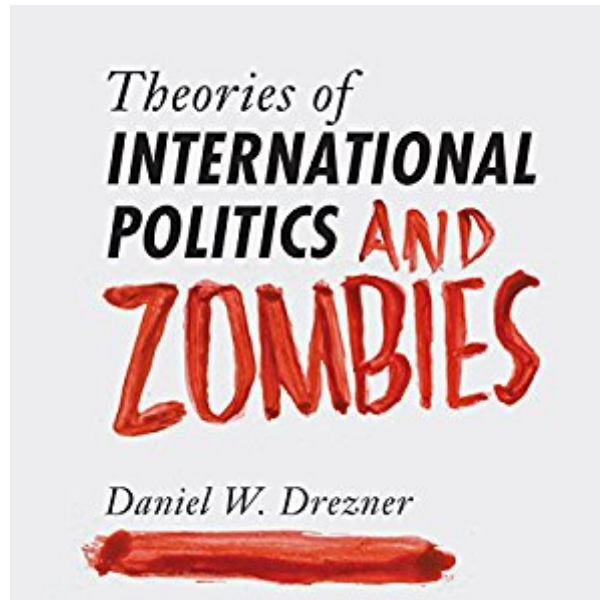


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# Theories Of International Politics And Zombies



## Synopsis

What would happen to international politics if the dead rose from the grave and started to eat the living? Daniel Drezner's groundbreaking book answers the question that other international relations scholars have been too scared to ask. Addressing timely issues with analytical bite, Drezner looks at how well-known theories from international relations might be applied to a war with zombies. Exploring the plots of popular zombie films, songs, and books, *Theories of International Politics and Zombies* predicts realistic scenarios for the political stage in the face of a zombie threat and considers how valid - or how rotten - such scenarios might be. Drezner boldly lurches into the breach and "stress tests" the ways that different approaches to world politics would explain policy responses to the living dead. He examines the most prominent international relations theories - including realism, liberalism, constructivism, neoconservatism, and bureaucratic politics - and decomposes their predictions. He digs into prominent zombie films and novels, such as *Night of the Living Dead* and *World War Z*, to see where essential theories hold up and where they would stumble and fall. Drezner argues that by thinking about outside-of-the-box threats we get a cognitive grip on what former U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld famously referred to as the "unknown unknowns" in international security. Correcting the zombie gap in international relations thinking and addressing the genuine but publicly unacknowledged fear of the dead rising from the grave, *Theories of International Politics and Zombies* presents political tactics and strategies accessible enough for any zombie to digest.

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It appears that those of us who remain human can survive the zombie apocalypse after all, if weâ™re lucky. Addressing what he describes as the âœzombie gapâ•in the existing international relations literature, Drezner (a Tufts University professor and member of the Zombie Research Society) analyzes and compares various theories of international relations by looking at how each would predict the actions of states in the event of a plague of brain-eating zombies. Lest you think that the walking dead are not the kind of threat that can help illuminate political reality in the 21st century, keep in mind that some of the most vexing threats to world order occupying the strategic thinking of political and military leaders today are not the traditional concerns of invasion by another state. Think of threats like terrorists, piracy, failed state implosion, and, yes, zombies. OK, maybe zombies donâ™t occupy the same mental space as the other threats, but if they did, would there really be a different set of possible responses than those Drezner outlines? And thatâ™s the serious, scholarly part of his argument. The nature of the challenges to international stability has changed, and it is worth asking whether or not states can operate in the same way as before in the face of those challenges. And if they can (or must), then which strategic approach will yield the best results? This book would be good as assigned reading in introductory classes in international politics in either high school or college. Seriously. As an entry point into the topic, a zombie invasion is as good as any other. Would the question be any different if the threat came from a massive invasion of Jinn, or perytons, or deranged hippogriffs?

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