University of California Washington Center

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**"Beyond Sovereignty"**

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*Bono of U2 Hugo Chávez*

*Musician, Philanthropist President of Venezuela (as of now)*

**Course Description:**

The decline of traditional sovereignty is the focus of this course. The nature of that transformation--what is causing it, why, and with what implications--will be the object of our concern. While time frames are elusive, the bulk of our attention will be on the post-Cold War world. This is a worthy focus for a number of reasons, not the least of which is that most, if not all, of you have been brought up in it; and the pressures and opportunities within which you will be living are being framed within this historic context. Against this background, some of the key questions we will be asking--and, where possible, hopefully answering--are:

* How 'new' are the so-called big challenges confronting the traditional nation-state, from trans-national terrorism, to the spread of disease?
* Among the major themes defining the post-Cold War era, which one strikes you as the most pressing, the one that, if left unaddressed, will overwhelm everything else?
* Is the traditional nation state in a process of major transformation?
* If so, is it being forced to surrender its sovereignty in response to globalization?
* What alternative structures are being put forward to replace it, if any?

**Performance Requirements:**

Your semester grade will be calculated on the basis of how well you perform on four (4) key exercises:

**Take Home Midterm** (25%): Your examination will consist of two parts:

* A series of IDs that require you to identify, describe, and synthesize key terms and concepts of the course
* Two or three essay questions addressing major issues raised in readings/lectures/class discussions

Length: 2,000 Words Maximum. Your examination will be returned to you one week after submission.

**Policy Memorandum** (25%): A formal statement consisting of:

* Subject (For example, US policy toward country “X”)
* Definition (Key aspects of the above)
* Policy recommendations

Length: 1,000-1,500 words. Double spaced. 12 font. All sources are to be attached at bottom of page.

Grading will be based on:

* Lucidity
* Issue expertise
* Structure

**Participation** (20%) Another key to doing well, involving:

* Capacity to actively engage with your peers and instructor on subjects derived from readings/lectures/class discussions.
* Demonstrated, up-to-date, grasp of current events of relevance to this course, derived from daily readings of “The Washington Post,” “The New York Times,” or another, internationally respected newspaper.

**Final Examination** (30%)

**Learning Objectives:**

At the end of this Semester, you will have:

* Obtained a grasp of the key issues surrounding sovereignty
* Learned to analyze readings and lectures
* Enhanced your oral and written skills

My grading schema is as follows:

A 100-95

A-94-90

B+89-86

B 85-83

B-82-80

C+79-76

C 75-73

C-72-70

D+69-66

D 65-63

D-62-60

F 59 and below

**My Expectations**

* ***Attendance***. You are allotted two (2) unexcused absences. Beginning with the third one, each subsequent "no show" results in a full grade reduction in your overall grade (say from B to C).
* ***Preparation.*** Active engagement with your readings and your classmates throughout the duration of this course.
* ***Minimal Distractions.*** No Laptops, Cell Phones, or Twitters.

**Course Readings:**

Mayann Cusimano Love (ED, "Beyond Sovereignty: Issues for a Global Agenda,”) 4th Edition, Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.

Other assigned readings are accessible through **UCDC Reserves Web-site**

**Assignments:**

Week 1: Global Problems: Global Solutions

* Love 1
* Thomas Friedman, "How The World Became Flat," in THE WORLD IS FLAT, pp. 3-50
* Samuel Huntington, “The New Era in World Politics,” in The Clash of Civilizations**,** 1996, pp. 19-39

Week 2: Intergovernmental Organizations

* Love 2
* Aadity Mattoo and Arvind Subramanian, “From Doha To The Next Bretton Woods,” Foreign Affairs, January-February, 2009
* Ngaire Woods, "Governing The Global Economy," International Peace Institute (June 30, 2008)
* Policy Memorandum: discussion/assignment

Week 3: Nongovernmental Organizations

* Love 3
* Lester Salomon, "The Rise Of The Nonprofit Sector,” Foreign Affairs, July-August, 1994
* Deborah Spar and Lane LaMure, "The Power of Activism: Assessing The Impact of NGO's on Global Business," California Management Review"

