

Instructions for the March 8, 2023 Lectures

OK folks, off we go!

Just so you know, and to give you some relief, this doubling up on theories is only done a few times. So, we'll double up tonight and then again on the next lecture. But after that, we'll be doing one lecture at a time for the rest of the summer. I felt it was important to get through all 9 of the theories before your paper comes in, so that you have plenty of time to focus on the one you want to use as the thesis for your research paper. You *definitely* should be working on the reading for that, along with all your other tasks. It is not something you want to be writing last minute.

All right, so we move to *state level theories* tonight after examining the 4 *system level theories*. Here's what you'll be covering tonight:

Lecture 7. Political Culture Theory

Task 1: Read these instructions (Two pages! Not fair!).

Task 2: Read Chapter 6 in the text.

Task 3: Watch the lecture presentation on "Political Culture Theory." This theory became very popular (still is in some quarters) after 9/11/2001. Let me know what you think...

Task 4: Read the article for your journal response. You can find the question on the link titled "Lecture / Discussion Page" highlighted in yellow. After completing the response, you will have until the date posted on the assignments page to upload it to Canvas.

Task 5: Open the link for the video and watch *The Power of Nightmares*. Adam Curtis is pretty well known for his documentaries in Britain, not as well known here, but this one really brings out the cultural misunderstandings in IR, especially between Westerners and Muslims.

Task 6: Click the link titled "Discussion Board Question and Peer Responses for Video Presentation" and answer the question that I have posted in approximately one to two paragraphs or so. Wait for other students to put their responses and then pick two students to respond to. The deadline for these responses will be posted on the Canvas assignments page. Don't be late....

OK, once you're all set with this theory, now move on to:

Lecture 7. Decision-Making Process Theory

Task 1: Same instructions as above.

Task 2: Read Chapter 7 of the text.

Task 3: Watch the second lecture presentation on the “Decision-Making Process Theory.” Many do not consider this one so much of a theory, as a sort of blow by blow description of how decisions about war are ultimately made by world leaders. Still, it has its uses, and I’ve read some good papers from students who used this one.

Task 4: Read the article for your journal response. You can find the question on the link titled “Lecture / Discussion Page” highlighted in yellow. After completing the response, you will have until the date posted on the assignments page to upload it to Canvas.

Task 5: Continue with *The Power of Nightmares*.

Task 6: Same as Task 6 above. Your thoughts on this film will constitute your October 6th Discussion Board response.

So, everyone’s looking good at the end of week. As I said earlier, things will start to ease up at the end of next week, when we just do one lecture / discussion per class. Everybody should make sure to stay healthy and rested and email me this weekend if you have any questions or concerns.

See everybody next week, Kropf

