CONTENTS

Tables, Figures, and Maps  xiii

Preface  xvi

Introduction: Foundations of International Politics  1
  Governing Principles  2
  Organizational Features of this Book  5
  The Core Concerns of International Relations  7
    The Link between Domestic Politics and International Politics  8
    Is the State the Central Actor?  12
  Solving International Relations Puzzles  13
    Power, Preferences, and Perceptions:
      The Three Pillars of International Relations  15
      Self-Interest: The Decisive Motivation for Action  16
  Summary  20
  Suggested Reading  21

1. Modern Political History Economic and International Politics  22
  The Fourteen Hundreds  24
  The Fifteen Hundreds  27
  The Sixteen Hundreds  29
  The Seventeen Hundreds  33
  The Eighteen Hundreds  36
  The Twentieth Century  40

2. Evaluating Arguments about International Politics  51
  Theories as Simplifications of Reality  51
    What Is a Theory?  53
    Constructing Theories  54
  Judging Theories  55
    The Importance of Logical Consistency  56
    Truth and Falsity in Assumptions  58
  The First Principle of Wing-Walking  61
  The Case Study Method and Testing Theories  67
6. Domestic Politics and International Interactions:
   The Central Units of Analysis  187
   The Origins of the State  188
   International Relations Without the State  191
   Domestic Politics as an Alternative to the State  193
   Can Domestic Politics Affect Definition of the National Interest?  195
   End of the Cold War: Win Sets as a Tool for Understanding Policy  196
      Domestic Soviet Preferences and the End of the Cold War  197
      Winning Preferences Inside the Soviet Union  202
      External Pressures to the End of the Cold War  204
      The 1992 Presidential Election  208
      Policy Objectives in the 1992 Presidential Election  210
      Voter Interest, Voting Blocs, and Electoral Rule  213
   Alternative Interpretations of the Domestic Politics Example  218
   Summary  220

   Defining Power  223
   Methods of Exercising Power  225
      Persuasion  225
      Rewards  227
      Punishments  230
      Force  235
   Measuring Power  236
   The Fungibility of Power  241
   Projecting Power over Large Distances  246
   Summary  248

8. Limits to Power  249
   Power and Military Victory  250
## CONTENTS

Can We Evaluate the Effects of International Regimes? 452  
  Constructivist Case 452  
  The Strategic Case 454  
  NATO and Organizational Inertia: An Illustrative Case 456  
Sovereignty: A Successful International Institution 458  
  International Borders as Institutions 459  
  The Expansion of International Law: The Example of Helsinki 462  
The Purpose of International Rules and Institutions 464  
How Inclusive Should an International Regime Be? 471  
Organizational Decision-Making Rules 474  
  The United Nations and Decision-Making Rules 474  
  The Chernobyl Disaster and Structure-Induced Equilibrium 476  
Compliance and Effectiveness 482  
Summary 485  

15. Alliances 487  
  What Is a Military Alliance? 487  
  The Purpose of Alliances 490  
  When Are Alliances Reliable? 493  
  Predicting the Reliability of Alliances 498  
    Measuring Shared Interests 499  
    Testing the Predictive Model 503  
Alliances, Coordination, and Competition 505  
Conflict among Allies 511  
Summary 517  

16. The Causes of War: Structural Accounts 518  
  Realist Theories of War 519  
  How Well Does Neorealism Do in Explaining War and Instability? 521  
    Bipolarity and Stability 521  
    Bipolarity and Stability: A Second Look 528  
History and Neorealist Empirical Claims 531  
Other Neorealist Hypotheses and the Historical Record 535  
  The Survival of Essential and Inessential States 535  
Uncertainty and War 536  
  Acquiescence and Neorealism 538  
  Balance of Power and Neorealism 538  
The Power Transition: A Structural Alternative to Neorealism 541  
  Examples of International Rules and Norms 543  
  Dissatisfaction, the Status Quo, and War 544  
Summary 549
17. Strategic Theories of War  551
   The International Interaction Game and War  552
   War and Uncertainty: The IIG and Structural Theories  558
   Weakness and War: Resurrection and Pacific Doves  559
   Violent Pacific Doves: A Case History  565
   Arms Races, Deterrence, and War  570
   Other Hypotheses about War  577
   The Scapegoat Hypothesis  577
   Status Inconsistency  579
   War in Cycles  581
Summary  581

18. A Predictive Model of International Affairs  583
   Logical Foundation of the Model  585
   Perceptual Analysis  589
   Estimating the Model  594
   Why Does This Model Help?  596
   Intuition Behind the Model's Dynamics  597
   Developing the Data  598
   Model Output  602
   Prediction and International Relations  609
   Using the Model  614

Glossary of Key Terms  616

Bibliography  625

Subject Index  647

Citations of Authors  662

Photo Credits  665