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UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC HISTORY/DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS  
LECTURE OUTLINE  
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I. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

- A. STUDY OF HISTORY AND POLITICS
  - 1. Role of Ideas and Presuppositions
  - 2. Cross of Reality
  - 3. Philosophies of History
    - a. Autonomy
    - b. Teleology
  - 4. Presuppositions
  - 5. Korzybski and Burke
  - 6. Social Sciences
  - 7. Institutional Memory
  - 8. Dual Purpose for Studying History
    - a. Seeking Facts
    - b. Interpreting Meaning
- B. INESCAPABLE CONCEPTS
  - 1. Sovereignty
    - a. Centralization and Decentralization
    - b. The One and the many
    - c. Governing Principles
  - 2. Ends
  - 3. Means
  - 4. Truth
  - 5. Consequences

II. EARLY AMERICAN DIPLOMACY

- A. WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE
  - 1. First Great Imperial Struggle (c. 1415-1815)
  - 2. Shot Heard 'Round the World
  - 3. Olive Branch Petition
  - 4. Debate in Parliament
  - 5. American Prohibitory Act, 1775
  - 6. Battle of Saratoga
  - 7. Benjamin Franklin
  - 8. Treaty with France
  - 9. Separate Peace
    - a. John Adams
    - b. Negotiations
    - c. Preliminary Peace Treaty
  - 10. Treaty of Paris
- B. WASHINGTON ADMINISTRATION
  - 1. Constitution: Foreign Affairs
    - a. Treaties

- b. Executive Agreements
    - 2. Department of State: Thomas Jefferson
    - 3. French Revolution
    - 4. Neutrality Proclamation
    - 5. Citizen Genêt
      - a. His Defiance
    - 6. Jefferson's Resignation
    - 7. Jay's Treaty
    - 8. Pinckney's Treaty
    - 9. Washington's Farewell Address
  - C. JOHN ADAMS ADMINISTRATION
    - 1. XYZ Affair
    - 2. Undeclared Naval War with France
      - a. Timothy Pickering
      - b. High Federalists
  - D. THE JEFFERSON ADMINISTRATION
    - 1. War with Tripoli
    - 2. Louisiana Purchase
      - a. Treaty of San Ildefonso, 1800
      - b. Napoleon
      - c. French Colonization Abandoned
      - d. Federalist Opposition
    - 3. "Continuous Voyage" Doctrine
      - a. Rule of 1756
      - b. "Broken Voyage" Principle
    - 4. Non-Importation Act
    - 5. Impressment
    - 6. Berlin Decree and Continental System
    - 7. British Orders in Council
    - 8. Chesapeake-Leopard Affair
    - 9. Embargo Act
    - 10. Napoleonic Web of Intrigue
      - a. Milan Decree
      - b. Bayonne Decree
    - 11. Enforcement Act
    - 12. Opposition to the Embargo
      - a. Tertium Quids: John Randolph of Ronaoke
      - b. Interposition
      - c. Pickering: Proposed Nullification
      - d. United States v. Peters (1809)
    - 13. Non-Intercourse Act
  - E. MADISON ADMINISTRATION
    - 1. Napoleon
      - a. Macon's Bill No. 2
      - b. Decree of Trianon
    - 2. West Florida Annexed

3. War Hawks
  - a. John C. Calhoun
  - b. Henry Clay
4. British Turmoil and Concessions
  - a. American War Preparations
  - b. Economic Hardship
  - c. Assassination of Spencer Perceval
  - d. Suspension of the Orders in Council
5. Declaration of War
  - a. Stated Causes
  - b. Opposition
  - c. Plan to Seize Canada
6. New England Resistance
  - a. Rockingham Memorial: Daniel Webster
7. Treaty of Ghent
8. Algerian Expedition: Stephen Decatur
- E. MONROE AND ADAMS ADMINISTRATIONS
  1. Rush-Bagot Agreement (1817)
  2. Treaty of 1818
  3. First Seminole War: Andrew Jackson
    - a. "Rhea Letter"
      - b. Execution of Two British Traders
      - c. Attempted Censure
  4. Adams-Onís Treaty
    - a. John Quincy Adams
  5. Monroe Doctrine
    - a. George Canning
    - b. John Quincy Adams
  6. Panama Congress: Simon Bolivar
    - a. Martin Van Buren
  7. British West Indies
- F. JACKSON AND VAN BUREN ADMINISTRATIONS
  1. French War Reparations
  2. Texas
  3. Revolt in Canada
  4. William MacKenzie
  5. Raids into Canada
  6. Burning of the Caroline
  7. Aroostook War
  8. Durham Report
- G. HARRISON AND TYLER ADMINISTRATIONS
  1. Expansion Policy
    - a. Webster-Ashburton Treaty
  2. Annexation of Texas
    - a. Abel Upshur
    - b. John C. Calhoun

