**Problems in International Politics: Civil War**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Civil war is the dominant form of political violence in the contemporary world. This graduate seminar will introduce students to cutting edge scholarly work on intrastate conflict. We will study the origins, dynamics, and termination of civil wars, as well as international interventions, the consequences of war, and the stability of post-conflict environments. A variety of research approaches will be explored, including qualitative and quantitative methods, micro- and macro-levels of analysis, and sub- and cross-national comparative designs.

The course is divided into three major sections. The first section defines civil war and examines the origins of internal conflicts. It studies explanations for why and when political order breaks down, focusing on state power and policy, ethnicity and social identity, and natural resources and economic classes. Existing data sources for civil war research will also be examined in this section. The second section studies the dynamics of war, including explanations for why people join armed groups, the dispersion and spread of civil wars, and why patterns of violence vary within and across conflicts. The final section studies the termination and aftermath of civil wars. This section examines conflict duration/outcome, third-party interventions, post-conflict stability, and the social and political consequences of civil war. There may be some changes in the syllabus as the semester proceeds; I will let you know in advance if this is the case.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Your final grade will be determined based on your performance on class participation (40%) and a research paper (60%). The final grading curve will include +/- grades.

**Participation (40%)**

The quality of a graduate level seminar depends to a large extent on the efforts of the students, especially in a class of this size. I expect that you will come to class each week prepared to discuss the required readings. Obviously it is impossible to participate in a seminar discussion if you are not in attendance. I expect NO absences in the course. If you cannot make it to class because of a legitimate conflict (e.g. conference attendance, serious illness, etc.), please contact me ASAP. Because of the small class size, we may be able to reschedule class if several of you are absent (and with enough advance notice).

In addition to general attendance and participation in class discussion, your participation grade will include data presentations (Week 2) and weekly discussion leader duties. During our first class meeting, we will divide up discussion-leader responsibilities among students. Each student will be responsible for leading class discussion 2-3 times throughout the semester.

To prepare for class discussions, keep in mind the following questions:

1. What is the research question?
2. What is the researcher's theoretical argument? What assumptions underlie this theory?
3. Is the theory interesting? How does the argument fit into the literature? What does it tell us that we don’t already know?
4. Evaluation of the theory:
	1. If the theory is tested, what consequences are tested, how are concepts measured, and what methods are used? Do these make sense?
	2. Is there any evidence (other than anecdotal) that supports the theory? Is there evidence that falsifies it? What might you expect to see that would make you think the theory might be ‘wrong’? Does the author provide you with enough of a structure to say this? In other words, is the theory falsifiable?
5. What conclusions does the researcher draw? Does the researcher fully examine the implications of the theory? What are the most significant research findings?
6. To what degree do you think the researcher has answered his/her question? Is this a good example of research? Why or why not? What are the possibilities for related research? How can the research be extended or applied elsewhere?
7. How do the selections we read this week fit together? How do they fit into the course as a whole? Are we seeing progress in this research area?

Data presentations will occur in Week 2. Each student will be assigned one or more existing civil war data sources to research and create a short presentation on. These presentations should be geared towards providing the class an overview of what the data looks like (unit of analysis, time period covered, variables included, definitions of key variables, benefits/limitations of the data, etc.). These presentations will occur early in the semester so that students can familiarize themselves with existing data sources early on; once you know what data is out there, you can start to think about research questions, and whether any existing data sources are appropriate to use for your final research papers.

\*\* I reserve the right to institute weekly response papers if it seems that students are not coming to class prepared (i.e. have not done the reading and are not ready to participate in class discussion).

**Research Paper (60%)**

Choose a research question that falls in the topical areas covered in this class and write a research paper addressing this question. The final product should take the form of a conference paper or journal article. Your paper cannot reproduce (in whole or in part) any of your previous work in a substantive course (discuss with me if you are unsure about this). The paper should be about 20-30 pages in length and be written in the professional style of the American Political Science Association. Your research paper should a) clearly identify your research question, b) review and synthesize the relevant literature, c) develop a theoretical argument and derive testable hypotheses, d) develop a research design to evaluate the hypotheses empirically, and e) present an empirical evaluation of the hypotheses (using either statistical analysis of existing data sets or qualitative analysis of a few cases). You may use whatever methodology you feel is most appropriate to the issue and which you feel qualified to implement.

The paper will be due in several stages:

**Sunday, March 6th, Research Topic Write-up Due (by midnight):**

Submit a typed description of your research question, and explain how it fits into the general topical themes for the course. Provide an initial bibliography of at least 10 sources. No more than 1 page. Submit this via email to the whole class. **In class on Wednesday, March 9th, you will briefly present your research question.** These presentations will essentially be run like the department’s (now defunct) PS Modeler’s Workshop: each student will come prepared to present and discuss the research question(s) that they are thinking about for their final paper. This will be a relatively informal discussion – visual aids, preliminary data, etc are not required (though not discouraged either). It is simply an opportunity for you to share your ideas, get early feedback, and start to polish your research question.

**Sunday, May 1st, Full Draft Due (due by 5:00p.m.):**

Submit an initial draft of your paper. This draft should include all major parts of the paper (introduction, lit review, theory, research design, analysis, and conclusion). It should also include a bibliography. If your results are still preliminary at this point, that it fine, but the more that is done, the better placed we will be to give you feedback! Send your paper draft via email to the whole class by 5pm, May 1st.

**Wednesday, May 4th, Workshop Discussion of Paper Drafts:**

Your paper draft will be read by the instructor and the other students in the class. Class on Wednesday, May 4th, will be used as a paper workshop day. Students will be responsible for (1) presenting their own draft and (2) reading each others’ papers and providing comments (i.e. acting as discussant for their colleagues). Comments should be constructive, providing specific suggestions to improve the paper.

