosalind Thomas, "The Classical City").
Victor Ehrenberg, The Greek State, Part I, Chapter II, §2-3 OR [even I can't bring myself to say "and"] Christopher Carey, Democracy in Classical Athens, chapters 4, 5.
Osborne, ed., chapter 6 (James Davidson, "Private Life").

**Recommended:**
Bozeman, Chapter 2.
Vernant, ed., chapters 4, 5.
Adkins, chapter 4.
Oswyn Murray, "Cities of Reason." In Murray and Simon Price, eds., The Greek City from Homer to Alexander.
Ferguson and Mansbach, chapter 5.
Perry Anderson, Passages from Antiquity to Feudalism, chapters 1, 2.

### 4. Ancient Greece (II): Relations among Poleis

**Required Reading:**
Osborne, ed., chapters 8 ("Robin Osborne, "The Fourth Century: Political and Military Narrative), 4 (Hans van Wees, "The City at War").
Hans van Wees, War and Peace in Ancient Greece, and Simon Hornblower, Greeks and Persians: West against East, in Hartmann and Heuser
Frank Adcock and D. J. Mosley, Diplomacy in Ancient Greece, ch. 15-18
Richard Little in Kaufman, Little, and Wohlfforth
Watson, chapter 5
Ferguson and Mansbach, chapter 6.
5. Rome

Mann, chapter 9.
Watson, chapter 9.
Daniel Deudney in Kaufman, Little, and Wohlforth.
Bozeman, chapter 5.
Keith Hopkins, The Political Economy of the Roman Empire, in Ian Morris and Walter Scheidel, *The Dynamics of Ancient Empires*

6. Ancient Mediterranean Polities Compared

Buzan and Little, chapters 8-11.
Watson, chapter 12.
Introduction and Conclusion, in Kaufman, Little and Wohlforth

7: China

**Required Reading:**

Charles O. Hucker, *China's Imperial Past*, Introduction, chapters 1 (skim), 2, 3 (skim), 5 (skim), 6, 10 (skim), 11.
Bozeman, chapter 4.
Watson, chapter 8.
Ferguson and Mansbach, chapter 8.

Recommended:
Braudel, chapters 10, 11.
Ferguson and Mansbach, chapter 7.

8. Comparing China and Rome

Walter Scheidel, ed., Rome and China: Comparative Perspectives on Ancient World Empires, chapters 1, 2, 5-7.
Fritz-Heiner Mutschler and Achim Mittag, eds., Conceiving the Empire: China and Rome Compared, pp. 5-165.

9. Islam and the Caliphate

Required Reading:
Watson, chapter 11.
Ferguson and Mansbach, chapters 11, 12.
Hodgson, Rethinking World History, chapter 7 and pp. 171-181.
Bozeman, chapter 10.
Braudel, chapters 4-6.

Recommended:
Ibn Khaldun, The Muqaddimah: An Introduction to History

10. Making the Modern: Comparing The West and Islam

Required Reading:
Hodgson, ch 1, 3, 4, 8 and pp. 181-184, 193-206, ch. 10