



War and Peace

HPAH5044/6044 ARMIES AND NAVIES

Aims

- ▶ Discuss approaches to interstate relations in the ancient world.
- ▶ Examine the concept of *bellum iustum* (Just War).
- ▶ Gobbet prep

International Relations Theory

- ▶ The study of how states interact:
 - ▶ Theoretical models to help political scientists understand states and interaction.
 - ▶ Supports the development of government and foreign policy.
- ▶ Developed following WWI – President Wilson.
 - ▶ Worked towards the ideal of solving disputes peacefully.
 - ▶ Led to the creation of The League of Nations (1920).



International Relations Theory

- ▶ The influence of anarchy.
- ▶ Basis for all the main IR Theories.
- ▶ Stability relies on balance.
- ▶ Unipolarity – Bipolarity – Multipolarity.
- ▶ See [International Relations Theory – E-International Relations \(e-ir.info\)](http://e-ir.info).

International Relations Theory

- ▶ Liberalism.
- ▶ Realism.
- ▶ The English School.
- ▶ Neorealism.
- ▶ Constructivism.
- ▶ Neoclassical Realism.



Second Macedonian War, 200-196 BCE.

- ▶ 'Rome vs Macedon'.
 - ▶ Bipolarity?
- ▶ Various Greek *poleis* involved – Roman and Macedonian allies.
- ▶ Roman victory and 'Declaration of Freedom' – 196BCE.

Second Macedonian War, 200 BCE.

- ▶ Pol. 16.27.1-4:
- ▶ 'Nicanor, by the command of Philip, made a raid upon Attica, and came as far as the Academy. Thereupon the Romans sent a herald to him, and bade him announce to his master, Philip, that "The Romans admonished him to make no war upon any Greek State, and to submit to an arbitration before a fair tribunal as to the injuries he had inflicted upon Attalus: that, if he did this, he might have peace with Rome, but, if he refused to obey, the opposite would immediately follow." On the receipt of this message Nicanor retired. Then the Romans sailed along the coast of Epirus and delivered a similar announcement in regard to Philip in the town of Phoenice; also to Amyndrus in the district of Athamania; also to the Aetolians in Naupactus, and the Achaeans in Aegium.'

Diplomacy and the Ancient World

- ▶ Is there such a thing as ancient diplomacy?
 - ▶ Eckstein 2008: 'primitive diplomacy'.
- ▶ Some scholars (especially IR scholars) reject idea of diplomacy in an ancient context.
- ▶ Required components for diplomacy:
 - ▶ Nation states
 - ▶ Professional body of staff
 - ▶ Structures such as embassies, consulates.
 - ▶ International Law – e.g. Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (1961).

Diplomatic 'Conference'?

- ▶ Meeting at Nicaea, 2nd Macedonian War (200-196 BCE)
- ▶ Polybius 18.1-8:
 - ▶ Large meeting of 'actors' – all with invested interest.
 - ▶ Personal diplomacy.
 - ▶ The impact of domestic factors.
 - ▶ One of several meetings during this conflict.
- ▶ Other aspects of ancient diplomacy:
 - ▶ Letter writing and epigraphy.
 - ▶ Arbitration – see Sheila Ager.
 - ▶ *Proxenoï* networks – see William Mack ([Proxeny Networks of the Ancient World – Places](#)).

Day of Eleusis, 168 BCE

- ▶ Pol. 29.27:
- ▶ 'Upon the king greeting him from some distance, and holding out his right hand to him, Popilius answered by holding out the tablets which contained the decree of the Senate, and bade Antiochus read that first: not thinking it right, I suppose, to give the usual sign of friendship until he knew the mind of the recipient, whether he were to be regarded as a friend or foe. On the king, after reading the despatch, saying that he desired to consult with his friends on the situation, Popilius did a thing which was looked upon as exceedingly overbearing and insolent. Happening to have a vine stick in his hand, he drew a circle round Antiochus with it, and ordered him to give his answer to the letter before he stepped out of that circumference. The king was taken aback by this haughty proceeding. After a brief interval of embarrassed silence, he replied that he would do whatever the Romans demanded. Then Popilius and his colleagues shook him by the hand, and one and all greeted him with warmth. The contents of the despatch was an order to put an end to the war with Ptolemy at once. Accordingly a stated number of days was allowed him, within which he withdrew his army into Syria, in high dudgeon indeed, and groaning in spirit, but yielding to the necessities of the time.'

Bellum iustum

- ▶ Please read the handout:
 - ▶ Cicero, *De Officiis*, 1.34-36
 - ▶ Onasander, *Strategikos*, 4.1-6
- ▶ How important was the idea of a just war in Roman society?
- ▶ What issues affect the idea of a just war?

Religion and War

- ▶ Dion. Hal. 2.72:
- ▶ '[1] The seventh division of his [Numa's] sacred institutions was devoted to the college of the *fetiales*; these may be called in Greek *eirênodikai* or "arbiters of peace."... [4] It is their duty to take care that the Romans do not enter upon an unjust war against any city in alliance with them, and if others begin the violation of treaties against them, to go as ambassadors and first make formal demand for justice, and then, if the others refuse to comply with their demands, to sanction war. [5] In like manner, if any people in alliance with the Romans complain of having been injured by them and demand justice, these men are to determine whether they have suffered anything in violation of their alliance; and if they find are complaints well grounded, they are to seize the accused and deliver them up to the injured parties. They are also to take notice of the crimes committed against ambassadors, to take care that treaties are religiously observed, to make peace, and if they find that peace has been made otherwise than is prescribed by the holy laws, to set it aside...[6] As to the functions they performed the role of heralds when they went to any city thought to have injured the Romans.'

Reading

- ▶ Grynaviski, E., 2013, 'The Bloodstained Spear: Public Reason and Declarations of War'. *International Theory*, vol. 5, issue 2, pp. 238-272. (DO NOT cite ancient sources in this style!!).
- ▶ McGlinchey, S., *E-International Relations* website ([E-International Relations — the world's leading open access website for students and scholars of international politics \(e-ir.info\)](http://e-ir.info)).

Conference at Nikaia, 198BCE

- ▶ Egs of beginning.
- ▶ Peace attempts within.
- ▶ Finish avc Day of Eleusis.

Theoretical Approaches

- ▶ Anarchy
- ▶ Outline and discuss IR Theories, bearing Cold War mentality in mind.
- ▶ These will take quite a lot of explaining.
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- ▶ Just War theory.
- ▶ Look at egs - beg of 2nd Mac War and attempts at peace within.
- ▶ Look at diplomacy – Day of Eleusis.
- ▶ Peace in Augustan age.
- ▶ Romano-Parthian relations – from Michael's talk last week.

Plan (delete)

- ▶ Chapter on Rome and Parthia – examples of imperial interaction.
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- ▶ International law in Antiquity – chapt on declaring war.
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- ▶ The process:
 - ▶ Diplomacy.
 - ▶ Religion.
 - ▶ Legal.
- ▶ Impact:
 - ▶ Military campaign.
 - ▶ Trade.