

POLS 585: International Security
Spring 2010
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Office Hours: Thursdays 2:30-4:00 & by appointment

Overview

This is one of two graduate courses on international conflict and security. It is not a prerequisite for the other course (POLS 512), nor does it assume that you have taken that course. It does assume that you have taken World Politics (POLS 510) or an equivalent course at another institution. While some in the field might make a distinction between the study of *security studies* (usually a normative focus with strong policy implications) and *conflict processes* or *peace science* (usually a positive focus with reliance on game theory and quantitative analysis), the division of topics between the two courses (512 and 585) is based more on instructor strengths than any meaningful divides. We will spend much of this course studying emerging research related to intrastate conflict, but will also touch on a number of other relevant topics to the subfield of international conflict and security.

There are three requirements for this course:

Class Participation (20%)

The course will rely heavily on class discussion, so each student is expected to come to class with all the required reading completed. The recommended readings are exactly that, but note that serious students of international politics who do not do any of the recommended reading or related outside reading will be doing themselves a tremendous disservice in preparation for the final paper, comprehensive exams and research beyond. Each week, two or three students will present the readings from each week. The presenters will divide the readings among themselves and present 5-10 minutes on each reading. During the presentation, the presenters should identify the research question addressed, the main argument, and the evidence used to support the argument. The presenters should highlight the theoretical and empirical strengths and weaknesses of the reading. The presenters should also prepare a few questions that the class can respond to during discussion.

Short Response Papers (30%)

During the weeks in which the students do not present, they are required to write a three page (double spaced) critique of one of the readings for that week. The students should first identify the question being addressed and the core argument. They will then briefly give an overall assessment of the reading, in terms of its general strengths and weaknesses. The bulk of the paper will be devoted to providing recommendations to make the research stronger. What are the key shortcomings, and how might one address them? The exercise is meant to strengthen the student's ability to not just poke holes in an argument but to be able to critically think about addressing the problems that arise. The

students should try to avoid “low hanging fruit” such as mere recommendations for control variables and instead focus on bigger issues related to theoretical development and research design.

Research Paper (50%)

At the end of the semester, students will turn in a research paper between 30 and 40 pages in length (double spaced, including the bibliography). The paper must address a theoretical question, make a contribution to the literature, provide a coherent argument, evaluate in depth an historical case and provide the sketch for a research design. On **February 12**, students will turn in an abstract of their paper topic and research question, including an overview of the research contribution. On **March 26**, students will turn in an annotated bibliography that includes the full citation and 1-2 sentences of summary of the works relevant to the research project. This will be approximately six pages in length.

Schedule

Most of the required readings are available on EUCLID, Google Scholar or JSTOR. The book chapters and shorter book excerpts can be found on Reserves Direct through EUCLID. The following should be purchased or borrowed:

Jeremy M. Weinstein, *Inside Rebellion: The Politics of Insurgent Violence* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007). pp. 1-298.

Stathis Kalyvas, *The Logic of Violence in Civil War* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006). pp. 1-208.

Virginia Page Fortna, *Does Peacekeeping Work?* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2008).

Roland Paris, *At War's End: Building Peace after Civil Conflict* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004).

1/13: Brief (30 min) Introduction Session @ 12 noon

1/22: Civil War Onset

Paul Collier and Anke Hoeffler, “Greed and Grievance in Civil War,” *Oxford Economic Papers* 56 (2004): 563-595.

Havard Hegre, Tanja Ellingsen, Scott Gates, and Nils Petter Gleditsch, “Towards a Democratic Civil Peace? Democracy, Political Change, and Civil War, 1816-1992,” *American Political Science Review* 95 (March 2001): 33-48.

Rupen Cetinyan, “Ethnic Bargaining in the Shadow of Third-Party Intervention,” *International Organization* 56 (Summer 2002): 645-677.

Barbara Walter, "Building Reputation: Why Governments Fight Some Separatists by Not Others," *American Journal of Political Science* 50 (April 2006): 313-330.

Havard Hegre and Nicholas Sambanis, "Sensitivity Analysis of Empirical Results on Civil War Onset," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 50 (August 2006): 508-535.

Recommended:

James D. Fearon and David P. Laitin, "Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil Wars," *American Political Science Review* 97 (February 2003): 75-90.

1/29: Ethnic Tensions

James D. Fearon and David D. Laitin, "Explaining Interethnic Cooperation," *American Political Science Review* 90 (December 1996): 715-735.

