II. Nuclear Weapons and World Order  
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DESCRIPTION: Over the six plus decades of their existence, nuclear weapons have been at the center of concerns for international politics and international theory. Vast disagreements exist about many aspects of this topic. This course examines what is perhaps the most basic question, what political arrangements are consistent with security from nuclear weapons? Debate about this question falls into roughly two parts, the First Debate during the years of the Cold War, and the Second Debate beginning roughly twenty years ago and encompassing the problem of non-state actors. The first part of the course is an intensive examination of the major school of thought during the first great debate, culminating in the role of nuclear weapons at the end of the Cold War. This debate was centered on the implications of nuclear weapons for interstate and great power relations, and came to be overwhelmingly dominated by deterrence and the measures necessary to achieve it. The second part is an intensive examination of the major issues and positions of the much newer and less settled second great debate. The scope of issues at play in the second debate is much more extensive, encompassing non-state actors as well as states, and the internal features of states, as well as their relations. The third part of the course examines in depth four select topics which have not been accorded sufficient attention by theorists.

REQUIREMENTS: 1. Reading Assignments and Class Participation  
2. Three (3) ten (10) page papers evaluating the debate on a topic.

TEXTS:  
The following books will be used extensively and should be acquired:

Campbell Craig, *Glimmer of a New Leviathan* (Columbia, 2003)  
Lawrence S. Wittner, *Confronting the Bomb* (Stanford, 2009)  
Paul Lettow, *Ronald Reagan and His Quest to Abolish Nuclear Weapons* (Random House, 2005)  
Dahl, *Controlling Nuclear Weapons, Democracy Versus Guardianship* (Syracuse, 1985)  
1. INTRODUCTION

PART I: THE FIRST GREAT DEBATE

2. NUCLEAR ONE WORLDISM & EARLY DETERRENCE


3. WAR STRATEGISM & LATER DETERRENCE


Marc Trachtenberg, “Strategic Thought in America, 1952-1966,” *Political Science Quarterly,*

### 4. ARMS CONTROL, DISARMAMENT & ABOLITION


### 5. NUCLEAR POPULISM

Lawrence S. Wittner, Confronting the Bomb: A Short History of the World Disarmament Movement (Stanford University Press, 2009)


6. NUCLEAR WEAPONS & THE END OF THE COLD WAR


PART II: THE SECOND GREAT DEBATE

7. PROLIFERATION & COUNTER-PROLIFERATION


8. TERRORISM & NON-STATE ACTORS (I)


9. TERRORISM & NON-STATE ACTORS (II)


PART III: PROBLEMS & TOPICS

10. TECHNOLOGICAL DETERMINISM, CONTRADICTION & LAGS


Chalmers Johnson, Revolutionary Change, second edition (Stanford University Press, 1982).

11. LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUTIONAL STATES


12. THE PLANETARY COMMONS: MILITARIZATION & DE-MILITARIZATION

   The Atmosphere, Oceans, Orbital Space and Electromagnetic Spectrum


13. NUCLEAR CONSTITUTIONAL SECURITY UNIONS

Jeffrey L. Dunoff, and Joel P, Trachtman, eds., Part I: What Is Constitutionalism Beyond the State? Part II: The Constitutional Dimensions of Specific International Regimes (ch 4&5 only), Part III:


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