

MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

Department of International Relations

B.Sc. Course IR 327

DECISION MAKING AND IMPLEMENTATION IN FOREIGN POLICY

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SCOPE: This course is intended to provide an examination, through case studies, the process of decision making and implementation in foreign policy. Theories of decision making and their application to specific cases will be covered in the lectures and discussions. This course is designed for third and fourth year students who need to extend their knowledge on foreign policy decision-making mechanisms and processes.

SYLLABUS: Theories of decision making and implementation in foreign policy; international crises; rational actor; groupthink; organizational process; bureaucratic politics; and foreign policy implementation. **Case Studies:** *The Cuban Missile Crisis (4); The Bay of Pigs (2); Korean War; Pearl Harbor; Vietnam War (3); Marshall Plan; Non-Recognition of China; Invasion of Suez; Incursion into Cambodia; Intervention in the Angolan Civil War; 1980 Olympic Games Boycott; Decision to Bomb Libya; Decision to End Persian Gulf War; Restoring Aristide to Office in Haiti; Hostage Rescue Mission; Decision on Caspian Oil Pipeline in Turkish Foreign Policy; Britain and Oil Sanctions Against Rhodesia; Giscard d'Estaing's Policy Towards Africa; International Economic Policy in a World Political Economy; Britain's CSCE Policy, 1975-84.*

TEACHING ARRANGEMENTS: The students are expected to *prepare* and *present papers* on case studies and *actively participate* in the *discussions* during the presentations. In addition, there will be a *final examination*. The weights of the final examination, the paper and its presentation, and the participation in the discussions are as follows:

Paper: 20%

Presentation: 20%

Participation: 25%

Final Examination: 35%

Final Examination Date: January 13, 2004 at 16:00 hours

Important: Students who did *not* attend lecture series of IR 234, *Introduction to Foreign Policy Analysis*, are strongly advised to make the **additional readings** provided in the Reading List.

READING LIST

- Allison, G.T. (1971) **Essence of Decision Making. Explaining the Cuban Missile Crisis**
Boston: Harper Collins Publishers
- Drachman, E.R and Shank, A. (1997) **Presidents and Foreign Policy**, NY: SUNY Press
- Janis, I.L. (1982) **Groupthink. Psychological Studies of Policy Decisions and Fiascoes**
Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company.
- Tayfur, M.F. and Göymen, K. (2002) "Decision-Making in Turkish Foreign Policy: The Caspian Oil Pipelines Issue", *Middle Eastern Studies*, Vol.38, No.2, pp.101-122.
- Smith, S and Clarke, M. (1985) **Foreign Policy Implementation** London: George Allen and Unwin.
- Halperin, M.H. (1974) **Bureaucratic Politics and Foreign Policy**, Washington D.C.: The Brookings Institution.

ADDITIONAL READING LIST *(for those students who did not attend IR234 Lecture Series)*

- Smith, S. (1986) 'Theories of Foreign Policy: An historical Overview' **Review of International Studies** No.12, pp.13-29.
- Clarke, M. and White, B (1989) **Understanding Foreign Policy** Hants: Edward Elgar. Chapters, 1,5,6.
- Hermann, M. et.al. (1987) 'How Decision Units Shape Foreign Policy Behaviour' in C.F. Hermann et.al. (eds) **New Directions in the Study of Foreign Policy**, Boston: Allen and Unwin, pp.309-336.