- c. Anson Jones
- H. POLK ADMINISTRATION
  - 1. Polk Doctrine and Manifest Destiny
  - 2. Oregon Settlement
    - a. Diplomatic Maneuvering
  - 3. Slidell Mission
  - 4. Character of the Dispute
  - 5. Declaration of War on Mexico
    - a. War Message
    - b. Opposition
  - 6. Origins of the War
    - a. Political Context of the Debate
    - b. Evidence
  - 7. Treaty of New Granada
  - 8. Capture of Mexico City
    - a. Nicholas Trist
    - b. Rejection of a Peace Offer
  - 9. Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo
    - a. All Mexico Movement
- I. TAYLOR AND FILLMORE ADMINISTRATIONS
  - 1. Clayton-Bulwer Treaty
  - 2. Expansionism
    - a. Young America
    - b. Cuban Filibustering Expeditions
- J. PIERCE AND BUCHANAN ADMINISTRATIONS
  - 1. Gadsden Purchase
  - 2. William Marcy
  - 3. Matthew Perry
  - 4. Ostend Manifesto: Pierre Soulé, James Buchanan
  - 5. Nicaragua
    - a. William Walker
    - b. Cornelius Vanderbilt
- K. CIVIL WAR ADMINISTRATIONS
  - 1. Civil War Diplomacy
    - a. Union
    - b. Confederacy
  - 2. William Seward: Alaska, Midway
- L. ERA OF CONGRESSIONAL GOVERNMENT
  - 1. Santo Domingo
    - a. Charles Sumner: "Naboth's Vineyard"
- M. HARRISON AND CLEVELAND ADMINISTRATIONS
  - 1. Pan American Union: James G. Blaine
  - 2. Latin America
    - a. First Inter-American Conference
    - b. Reciprocity Agreements
    - c. Richard S. Olney

4. Pacific Affairs
    - a. Hawaii
    - b. American Sugar Interests
    - c. Queen Liliuokalani
    - d. Republic of Hawaii
    - e. Samoan Islands
  5. Geopolitics
    - a. Naval Strategy: **Alfred Thayer Mahan**
    - b. Benjamin Tracy
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### III. THE FIRST WORLD WAR

#### A. CAUSES

1. Alsace-Lorraine
2. Otto von Bismarck
3. Entente Cordiale
4. World Trade
5. Balkan Wars
  - a. Ottoman Empire [Turkey]
  - b. Congress of Berlin
  - c. Serbia
  - d. **Francis Ferdinand**
  - e. Black Hand
6. Triple Alliance and Triple Entente
  - a. Boer War
  - b. **Triple Entente**: Britain, France, Russia
  - c. **Triple Alliance**: Germany, Austria, Turkey
  - d. Austrian Ultimatum

#### B. BRITISH BLOCKADE OF GERMANY

1. American Commerce
  - a. Industrial Sabotage
  - b. Continuous Voyage Doctrine
  - c. Starvation
2. U-Boats
3. Sinking of the **Lusitania**
  - a. Resignation of William Jennings Bryan
4. Anti-German Feeling

#### C. PREPARATION FOR WAR

1. National Defense Act
2. Sinking of the Sussex
3. U-Boat Declaration
4. Zimmermann Note
  - a. Filibuster
  - b. Arming of Merchant Ships
5. War Resolution

