

POLI 140
Spring 2017
Mesa College
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First Writing Assignment (Due March 21st in class)

You are asked to write a 4 page paper where you take an argumentative position in answer to the following question:

“Which is a more compelling theory of international politics, realism or liberalism?”

You are also asked to read at least 4 essays that relate to this topic. You must choose at least one from each of the three groups. All the readings can be found at the course website: <https://allenbolar.com/mesa-poli-140-cont-int-politics/>

Realism & Liberalism

[Clash of the Titans](#) – John J. Mearsheimer and Zbigniew Brzezinski

Realism

[The Melian Dialogue](#) – Thucydides

[Machiavelli, Still Shocking After 5 Centuries](#) – Stewart Patrick

[Why John J. Mearsheimer is Right](#) – Robert D. Kaplan

[Six Principles of Political Realism](#) – Hans J. Morgenthau

[What Would a Realist World Have Looked Like?](#) – Stephen M. Walt

Liberalism

[Perpetual Peace](#) – Immanuel Kant

[Liberalism and World Politics](#) – Michael W. Doyle

[Realism and Complex Interdependence](#) – Robert O. Keohane and Joseph S. Nye

[Robert Keohane: Political Theorist](#) – Andrew Moravcsik

[Power and Interdependence in the Information Age](#) – Robert O. Keohane and Joseph S. Nye

In your paper you are asked to take a position with reference to the readings.

If you are struggling, please see me. We can come up with an angle together. Good luck and happy writing!