Department of Political Science

POLI 3568

Canada and the World

Winter 2013

Tuesday, 14h35-15h55
Thursday, 14h35-15h55
Chemistry 223

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Course description and objectives

This class examines post-World War II Canadian foreign policy in two parts: (1) an analysis of ‘landmark’ policy issues; and (2) an investigation of the general factors that help to “explain” the form and content of Canadian foreign policy, with particular reference to the institutions and processes through which policy decisions are made. Issues discussed are likely to include: the “invention” of peacekeeping; the Mulroney government’s involvement in the campaign to end apartheid in South Africa; the negotiation of the North American free trade; the politics of immigration and diasporas; and the place of the Arctic in Canadian and international relations.

The purpose of this course is to give students a good understanding of how foreign policy is formulated and implemented in Canada. In short, Canadian foreign policy is the product of competing forces stemming from both external and domestic realities. To study Canadian foreign policy is to assess and organize into a coherent whole how these forces mould policy in Canada and, ultimately, when, why and how Canada behaves in the World.

The course is divided into two separate sections. First, we will examine the international and domestic determinants of Canada’s international behaviour. Thus, we will look at the different factors, such as institutional actors, the prime minister, public opinion, influencing how
Canada establishes its foreign policy and manages to balance between its national interests and its values. Second, we will adopt a more “thematic” approach, exploring the different aspects of Canada’s foreign policy such as diplomacy, international aid, trade policy, and defence policy. We will also devote important attention to Canadian-US relations, Canada’s relationship with international organizations such as the United Nations, NATO, or WTO.

**Website**
The course website on the Backboard Learn System (Bblearn) can be accessed through my.dal.ca. It includes, among other resources, a digital copy of the syllabus, updates to any changes to the syllabus throughout the semester, web links to some readings that are not in the required book. If you have a technical problem with the course website, email the Help Desk: helpdesk@dal.ca.

**Readings**
The course has a required book available at the university bookstore:


**Suggested readings:**
For motivated students, there are many good books on Canadian foreign policy which would complement the lectures. Here are a few suggestions:


**Requirements and Grading**

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<td>Final exam</td>
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**Midterm Exam**
The midterm exam will consist of a take-home. The exam questions will be available on February 21. The exam will have to be handed-in on March 5th, 2013. The exam will focus on the material covered in class. It will consist of medium to long length questions.
Participation
An important element of academic life is to attend and take part in class discussions.

Paper
In this paper, the student will select one theme from the list below. The student will assess the main factors influencing Canadian foreign policy decisions in these specific circumstances. The paper’s length should be of approximately 5000 words and will be due on April 9th, 2013.

Final Exam
The final exam will cover material (from seminars and readings) from the entire semester. It will be scheduled by the University Registrar. The official exam period is April 11-26. Do not make travel plans until after you know the official date of the final exam.

Deadlines and Late Penalties
Any assignment received after the due date will be subject to a late penalty of 5% per day, unless appropriate written documentation such as a doctor’s note is provided. Please plan your work well ahead of time to avoid this.

Plagiarism and Academic Integrity
Plagiarism is a serious violation of academic ethics. All students in this class are to read and understand the policies on plagiarism and academic honesty referenced in the Policies and Student Resources sections of the plagiarism.dal.ca website. Ignorance of such policies is no excuse for violations.
To ensure that you understand what plagiarism is, I suggest you take the following online quiz: http://www.bc.edu/schools/cas/polisci/integrity/quiz.html. You might find some surprises.
If you have any questions about academic integrity and plagiarism, please ask.

OSAA Syllabus Statement on Accommodation
Students may request accommodation as a result of barriers related to disability, religious obligation, or any characteristic under the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act. Students who require academic accommodation for either classroom participation or the writing of tests and exams should make their request to the Advising and Access Services Center (AASC) prior to or at the outset of the regular academic year. Please visit www.dal.ca/access for more information and to obtain the Request for Accommodation – Form A.

A note taker may be required as part of a student’s accommodation. There is an honorarium of $75/course/term (with some exceptions). If you are interested, please contact AASC at 494-2836 for more information.

Please note that your classroom may contain specialized accessible furniture and equipment. It is important that these items remain in the classroom, untouched, so that students who require their usage will be able to participate in the class.
## Course schedule

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<th>Week 1</th>
<th>Canada in the international environment</th>
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| January 8\(^{th}\), 2013  
January 10\(^{th}\), 2013 | • Nossal, Roussel, and Paquin. Chapter 1 and 2. |

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<th>Week 2</th>
<th>Doctrines, values and approaches to Canadian foreign policy</th>
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| January 15\(^{th}\), 2013  
January 17\(^{th}\), 2013 | • Nossal, Roussel, and Paquin. Chapter 5. |

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| January 22\(^{nd}\), 2013  
January 24\(^{th}\), 2013 | • Nossal, Roussel, and Paquin. Chapter 6 and 8 |

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#### Foreign policy documents

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### Week 6
#### Canada and International institutions

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### Week 7
#### Canadian-US relations

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### Week 8
#### ***March break***

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