Halvard Buhaug, Lars-Erik Cederman and Jan Ketil Rød, "Disaggregating Ethno-Nationalist Civil Wars: A Dyadic Test of Exclusion Theory," *International Organization* 62 (2008): 531-551.

Lars-Erik Cederman, Luc Girardin and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, "Ethnonationalist Triads: Assessing the Influence of Kin Groups on Civil Wars," *World Politics* 61 (July 2009): 403-37.

David A. Lake and Donald Rothchild, "Containing Fear: The Origins and Management of Ethnic Conflict," *International Security* 21 (Fall 1996): 41-75.

Lars-Erik Cederman, Halvard Buhaug and Jan Ketil Rød, "Ethno-Nationalist Dyads and Civil War," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 53 (August 2009): 496-525.

Recommended:

Rui J. P. De Figueiredo and Barry R. Weingast, "The Rationality of Fear: Political Opportunism and Ethnic Conflict," in Barbara F. Walter and Jack Snyder (eds.), *Civil Wars, Insecurity, and Intervention* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1999): 261-302.

Barry Posen, "The Security Dilemma and Ethnic Conflict," *Survival* vol. 35 no. 1 (1993): 27-47.

V. P. Gagnon, Jr., "Ethnic Nationalism and International Conflict: The Case of Serbia," *International Security* 19 (Winter 1994/95): 130-166.

Ted Robert Gurr, *Why Men Rebel* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1970), 3-58.

Donald L. Horowitz, *Ethnic Groups in Conflict* (Berkeley, CA: California University Press, 1985), 3-288; 443-559.

Stuart J. Kaufman, *Modern Hatreds: The Symbolic Politics of Ethnic War* (Ithaca: Cornell, 2001).

Monica Duffy Toft, *Geography and Ethnic Violence* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2003), pp. 1-44.

2/5: Civil War Termination

Halvard Buhaug, Scott Gates and Päivi Lujala, "Geography, Rebel Capability, and the Duration of Civil Conflict," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 53 (August 2009): 544-569.

David Cunningham, Kristian Skrede Gleditsch and Idean Salehyan, "It Takes Two: A Dyadic Analysis of Civil War Duration and Outcome," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 53 (August 2009): 570-597.

Thomas Chapman and Philip G. Roeder, "Partition as a Solution to Wars of Nationalism: The Importance of Institutions," *American Political Science Review* 101 (November 2007): 677-692.

David E. Cunningham, "Veto Players and Civil War Duration," *American Journal of Political Science* 50 (October 2006): 875-892.

James D. Fearon, "Why Do Some Civil Wars Last So Much Longer than Others?" *Journal of Peace Research* 41 (May 2004): 275-301.

Recommended:

Nicholas Sambanis, "Partition as a Solution to Ethnic War: An Empirical Critique of the Theoretical Literature," *World Politics* 52 (July 2000): 437-483.

Patrick M. Regan, "Third-Party Intervention and the Duration of Intrastate Conflicts," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 46 (February 2002): 55-73.

Daniel Byman, "Forever Enemies? The Manipulation of Ethnic Identities to End Ethnic Wars," *Security Studies* 9 (Spring 2000): 149-190.

2/12: Terrorism

Abstract of paper topic due

Ethan Bueno de Mesquita, "Conciliation, Counterterrorism, and Patterns of Terrorist Violence," *International Organization* 59 (2005): 145-176.

Robert Pape, "The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism," *American Political Science Review* 97 (August 2003): 343-361.

Andrew H. Kydd and Barbara Walter, "Sabotaging the Peace: The Politics of Extremist Violence," *International Organization* 56 (2002): 263-296.

Sara Jackson Wade and Dan Reiter, "Does Democracy Matter? Regime Type and Suicide Terrorism," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 51 (April 2007): 329-348.

Eric Neumayer and Thomas Plümper, "International Terrorism and the Clash of Civilizations," *British Journal of Political Science* 39 (2009): 711-734.

Recommended:

Robert Powell, "Defending against Terrorist Attacks with Limited Resources," *American Political Science Review* 101 (August 2007): 527-542.

Quan Li and Drew Schaub, "Economic Globalization and Transnational Terrorism: A Pooled Time-Series Analysis," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 48 (April 2004): 230-258.

Todd Sandler, John T. Tschirhart and Jon Cauley, "A Theoretical Analysis of Transnational Terrorism," *American Political Science Review* 77 (March 1983): 36-54.

2/19 – Class Cancelled (ISA)

2/26: The Use of Violence

Jeremy M. Weinstein, *Inside Rebellion: The Politics of Insurgent Violence* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007). pp. 1-298.