- D. MOBILIZATION OF THE ECONOMY
  - 1. Intervention
    - a. Hidden Costs
  - 2. "Total Mobilization"
  - 3. Lever Act
- E. DIPLOMATIC HIGHLIGHTS
  - 1. Declaration of London
    - a. Expanded Contraband Provisions
    - b. American Response
  - 2. British Mining
  - 3. Failed Peace Overture
    - a. House-Grey Memorandum
    - b. Warning to Travelers Tabled
    - c. Ultimatum to Germany
  - 4. Protest Note to Britain
    - a. Shipping Board Act and Revenue Act
  - 5. America Goes to War
- F. THE FOURTEEN POINTS
  - 1. Treaty of Brest-Litovsk
  - 2. Secret Agreements
  - 3. Vladimir Lenin: National Self-Determination
  - 4. Twenty-Three Pronouncements
  - 5. Unintended Consequences
  - 6. German Surrender
- G. PEACE CONFERENCE
  - 1. October Appeal
  - 2. Personal Diplomacy
    - a. Wilson's Entourage
    - b. Edward Mandell House
    - c. Wilson's Personality
  - 3. Big Four
  - 4. League of Nations
  - 5. Henry Cabot Lodge and the Round Robin
  - 6. Wilson's Health
  - 7. Illness in April
  - 8. Wilson's Demands
  - 9. Treaty of Versailles
- H. CAMPAIGN FOR THE TREATY
  - 1. Reception in the Senate
    - a. Reservationists and Irreconcilables
    - b. Attacks
    - c. Intervention in Russia
  - 2. Lodge Reservations
  - 3. Deadlock
  - 4. Whistle-Stop Campaign
    - a. Wilson's Collapse

5. Solemn Referendum
- I. BREAKDOWN OF THE PEACE SETTLEMENT
  1. Reparations Commission
    - a. German Hyperinflation
  2. Security Treaty
  3. Post Mortem
    - a. Power Shift
    - b. Decline of Colonial Empires
    - c. Churchill's Assessment

#### IV. INTERLUDE

- A. THE TWENTIES
  1. Versailles Treaty
  2. American Commerce
    - a. Emergency Tariff Act of 1921
    - b. Fordney-McCumber Tariff
    - c. Trade War
    - d. Recession
  3. Disarmament
  4. Foreign Debts
    - a. American Loans
    - b. Cancellation Rejected
    - c. Repayment Schedule
    - d. Anti-American Feelings
    - e. German Economic Collapse and Default
    - f. Dawes Plan
  5. League of Nations
  6. World Court
  7. Kellogg-Briand Pact
  8. Latin America
- B. THE THIRTIES
  1. Japan
    - a. Smott-Hawley Tariff
    - b. Manchukuo: Henry Pu-Yi)
    - c. Military Coup
    - d. Withdrawal from the League
  2. Germany: Adolf Hitler
  3. Totalitarianism and Isolationism
    - a. Johnson Debt Default Act of 1934
    - b. Nye Committee
  4. Formation of the Axis
    - a. Ethiopia
    - b. Rhineland
    - c. Anti-Comintern League
    - d. China
  5. Neutrality Acts



- a. Quarantine Speech
    - b. Embargo on Japan
  - 6. Spanish Civil War
    - a. Francisco Franco
  - 7. German Expansion
    - a. *Anschluss*
    - b. Sudetenland
    - c. Czeckoslovakia, Lithuania, Albania
  - 8. Policy of Appeasement
  - 9. Outbreak of the Second World War
    - a. Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact
    - b. Invasion of Poland
    - c. Phony War
    - d. Abolition of Neutral Rights
    - e. Blitzkrieg
    - f. Battle of Britain
- C. AMERICAN DIPLOMACY
  - 1. Good Neighbor Policy
  - 2. Nondiscriminatory Arms Embargo
  - 3. China
    - a. Chiang Kai-shek and the Warlords
    - b. Japanese Expansion
    - c. American Interest in China
    - d. London Naval Conference of 1935
    - e. Marco Polo Bridge
    - f. "Rape of Nanking"
  - 4. Censure by the League
  - 5. Panay Incident
  - 6. Ludlow Resolution
  - 7. Deterioration
- D. MOBILIZATION
  - 1. American Steps Toward War
    - a. Destroyer Deal
    - b. Lend-Lease
    - c. Quasi-Belligerent
  - 2. Growing Intervention
    - a. Provocations
    - b. Oil Embargo
    - c. Manhattan Project
    - d. Atlantic Charter
  - 3. Alien Registration (Smith) Act: Trotskyites
  - 4. Selective Training and Service Act
  - 5. America First Committee: Charles Lindbergh
  - 6. Pearl Harbor
    - a. The Last Declarations of War

