

POLS 585: International Security
Spring 2008
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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. Beginning in the second 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 7**, students will turn in an abstract of their paper topic and research question, including an overview of the research contribution. On **March 20**, 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.
- Richard Betts, *Nuclear Blackmail and Nuclear Balance* (Washington: Brookings, 1987), 22-109; 123-129.
- Scott D. Sagan and Kenneth N. Waltz, *The Spread of Nuclear Weapons: A Debate Renewed*, 2nd edition (New York: Norton, 2003). pp. 3-87
- Virginia Page Fortna, *Peace Time* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2004). pp. 1-38; 114-172.

1/17: Crisis Escalation

Paul Huth, Christopher Gelpi and D. Scott Bennett, “The Escalation of Great Power Militarized Disputes: Testing Rational Deterrence Theory and Structural Realism,” *American Political Science Review* 87 (September 1993): 609-623.

William Reed, “A Unified Statistical Model of Conflict Onset and Escalation,” *American Journal of Political Science* 44 (January 2000): 84-93.

Michael Brecher and Jonathan Wilkenfeld, “Crises in World Politics,” *World Politics* 34 (April 1982): 380-417.

Michael Colaresi and William R. Thompson, "Strategic Rivalries, Protracted Conflict, and Crisis Escalation," *Journal of Peace Research* 39 (May 2002): 263-287.

Recommended:

Shuhei Kurizaki, "Efficient Secrecy: Public versus Private Threats in Crisis Diplomacy," *American Political Science Review* 101 (August 2007): 543-558.

Glenn H. Snyder and Paul Diesing, *Conflict Among Nations* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1977). pp. 1-32.

Ole R. Holsti, *Crisis, Escalation, War* (Montreal: McGill-Queens University Press, 1972).

Michael Brecher and Jonathan Wilkenfeld, *A Study of Crisis* (University of Michigan Press, 1997).

1/24: Ethnic Tensions

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

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

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.

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.

Recommended:

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.

1/31: Civil War Onset

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

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

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.

Idean Salehyan and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, "Refugees and the Spread of Civil War," *International Organization* 60 (April 2006): 335-366.

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

2/7: Civil War Termination

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.

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.

2/14: Terrorism

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.

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

Recommended:

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.

2/21 – Class Cancelled (PIPES Seminar)

2/28: 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.

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

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

3/6: Mediation I

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

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

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.

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

3/20: Mediation II

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.

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.

Recommended:

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

3/27 – Class Cancelled (ISA)

4/3: Peacekeeping

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

Virginia Page Fortna, "Does Peacekeeping Keep Peace? International Intervention and the Duration of Peace After Civil War," *International Studies Quarterly* 48 (June 2004): 269-292.

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

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

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

Paul F. Diehl, Jennifer Reifschneider, and Paul R. Hensel, "United Nations Intervention and Recurring Conflict," *International Organization* 50 (Autumn 1996): 683-700.

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.

Virginia Page Fortna, "Interstate Peacekeeping: Causal Mechanisms and Empirical Effects," *World Politics* 56 (July 2004): 481-519.

Recommended:

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

4/10: Proliferation

Richard Betts, *Nuclear Blackmail and Nuclear Balance* (Washington: Brookings, 1987), 22-109; 123-129.

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

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.

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

Scott D. Sagan and Kenneth N. Waltz, *The Spread of Nuclear Weapons: A Debate Renewed*, 2nd edition (New York: Norton, 2003). pp. 3-87

Recommended:

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

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.

4/17: Interdependence

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.

Quan Li and Rafael Reuveny, "Economic Globalization and Democracy: An Empirical Analysis," *British Journal of Political Science* 33 (January 2003): 29-54.

Randolph M. Siverson and Harvey Starr, "Opportunity, Willingness, and the Diffusion of War," *American Political Science Review* 84 (March 1990): 4867.

Recommended:

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

4/24: Peace Agreements & Legal Dispute Resolution

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.

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

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:

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

5/7: Final Papers due by 5:00.