Stathis Kalyvas, *The Logic of Violence in Civil War* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006). pp. 1-208.

James Morrow, "When Do States Follow the Laws of War?" *American Political Science Review* 101 (August 2007): 559-572

3/5: Class Cancelled (India)

3/15: Counterinsurgency

Jason Lyall and Isaiah Wilson III, "Rage against the Machines: Explaining Outcomes in Counterinsurgency Wars," *International Organization* 63 (Winter 2009): 67-106.

Jason Lyall, "Does Indiscriminant Violence Incite Insurgent Attacks? Evidence from Chechnya," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 53 (June 2009), 331-362.

Benjamin Valentino, Paul Huth, and Dylan Balch-Lindsey, "'Draining the Sea': Mass Killing and Guerrilla Warfare," *International Organization* (April 2004): 375-407.

Macartan Humphries and Jeremy M. Weinstein, "Who Fights? The Determinants of Participation in Civil War," *American Journal of Political Science* 52 (April 2008), 436-455.

Counterinsurgency [US Army/Marine Corps Counterinsurgency Field Manual], 2006, pp. 1-1 to 1-29. Available at <http://usacac.army.mil/cac/repository/materials/coin-fm3-24.pdf>.

"The New U.S. Army/Marine Corps Counterinsurgency Field Manual as Political Science and Political Praxis," *Perspectives on Politics* 6 (June 2008): 347-360.

3/19: Peacekeeping I

Virginia Page Fortna, *Does Peacekeeping Work?* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2008).

3/26: Peacekeeping II

Annotated bibliography for paper due

Michael W. Doyle and Nicholas Sambanis, "International Peacebuilding: A Theoretical and Quantitative Analysis," *American Political Science Review* 94 (December 2000): 779-801.

Dan Lindley, *Promoting Peace with Information* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2007). pp. 1-54.

Michael J. Greig and Paul F. Diehl, "The Peacekeeping-Peacemaking Dilemma," *International Studies Quarterly* 49 (December 2005): 621-645.

Roland Paris, *At War's End: Building Peace after Civil Conflict* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004). pp. 1-54, 151-236

Recommended:

Mark J. Mullenbach, "Deciding to Keep Peace: An Analysis of International Influences on the Establishment of Third-Party Peacekeeping Missions," *International Studies Quarterly* 49 (September 2005): 529-555.

Michael Gilligan and Stephen John Stedman, "Where Do the Peacekeepers Go?" *International Studies Review* 5 (December 2003): 37-54.

4/2: Mediation

Kyle Beardsley, "Agreement without Peace?" *American Journal of Political Science* 52 (2008): 723-740

Scott S. Gartner and Jacob Bercovitch, "Overcoming Obstacles to Peace: The Contribution of Mediation to Short-Lived Conflict Settlements," *International Studies Quarterly* 50 (2006): 819-840.

Andrew Kydd, "Which Side Are You On? Bias, Credibility, and Mediation," *American Journal of Political Science* 47 (October 2003): 597-611.

Andrew H. Kydd, "When Can Mediators Build Trust?" *American Political Science Review* 100 (2006): 449-462.

Robert Rauchhaus, "Asymmetric Information, Mediation and Conflict Management," *World Politics* 58 (2006): 207-241.

Recommended:

J. Michael Greig, "Moments of Opportunity" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 45 (December 2001): 691-718.

Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, "A Kantian System? Democracy and Third-Party Conflict Resolution," *American Journal of Political Science* 46 (October 2002): 749-759

Lesley G. Terris and Zeev Maoz, "Rational Mediation: A Theory and a Test," *Journal of Peace Research* 42 (2005): 563-583.

Kyle Beardsley, David Quinn, Bidisha Biswas and Jonathan Wilkenfeld, "Mediation Style and Crisis Outcomes," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 50 (2006): 58-86.

Patrick Regan and Allan C. Stam, "In the Nick of Time: Conflict Management, Mediation Timing, and the Duration of Interstate Disputes," *International Studies Quarterly* 44 (2000): 239-260.

William J. Dixon, "Third-Party Techniques for Preventing Conflict Escalation and Promoting Peaceful Settlement," *International Organization* 50 (Autumn 1996): 653-81)

J. Michael Greig, "Stepping into the Fray: When Do Mediators Mediate?" *American Journal of Political Science* 49 (2005): 249-266.

4/9: Proliferation

Robert Jervis, *The Meaning of the Nuclear Revolution* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1989). pp. 1-45.

