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Dear Students in My Friday Sections,

A number of you have asked for advice about response papers for this part of the course.

### **Applied Theory**

There are a number of theoretical approaches you can take. **(1)** One approach is the model we applied today in section: taking a case like the UNCLOS and applying the theories about the strengths and pitfalls of International Law in resolving issues of cooperation over the commons (in today's case: the seas, specifically the South China Sea crisis).

**(2)** Alternatively, you can take a theoretical model like the Heckscher-Ohlin model of trade and apply it to a case like issues over Australian exports and imports. **(3)** Another option would be to take theories on sanctions and apply it to a contemporary case like Iran. Professor Hiscox will cover that topic this week. See, especially, the three scholarly articles on sanctions listed in the syllabus.

### **Fearon and Bargaining over Conflict and Cooperation**

As an aside: an interesting scholarly parallel to the structure of the course can be found in the **1995** and **1998** classic articles by James **Fearon**. In the former, Fearon applies the Bargaining model to *international conflict*. In the latter, Fearon applies the Bargaining model to *international cooperation*.

James D. **Fearon**, "Rationalist Explanations for War," *International Organization*, Vol. 49, No. 3, **1995**, pp. 379-414.

James D. **Fearon**, "Bargaining, Enforcement, and International Cooperation," *International Organization*, Vol. 52, No. 2, **1998**, pp. 269-305.

Enjoy the weekend and look forward to great topics next week. The theories on strengths and weaknesses of international sanctions are pertinent to some of the most compelling international crises of our times, especially the Iranian Nuclear crisis and the North Korean nuclear crisis.

Kind Regards,

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