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- Conflict processes, particularly the causes and consequences of violent conflict among nation-states in the international system.
- Theoretical models of international politics, such as the deterrence theory, arms race dynamics, models of signaling and bargaining, democratic peace, rivalry, diversionary processes, and conflict resolution.
- The role played by domestic-political institutions in affecting leader decisions to use military force, particularly in democratic countries.
- In the United States, the relationship between Congress and the President in directing and implementing foreign policy, including the use of force, foreign aid, and military interventions.

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