

Facebook offers a way for students to exchange course related ideas. Below is a great example of how two students might debate a course topic ahead of class discussion.



**Richard Whitehead** On Friday Nov 13th, we'll be discussing the concept of balance of power. In this news article disucsses rivalry between Russia and China over Central-Asia's natural gas. How has China's new success changed the balance of power?

**China Just Broke Russia's Monopoly On Central-Asian Natural Gas**

[www.businessinsider.com](http://www.businessinsider.com)

With one flick fo a switch, China became a player.

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**Jens Erik Fjellstad** While it does change relative capabilities, since both are nuclear powers, it is unlikely that war will break out. I remember our Waltz reading on mutually assured destruction.

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**Wendy Stevenson** While that may be a sound application of an event to Waltz, I'm not sure I totally buy into the logic that the proliferation of nuclear weapons leads to peace. 1) Could we not say that peace is better achieved in absence of weapons 2) what happens if one can attack the other without having to face retaliation?

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**Jens Erik Fjellstad** Well Wendy, a disarmed world is not the one we live in. I do agree that Walt'z concept works so long as both parties do not have first strike capabilities. He points that out in his work.

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Facebook also offers the possibility of making more specific discussion feeds, including notes from students about upcoming study groups or topical discussions. Below is just one possible example.

Displaying all 3 topics.

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**Mid-term study group**

1 post by 1 person Created 12 minutes ago

Latest post by [Wendy Stevenson](#)  
Posted 12 minutes ago

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**Climate Change & Conflict**

2 posts by 2 people Created 16 minutes ago

Latest post by [Wendy Stevenson](#)  
Posted 14 minutes ago

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**Upcoming UN Simulation**

1 post by 1 person Created 18 minutes ago

Latest post by [Richard Whitehead](#)  
Posted 18 minutes ago

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Twitter offers a user friendly interface that allows teachers and students to exchange link ideas and reminders. Since Tweets are limited to 140 characters, Twitter offers great possibilities for staying connected to course materials over mobile devices. The picture below is an example tweet content for an international relations course.