Matthew Kroenig, "Exporting the Bomb: Why States Provide Sensitive Nuclear Assistance," *American Political Science Review* 103 (2009): 113-133.

Erik Garzke and Dong-Joon Jo, "Bargaining, Nuclear Proliferation, and Interstate Disputes," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 53 (April 2009): 209-233.

Kyle Beardsley and Victor Asal, "Winning with the Bomb," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 53 (April 2009): 278-301.

Singh, Sonali and Christopher Way, "The Correlates of Nuclear Proliferation," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 48 (2004): 859-885.

Recommended:

Etel Solingen, *Nuclear Logics* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2007).

Dong-Joon Jo and Erik Gartzke, "Determinants of Nuclear Weapons Proliferation: A Quantitative Model" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 51 (2007): 167-194.

Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce and William H. Riker, "An Assessment of the Merits of Selective Nuclear Proliferation," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 25 (1982):283-306.

Scott D. Sagan, "Why Do States Build Nuclear Weapons? Three Models in Search of a Bomb," *International Security* 21 (Winter 1996/97): 54-86.

Asal, Victor and Kyle Beardsley, "Proliferation and International Crisis Behavior," *Journal of Peace Research* 44 (2007): 139-156.

Geller, Daniel S, "Nuclear Weapons, Deterrence, and Crisis Escalation," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 34 (1990): 291-310.

Brito, Dagobert L. and Michael D. Intrilligator, "Proliferation and the Probability of War: A Cardinality Theorem," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 40 (1996):206-214.

Stephen L. Quackenbush, "National Missile Defense and Deterrence," *Political Research Quarterly* 59 (December 2006): 533-541.

4/16: The Capitalist Peace

David Bearce, "Grasping the Commercial Institutional Peace," *International Studies Quarterly* 47 (September 2003): 347-370.

Erik Gartzke, "The Capitalist Peace," *American Journal of Political Science* 51 (January 2007): 166-191.

Erik Gartzke, Quan Li, and Charles Boehmer, "Investing in the Peace: Economic Interdependence and International Conflict," *International Organization* 55 (Spring 2001): 391-438.

Michael Mousseau, "The Social Market Roots of Democratic Peace," *International Security* 33 (April 2009): 52-86.

John R. Oneal, "Assessing the Liberal Peace with Alternative Specifications: Trade Still Reduces Conflict," *Journal of Peace Research* 36 (July 2007): 423-442.

James D. Morrow, "How Could Trade Affect Conflict," *Journal of Peace Research* 36 (July 1999): 481-489.

Recommended:

Katherine Barbieri and Gerald Schneider, "Globalization and Peace: Assessing New Directions in the Study of Trade and Conflict," *Journal of Peace Research* 36 (July 1999): 387-404.

Katherine Barbieri and Jack S. Levy, "Sleeping with the Enemy: The Impact of War on Trade," *Journal of Peace Research* 36 (July 1999): 463-479.

Patrick J. McDonald, "The Purse Strings of Peace," *American Journal of Political Science* 51 (July 2007): 569-582.

Quan Li and Erik Gartzke, "Measure for Measure: Concept Operationalization and the Trade Interdependence-Conflict Debate," *Journal of Peace Research* 40 (2003) 553-571.

4/23: Peace Agreements & Legal Dispute Resolution

Nigel Lo, Barry Hashimoto and Dan Reiter, "Ensuring Peace: Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Postwar Peace Duration, 1914-2001," *International Organization* 62 (Fall 2008): 717-736.

Michaela Mattes and Burcu Savun, "Fostering Peace after Civil War: Commitment Problems and Agreement Design," *International Studies Quarterly* 53 (September 2009): 737-760.

Suzanne Werner, "The Precarious Nature of Peace: Resolving the Issues, Enforcing the Settlement, and Renegotiating the Terms," *American Journal of Political Science* 43 (July 1999): 912-934.

Todd L. Allee and Paul K. Huth, "Legitimizing Dispute Settlement: International Legal Rulings as Domestic Political Cover," *American Political Science Review* 100 (2006): 219-234.

Sara McLaughlin Mitchell and Paul R. Hensel, "International Institutions and Compliance with Agreements," *American Journal of Political Science* 51 (October 2007): 721-737.

Recommended:

Virginia Page Fortna, *Peace Time* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2004). pp. 1-38; 114-172.

Suzanne Werner and Amy Yuen, "Making and Keeping Peace," *International Organization* (2005): 261-292.

5/6: Final Papers due by 5:00.