## V. THE SECOND WORLD WAR

### A. THE HOME FRONT

1. Grand Strategy
2. Internment of Japanese-Americans
  - a. Nisei
  - b. Resettlement
  - c. Reparations
  - d. Constitutional Issues
3. Fair Employment Practices Commission
4. War Production Board
5. Rationing
  - a. James Byrnes
  - b. Discretionary Powers
6. Taxes
7. Smith-Connally Anti-Strike Act
8. Warfare-Welfare State
  - a. Deficit Spending

### B. THE MILITARY THEATER

1. Pacific
  - a. Oliver Lyttelton
2. Europe and the Mediterranean
  - a. D-Day
  - b. Battle of the Bulge
3. Fire-Bomb Raids: Dresden, Hamburg, Tokyo
4. German Surrender
5. Island Hopping
6. Hiroshima and Nagasaki
7. Japanese Surrender

### C. THE DIPLOMATIC THEATER

1. Executive Agreements
2. Summitry
3. Casablanca
  - a. Unconditional Surrender Policy
4. Cairo
5. Teheran
6. Yalta
7. Potsdam

### D. THE YALTA CONTROVERSY

1. Territorial Settlements
  - a. Roosevelt's Role
  - b. Concessions to Stalin
  - c. Poland
  - d. Germany
  - e. United Nations
2. Morgenthau Plan
  - a. Churchill

- b. Election of 1944
- c. Potsdam Agreement
- 3. Ruthlessness of Stalin

## VI. THE COLD WAR

### A. INTERNATIONAL POWER SHIFT

- 1. Displaced Persons
  - a. Soviet Union
  - b. Operation Keelhaul
  - c. Gulag Archipelago
  - d. Anglo-American Political Elite
- 2. Nuremberg Trials
- 3. National Security Act
- 4. Occupation of Germany and Austria
  - a. Federal Republic of Germany
- 5. Douglas MacArthur
- 6. Iron Curtain
- 7. Truman Doctrine
- 8. Marshall Plan
- 9. Brussels Pact
- 10. Berlin Airlift
- 11. North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- 12. Communist China
  - a. Mao Tse-tung (Zedong)
  - b. Chiang K'ai-shek
- 13. Nuclear Arms Race

### B. THE KOREAN CONFLICT (1950-1953)

- 1. Background
- 2. Dean Acheson
  - a. Context
- 3. Explanations
- 4. The Particulars
  - a. Kim Il Sung
- 5. United Nations
- 6. Executive Order
- 7. Draft
- 8. Douglas MacArthur
- 9. Inchon Landing
- 10. Criticisms
  - a. Dewey and Dulles
  - b. Kennedy and Hoover
  - c. Taft
  - d. Limited War Concept
- 11. Chinese Invasion
- 12. Firing of MacArthur
- 13. War Economy

14. Brainwashing
- C. CONSERVATIVE BACKLASH
  1. Republican Control of Congress
  2. Loyalty Program
    - a. Dennis Case
    - b. Julius and Ethel Rosenberg
    - c. Alger Hiss
  3. Congressional Investigations
    - a. Richard Nixon
    - b. Whittaker Chambers
- D. EISENHOWER FOREIGN POLICY
  1. Massive Retaliation Policy
    - a. Protracted Conflict
  2. Vietnam
    - a. Ngo Dinh Diem
    - b. South East Asia Treaty Organization
  3. Suez Crisis
    - a. Anthony Eden
    - b. Gamal Abdul Nasser
    - c. Israel
    - d. International Reaction
  4. Poland: Wladyslaw Gomulka
  5. Hungary: Imre Nagy
  6. Eisenhower Doctrine
    - a. Central Treaty Organization
  7. Lebanon
  8. Berlin Crisis
  9. Cuba
    - a. Fidel Castro
    - b. Fulgencio Batista
  10. U-2 Incident
- E. THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION
  1. Personal Background
  2. Military Service
  3. Political Background
  4. Medical Problems
  5. International Aid and Trade
    - a. Alliance for Progress
    - b. Peace Corps
    - c. Trade Expansion Act of 1962
  6. International Confrontations
    - a. "Missile Gap"
    - b. Green Berets
  7. Bay of Pigs Invasion
  8. Summit Meeting
    - a. Berlin Wall

