**POSC 239 The Diplomat’s Craft**

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What is the meaning of diplomacy? How has its practice evolved in response to a changing world? What are the special characteristics of the American way of conducting diplomacy and do they benefit or harm the nation’s interests? In addition to readings, I shall draw on my experiences during thirty-six years in the Foreign Service in the hope of shedding further light on these issues.

**Requirements**

Mid-term exam 30%

Attendance and participation in class discussions 40%

Term research paper 30%

**Texts**

Selected writings will be on E-Reserve.

**Reading Assignments**

March 31 Introduction

Freeman, *The Diplomat’s Dictionary*, pp. 70-92.

April 2 History, Theory and Practice of Diplomacy

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Nicolson, *Diplomacy*, pp. 9-33

Craig & George, *Force and Statecraft* (3rd ed.), pp. 10-14.

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April 7 The American Way of Diplomacy: Structure and Practice

Kopp and Gillespie, *Career Diplomacy: Life and Work in the U.S. Foreign Service, pp. 3-33.*

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U.S. Relations with China, 1944-49, Department of State, 1949, pp. 901-922.

Langewiesche, “Welcome to the Green Zone, *Atlantic Monthly*, November, 2004, 61-88.

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Bacevich, *The New American Imperialism*, pp. 9-33.

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Gettleman and Schmitt, “U.S. Aided a Failed Plan,” *New York Times*, Feb. 7, 2009.

Schmitt, “Study Says African Command Needs to Refine Its Mission,” *New York Times*, 1-25-09.

Conde, “Girl Killed in Philippine Military Operation,” *New York Times,* 2-23-09.

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Simes, “America’s Imperial Dilemma,” *Foreign Affairs*, Nov/Dec 2003, pp 91-102.

April 21 America and the World in the Bush Era

Daalder and Lindsay, “Bush’s Revolution, *Current History*, Nov. 2003, pp. 367-377.

Ikenberry, “America and the Ambivalence of Power,” *Current History*, Nov. 2003, pp. 377-382.

Bogdanovich and Nordberg, “Mixed Signals Helped Tilt Haiti Toward Chaos” *New York Times*, Jan. 29, 2006.

Preble, “The Bush Doctrine and Rogue States,” *Foreign Service Journal*, Oct. 2005, pp. 25-30

Rubin, “Stumbling into War,” *Foreign Affiars*, Sept./Oct. 2003, pp. 46-66.

April 23 When Ideology and Reality Collide

Fukuyama, “After Neoconservatism,” *New York Times Magazine*, Feb. 19, 2006, pp. 62-67.

Bacevich, “Requiem for the Bush Doctrine,” *Current History*, Dec. 2005, pp. 411-417.

Kurlantzick, “The Decline of America’s Soft Power,” *Current Histo*ry, Dec. 2005, pp. 419-424.

Friedman, “A Foreign Policy Built on Do-Overs,” *New York Times*, Feb. 23, 2007.

Haas, “Regime Change and Its Limits,” *Foreign Affairs*, July/August 2005, pp. 67-78.

Gordon, “The End of the Bush Revolution,” *Foreign Affairs*, July/August 2006, pp. 75-86.

Carothers, “The Backlash Against Democracy Promotion,” *Foreign Affairs*, March/April 2006, pp. 55-68.

Solomon and King, “As Neocons Leave, Bush Foreign Policy Takes Softer Line,” *Wall Street Journal*, Feb. 5, 2006.

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Luers, Pickering and Walsh, “How to Deal with Iran,” *NY Review of Books*, Feb. 12, 2009, pp. 45-48.

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