Course Meeting: Tuesdays 12:45 pm-2:45 pm  
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Seminar Papers Due Wednesday, May 8

General Information

The purpose of this course will be to explore the future sources and character of inter-state and intra-state conflict in ways that can support the development of policy recommendations. Attention will be paid, initially, to methods for thinking about future policy issues that differ from standard social science analysis. Role-playing simulations will be employed in two meetings of the seminar. A 30 page research paper will be written for the course. All students will make an in-class presentation on their preliminary research in weeks eight through eleven. The paper will be due at the end of reading period and will be the basis for 70% of the final grade. Class participation will count for 30% of the final grade. The class cannot be taken pass-fail.

A course book will be available for students enrolled in the course. The following books are required reading and the assigned material will not be in the source book:

- Ernest May, Strange Victory
- Stephen Peter Rosen, War and Human Nature
- Philip E. Tetlock, Expert Political Judgment

These books are available in paperback for purchase from on-line vendors with shipping times of 2-3 days. Students taking the course must make arrangements to read these books in sufficient time for their discussion in class.
January 29 – Week One: Organizational Meeting

February 5 – Week Two: Political Judgment, Forecasting, and Net Assessment


February 12 – Week Three: Political Regime Types


February 19 – Week Four: Competitive Strategies


February 26 – Week Five: China


**March 5 – Week Six: Simulation: China Confronts Taiwan**

**March 12 – Week Seven: Simulation: A US-PRC Peacetime Competition**

**March 19 – SPRING RECESS: NO CLASS**

**March 26 – Week Eight: Student Presentations**

**April 2 – Week Nine: Student Presentations**

**April 9 – Week Ten: Student Presentations**

**April 16 – Week Eleven: Student Presentations**

**April 23 – Week Twelve: Student Presentations**

**April 30 – NO CLASS**