9. Cuba Missile Crisis
    - a. Hawks: Dean Rusk
    - b. Doves: Robert Kennedy, Robert McNamara
    - c. Quarantine
    - d. Concessions
  10. Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty
  11. Indochina
    - a. Franklin Roosevelt
    - b. Ho Chi Minh and Bao Dai
    - c. U.S. Aid
    - d. Ngo Dinh Diem
- F. THE LYNDON JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION
1. Personal Background
  2. Political Background
  3. Indochina
    - a. Guerrilla War
    - b. Bipolar Perspective
    - c. Escalation
  4. The Tonkin Gulf Resolution
  5. Build-Up in Vietnam
  6. Campus Protests and the Counterculture
    - a. Television Coverage
    - b. Moral Ambiguity
  7. Tet Offensive
  8. The Balance Sheet
  9. Other Issues
  10. Anti-War Sentiment
  11. Clark Clifford
  12. Presidential Election of 1968
    - a. George Wallace
    - b. Hubert Humphrey
    - c. Richard Nixon
  13. Paris Peace Talks
- G. THE RICHARD NIXON ADMINISTRATION
1. Personal Background
  2. Political Background
  3. Character
  4. Nixon Doctrine
  5. Henry Kissinger
  6. Campus Demonstrations
  7. Repeal of Tonkin Gulf Resolution
  8. Pentagon Papers
  9. Pull-Out
  10. Presidential Election of 1972
  11. Analysis
  12. Costs of the War

13. China
  - a. Ping-Pong Diplomacy
  - b. Shuttle Diplomacy
14. Middle East
  - a. Yom Kippur War
  - b. OPEC Oil Embargo

## VII. CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY

### A. THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS

1. Executive Agreements
2. Annual Budget
3. Personal Dimension
4. Divided Authority
5. Powers of Congress
6. Separation of Powers
  - a. Congressional War Hawks
  - b. Presidential Initiative
7. War Powers Resolution
8. Intelligence Operations
  - a. Covert Operations
  - b. Reporting Requirement
9. Tonkin Gulf Incident
10. Deference to Experts and Urgency

### B. THE MACHINERY

1. Foreign Policy Tools
2. National Security Council
  - a. Henry Kissinger
3. State Department
  - a. Clearance Factor
  - b. Secretary of State
  - c. Executive Secretariat
  - d. Geographic Bureaus
  - e. Foreign Service
  - f. Interagency Rivalry
4. Intelligence and Foreign Policy: the CIA
  - a. OSS
  - b. Covert Operations
  - c. Boland Amendments
  - d. Mission of the Central Intelligence Agency
  - e. Intelligence and Operations
  - f. Domestic Activities
5. Agency for International Development (AID)
6. United States Information Agency (USIA)
7. Peace Corps
8. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency

### C. THE UNITED NATIONS

1. League of Nations
2. Mission
3. Secretariat
4. U.S. Ambassador
5. Peacekeeping
6. Other Purposes
7. Symbol

D. POLITICS OF FOREIGN POLICYMAKING

1. Skepticism
2. Role of the Public
3. Elites
4. President
5. Presidential Credibility
  - a. Criminal Pretext
6. Political Parties, Campaigns, and Foreign Policy
  - a. Bipartisanship

E. ECONOMICS OF FOREIGN POLICYMAKING

1. Competitive Edge
2. Rivals
3. Protectionism
  - a. Tariffs
4. Balance of Trade
5. Balance of Payments
6. Dumping
  - a. Trade Act of 1974
  - b. U.S. International Trade Commission
7. Proposed Gephardt Amendment