Week 4: Multinational Corporations

* Love 4
* Klaus Schwab, “Global Corporate Citizenship,” Foreign Affairs, January-February, 2008
* Speaker

Week 5: Networked Terror

* Love 5
* Jessica Stern, “Mind Over Martyr,” Foreign Affairs, January-February, 2010
* Isabelle Duyvesten, "How New Is The New Terrorism?” Studies in Conflict and Terrorism, 27, 5 2004

Week 6 Global Crime

* Love 6
* Moses Naim, “Mafia States,” Foreign Affairs, May-June, 2012
* Max Boot, “Pirates Then and Now,” Foreign Affairs, January-February, 2009
* Ethan Kapstein, “The New Global Slave Trade,” Foreign Affairs, November-December, 2006
* Midterm passed out

Week 7: People on the Move

* Love 8
* Tamar Jacoby, “Germany’s Immigration Dilemma,” Foreign Affairs, March-April, 2011
* Antonio Guterres, “Millions Uprooted,” Foreign Affairs, September-October, 2008
* “Front Line-Video” Immigration (California-Mexico)
* Take Home Midterm submitted to me

Week 8: Defending Cyberspace

* Love 9
* Wesley Clark and Peter Levin, "Securing the Information Highway," Foreign Affairs, November-December, 2009
* Shane Harris, “China’s Cyber-Militia,” The National Journal, May 31, 2008
* Take Home Midterm graded/handed back

Week 9: Ecological Interdependence and the Spread of Disease

* Love 10
* Laurie Garrett, “Castrocare in Crisis,” Foreign Affairs, July-August, 2010
* Princeton Lyman and Stephen Wittles,”No Good Deed Goes Unpunished,” Foreign Affairs, July-August, 2010
* Laurie Garrett, "The Challenge of Global Health," Foreign Affairs, January-February, 2007

Week 10: Weapons of Mass Destruction

* Love 11
* Gregory Schulte, “Stopping Proliferation Before It Starts,” Foreign Affairs, July-August, 2010
* Charles Ferguson, “The Long Road To Zero,” Foreign Affairs, January-February, 2010

Week 11: Globalization and the Environment

* Love 12
* "Building A Green Economy," The New York Times Magazine, April 4, 2010
* Carter Bales and Richard Duke, “Containing Climate Change,” Foreign Affairs, September-October, 2008
* Jeffrey Sachs, "A Home For All Species," in ECONOMICS FOR A CROWDED PLANET, pp. 139-155 (Reserves)

Week 12: Sovereignty Revisited

* Love 14
* Jessica T. Matthews, "Power Shift," Foreign Affairs, January-February, 1997
* Anne-Marie Slaughter, "The Real New World Order," Foreign Affairs, September-October, 1997
* Policy Memorandum due

Week 13: **Spring Break**

Week 14: Special Topics: Overselling Globalization/Women

* Malcolm Gladwell, “Small Change,” The New Yorker, October 4, 2010
* Elizabeth Prugl, “If Lehman Brothers Had Been Lehman Sisters,” International Political Sociology, March 2012
* Reihan Salam, “The Death of Macho,” Foreign Policy, June 18, 2009
* Policy Memorandum graded/returned

Week 15: Course Review/In-class Final

**Biographical Note:** I am a native Californian, with degrees from U.C. Berkeley (B.A. Political Science); San Francisco State University (M.A. Political Science); and a Ph.D. (Political Science) from the University of California at Santa Barbara. I have lived in Washington since 1971. My professional career encompasses political science teaching at The George Washington University; international trade lobbying for The National Association of Manufacturers; senior staff positions on Capitol Hill and The International Monetary Fund. My experience lies in the area of comparative politics and international economic policy. I am currently a Professorial Lecturer at The American University's School of International Service. Language competence: German (fluency), and Russian (intermediate fluency). Memberships: The Cosmos Club of Washington. Volunteer Activities: English as a 2nd Language teacher.