

IR 210 – Midterm Exam, Review Questions from the syllabus
Exam date: Friday, October 22, 2004

Professor Lamy will conduct review sessions on Sunday, October 17th, Wednesday, October 20th and Thursday, October 21st – location and time TBA

Puzzle: Why war? Why inequality?

What does it mean to be a critical thinker in IR?

Why study IR and how is the answer to that question influenced by your worldview?

What are worldviews and theories and how do they influence policy?

What worldviews dominate policy discussions?

Puzzle: Is the state system the reason for order and simultaneously, the cause of human suffering?

Problem: Can we manage globalization and address the problems associated with uneven globalization?

Puzzle: Will capitalism lead to peace?

Puzzle: Does empire fit with US political culture?

What differentiates a state from other organizations?

Is the state obsolete? Is the political process shifting away from the state?

What does power mean? Hegemony? Balance of Power? Security?

What is the security dilemma?

Why war? Will it ever be obsolete?

Differences between old and new wars?

Puzzle: Are politics shifting away from the state? If so, why?

Puzzle: How are minority voices marginalized?

Do we act rationally or do other factors shape our decision-making?

How do belief systems influence decision-makers?

What is an operational code? How does it shape decision-making?

When do individual level factors matter most?

What is cognitive dissonance and how does it shape decision-making?