

F703 Foreign Policy Roundtable

Tuesdays, 2:00–3:30, Sept. 18–Nov. 6

Moderator: John Coffey

Class limit: 25

This is a discussion seminar examining selected topics in contemporary American foreign policy. Each topic has designated readings, which participants must read carefully and be prepared to discuss. Participants will receive links for the readings prior to the beginning of the course. In order to take this course, participants must have access to a computer and be able to print the readings.

- Sept. 18: *America in the World*

[Francis Fukuyama, "The Future of History," *Foreign Affairs* \(Jan./Feb., 2012\)](#) (Subscription required)

[Department of Defense, "Sustaining U.S. Global Leadership: Priorities for 21st Century Defense" \(Jan., 2012\)](#)

[David Ignatius, "An Economic Boom Ahead?" *Washington Post*, 5/6/12](#)

[Seth Cropsey, "Mahan's Naval Strategy," *World Affairs* \(Mar./Apr., 2012\)](#)

- Sept. 25: *America in the World II*

[Christopher Layne, "The Global Power Shift from West to East," *National Interest* \(May/June, 2012\)](#)

(Subscription required)

[Joseph Parent, "The Wisdom of Retrenchment," *Foreign Affairs* \(Nov./Dec., 2011\)](#) (Subscription required).

[Richard Haass, "The Restoration Doctrine," *American Interest* \(Jan./Feb, 2012\)](#)

[John Coffey, review of Robert Kagan, "The World America Made", *American Diplomacy* \(March, 2012\)](#)

John Coffey, review of Zbigniew Brzezinski, "Strategic Vision", *Parameters* (Summer, 2012)

John Coffey, review of Robert Lieber, "Power and Willpower in the American Future", *American Diplomacy* (Sept, 2012)

- Oct. 2: *Europe's Future?*

[Gideon Rachman, "Europe's Zero-Sum Dilemma," *National Interest* \(May/June, 2012\)](#) (Subscription required)

[Charles Lane, "Yugoslavia's Lesson for Europe's Disunion", *Washington Post*, 5/29/12](#)

[Walter Laqueur, "Night Thoughts on Europe," *National Interest* \(Nov./Dec., 2011\)](#) (Subscription required)

[Richard Haass, "Why Europe No Longer Matters," *Washington Post*, 6/17/11](#)

[Christopher Caldwell, "Europe's Other Crisis," *New Republic*, 5/24/12](#)

- Oct. 9: *Europe's Future II?*

[Michael Gerson, "Britain and Europe, Divided By More Than a Channel," *Washington Post*, 12/23/11](#)

[Pamela Swieboda, "This Winter in Warsaw," *American Interest* \(Jan./Feb., 2012\)](#)

[Jackson Diehl, "Autocracy Returns to Central Europe," *Washington Post*, 12/26/11](#)

[Nicholas Eberstadt, "The Dying Bear," *Foreign Affairs* \(Nov./Dec., 2011\)](#) (Subscription required)

[Thomas Graham, "Putin, the Sequel," *American Interest* \(Mar./Apr., 2012\)](#)

[David Kramer, "Doing Well By Doing Right," *American Interest* \(Mar./Ap., 2012\)](#)

- Oct. 16: *Arab Spring Fallout*

[Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, "Keynote Address at the National Democratic Institute," Washington, D.C., 11/7/11](#)

[Jonathan Broder, "Unfinished Mideast Revolts," *National Interest* \(May/June, 2012\)](#) (Subscription required)

[Fouad Ajami, "The Arab Spring at One," *Foreign Affairs* \(Mar./Ap., 2012\)](#) (Subscription required)

[Amitai Etzioni, "The Folly of Nation Building," *National Interest* \(Jl./Aug., 2012\)](#) (Subscription required)

[Henry Kissinger, "Syrian Intervention Risks Upsetting Global Order," *Washington Post* 6/3/12](#)

[Anne Marie Slaughter, "Syrian Intervention is Justifiable, and Just," *Washington Post*, 6/10/12](#)

• Oct. 23: *China and the Asia-Pacific*

[President Barack Obama, "Address to Australian Parliament," Canberra, Australia, 11/17/11](#)

[Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, "America's Pacific Century," Honolulu, HI, 11/10/11](#)

[Mayumi Fukushima, "Rising Sun in the New West," *American Interest* \(May/June, 2012\)](#)

[Alan Dupont, "An Asian Security Standoff," *National Interest* \(May/June, 2012\)](#) (Subscription required)

[Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, "Shangri-La Security Dialogue," Singapore 6/2/12](#)

[Robert Merry, "The China Challenge," *National Interest*, 8/21/12](#)

• Oct. 30: *China and the Asia-Pacific II*

[Henry Kissinger, "The Future of U.S.-Chinese Relations," *Foreign Affairs* \(Mar./Ap., 2012\)](#) (Subscription Required)

[John Coffey, review of Aaron Friedberg, "A Contest for Supremacy," *American Diplomacy* \(February, 2012\)](#)

[John Lee, "China's Corporate Leninism," *American Interest* \(May/June, 2012\)](#)

[Yan Xuetong, "How China Can Defeat America," *New York Times*, 11/20/11](#)

[Eric X. Li, "Why China's Political Model Is Superior," *New York Times*, 2/16/12](#)

[David Ignatius, "China's Wobbly Transition," *Washington Post*, 5/22/12](#)

• Nov. 6: *Dealing With a Nuclear Iran*

[Ray Takeyh, "Why Iran Thinks It Needs the Bomb," *Washington Post*, 2/19/12](#)

[Eric Edelman, "The Dangers of a Nuclear Iran," *Foreign Affairs* \(Jan./Feb., 2011\)](#) (Subscription required)

[Matthew Kroenig, "Time to Attack Iran," *Foreign Affairs* \(Jan./Feb., 2012\)](#) (Subscription required)

[Colin Kahl, "Not Time to Attack Iran," *Foreign Affairs* \(Mar./Ap., 2012\)](#) (Subscription required)

[Jeffrey White, "War With Iran: What Would It Look Like?" *American Interest* \(Jul./Aug., 2011\)](#)

[Kenneth Waltz, "Why Iran Should Get the Bomb," *Foreign Affairs* \(Jul./Aug., 2012\)](#) (Subscription required)

John Coffey received a PhD in American history from Stanford University, where he was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow. He taught Western Civilization at Stanford and political science at Rockford College. He served in the Office of the Secretary of Defense/Policy, Commerce Department and State Department, retiring from State in 2005. He has published widely on foreign and defense policy.