

Reading List Blockseminar
“The History of US Nuclear Strategy” Wintersemester 2003/4
(Prof. Keith Shimko/Dr. Götz Neuneck)

Topic I: The Decision to Use the Bomb Against Japan

Shimko presentation

Topic II: The First Official Strategy

Samuel Wells, “The Origins of Massive Retaliation,” *Political Science Quarterly* (Spring 1981), pp. 31-52

Topic III: The Thermonuclear Revolution

Marc Trachtenberg, “Strategic Thought in American,” *Political Science Quarterly* (1989), pp. 301-334.

Topic IV; The Vulnerability “Problem”

Albert Wohlstetter, “The Delicate Balance of Terror,” RAND-P1472
www.rand.org/publications/classics/wohlstetter/P1472/P1472.html

Topic V: MAD, SALT and the ABM

Richard Smoke, *National Security and the Nuclear Dilemma*, ch 9 (pp. 151-74)

Topic VI: The 1970s: A Decade of Neglect?

Colin Gray and Jeffrey Barlow, “Inexcusable Restraint: The Decline of American Military Power in the 1970s,” *International Security* (1985), pp. 27-48

Robert Komer, “What Decade of Neglect,” *International Security* (1985), pp. 70-83.

Topic VII: The Debate over Soviet Strategy

Richard Pipes, “Why the Soviet Union Thinks it Can Fight and Win a Nuclear War,” *Commentary*

Topic VIII: The Reemergence of Strategic Defense

Fred Ikle, “Nuclear Deterrence: Can There be a Happy Ending?” *Foreign Affairs* (1985)

Fred Hoffman, "SDI in US Nuclear Strategy," *International Security* (1985), pp. 13-24

Topic IX: Evaluating the Cold War

Richard Lebow and Janice Stein, "Deterrence and the Cold War," *Political Science Quarterly* (1995), pp. 157-181

Topic X: Strategic Defense After the Cold War

James Lindsay and Michael O'Hanlon, *Defending America*, pp. 1-28

Topic XI: Proliferation and Nonproliferation After the Cold War

Leonard Spector: Nuclear Proliferation, in: Jeffrey A Larsen, . (Eds.): *Arms Control. Cooperative Security in a Changing Environment*, London (Lynne Rienner Publ.) 2002.

Topic XII: US Strategy After the Cold War

National Academy of Sciences, *The Future of US Nuclear Weapons Policy*, pp. 1-32 [<http://books.nap.edu/openbook/0309063671/html/1.html>]

Harald Müller/Annette Schaper: *UIS-Nuklearpolitik nach dem kalten Krieg* Frankfurt a.M. (HSFK-Report 3/200) [http://www.hsfk.de/publication_detail.php?publicationid=1664&language=de]