PS280 Introduction to Global Issues. Spring 2013

Study question for the First Midterm Exam.

I. Identification. (5 of 7)

- Anarchy.
- Appeasement.
- Arab spring.
- Bipolar.
- Collective Security.
- Constructivists.
- Containment.
- Détente.
- Diplomacy.
- Feminist Theory.
- Foreign policy.
- Globalization.
- Hard power.
- Hyperpower.
- Ideational (sources of power)
- Interdependence.
- International law.
- International organization.
- Level of analysis.
- Multilateralism.

- National interests.
- Neoliberalism.
- Nongovernmental Organizations.
- Nonplar world.
- Peace keeping & peace making.
- Public diplomacy.
- Rapprochement.
- Rational Choice
- Realism.
- Reciprocity.
- Relative gains.
- Security dilemma.
- Soft power.
- Sovereignty.
- Standard Operating Procedures.
- State.
- Terrorism.
- Truman Doctrine.
- Veto power.

II. Short Essays. (2 of 3)

1. Is “Globalization” a new phenomenon? We have seen increase in transnational movement of goods, money and people before. What is different this time around? What are some of the global problems that define our view of the world today?

2. What “lessons” can we learn from the history of Cold War? Is it relevant for understanding today’s world? Or does it have no significance beyond historical interests? How was the world under the Cold War similar to today’s world? How was it different?

3. “As students of global politics, we should be both realist and liberalist at the same time, and occasionally Marxist, feminist and constructivist as well.” Discuss this statement.

4. What are the “national interests” and how are they determined? How do states try to achieve those goals?

5. Are international law and international organizations irrelevant because they are simply reflections of state powers? Or should states ignore them as much as they can because they are unnecessary restriction on sovereignty?

6. Is China going to be the next superpower? What factors make it more likely that China’s global influence will rival that of the United States within the next few decades? What factors will make it less likely?