**Wednesday, May 11th, Final Draft (due by 5:00p.m. via email to the instructor):**

Submit your final paper along with a memo responding to the reviewers’ comments from the workshop/previous draft (memo should be no more than 2 single-spaced pages). I will take into consideration how well you responded to others’ criticisms when assigning a final grade. I will not accept late papers. The final paper grade is based on each of the above components of the paper (research question, first draft, workshop presentations, discussant duties, and final draft with memo).

**TEXTS**

Most of the course readings are available electronically through Iowa’s library resources. If you are on campus or connected to Iowa’s library remotely, you can search for the article using http://scholar.google.com. You can also search for the journal in the library’s catalog. I will have copies of book chapters and articles not available electronically. You may want to purchase some of the books listed in the Class Schedule below, but you are not required to do so – I can provide copies of chapters, or you can check these books out of the library.

**CLASS SCHEDULE**

**Week 1 (Jan 20th): Introduction and Definitions**

1. Kalyvas, Stathis. 2003. The Ontology of Political Violence: Action and Identity in Civil War. *Perspectives on Politics.* 1:475-494.
2. Kalyvas, Stathis N. “"New" and "Old" Civil Wars: A Valid Distinction?” World Politics 54, no. 1 (October 2001): 99-118.
3. Sambanis, Nicholas. “What Is Civil War? Conceptual and Empirical Complexities of an Operational Definition.” The Journal of Conflict Resolution 48, no. 6 (December 2004): 814-858.

*Recommended:*

* Blattman, Christopher, and Edward Miguel. “Civil War.” Journal of Economic Literature 48, no. 1 (3, 2010): 3-57.
* Brubaker, Rogers, and David D. Laitin. “Ethnic and Nationalist Violence.” Annual Review of Sociology 24 (1998): 423-452.
* Eckstein, Harry. “On the Etiology of Internal Wars.” History and Theory 4, no. 2 (1965): 133-163.
* Hegre, Håvard, and Nicholas Sambanis. “Sensitivity Analysis of Empirical Results on Civil War Onset.” The Journal of Conflict Resolution 50, no. 4 (August 2006): 508-535.
* David, Steven R. “Internal war: causes and cures.” World Politics 49, no. 4 (1997): 552-576.4
* Varshney, Ashutosh. 2007. “Ethnicity and Ethnic Conflict.” In The Oxford handbook of comparative politics, eds. Carles Boix and Susan Carol Stokes. Oxford University Press, p. 274-296.
* Wood, Elisabeth Jean. “Civil Wars: What We Don't Know.” Global Governance (April 2003) 247-260.
* King, Charles. “The Micropolitics of Social Violence.” World Politics 56, no. 3 (2004): 431-455.
* Kaufmann, Chaim. “Rational Choice and Progress in the Study of Ethnic Conflict: A Review Essay.” Security Studies 14, no. 1 (2005): 178-207.
* Tarrow, Sidney. “Inside Insurgencies: Politics and Violence in an Age of Civil War.” Perspectives on Politics 5, no. 03 (2007): 587-600.

**Week 2 (Jan 27th): Civil War Data**

1. Idean Salehyan 2015. “Best practices in the collection of conflict data” *Journal of Peace Research 52: 105-109*
2. Nils B. Weidmann. 2015. “On the Accuracy of Media-based Conflict Event Data.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution 59: 1129-1149.*
3. Matthew A Baum and Yuri M Zhukov. 2015. “Filtering revolution: Reporting bias in international newspaper coverage of the Libyan civil war” *Journal of Peace Research 52: 384-400*

**Datasets:**

1. COW Civil War Data and UCDP Civil War Dataset
2. Non-State Actor Dataset (Gleditsch et al)
3. UCDP GED Data and ACLED
4. Minorities at Risk/MAR-OB and EPR/GeoEPR
5. Other UCDP Datasets: External Support, One-Sided Violence, etc.
6. Other interesting datasets:
	1. Annualized Implementation Data on Comprehensive Intrastate Peace Accords
	2. Prorok data on rebel leadership
	3. Thomas data on negotiations and concessions in civil war

**Week 3 (Feb 3rd): Causes of Civil War: Inequality**

1. Cramer, Christopher. 2003. Does Inequality Cause Conflict? *Journal of International Development.* 15(4): 397-412.
2. Muller, Edward and Mitchell Seligson. 1987. Inequality and Insurgency. *American Political Science Review.* 81(2):425-452.
3. Boix, Carles. 2008. Economic Roots of Civil Wars and Revolutions in the Contemporary World. *World Politics.* 60(3).
4. **Østby**, Gudrun. 2008. Polarization, Horizontal Inequalities, and Violent Civil Conflict. *Journal of Peace Research.* 45(2): 143-162.
5. Cederman, Lars-Erik et al. 2011. “Horizontal Inequalities and Ethnonationalist Civil war: A Global Comparison.” *American Political Science Review* 105(3).
6. Lars-Erik Cederman, Nils B Weidmann, and Nils-Christian Bormann. 2015. “Triangulating horizontal inequality: Toward improved conflict analysis.” *Journal of Peace Research November 2015 52: 806-821.*

 *Recommended:*

* Buhaug, Halvard et al. 2011. “It’s the Local Economy, Stupid! Geographic Wealth Dispersion and Conflict Outbreak Location.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 55(5).
* Deiwiks, Christa, Lars-Erik Cederman, and Kristian Gleditsch. 2012. “Inequality and Conflict in Federations.” *Journal of Peace Research* 49(2).
* Cederman, Lars-Erik et al. 2013. *Inequality, Grievances, and Civil War.* Cambridge University Press.
* Stewart, Frances. *Horizontal Inequalities and Conflict.*
* Murshed, S. Mansoob and Scott Gates. 2005. Spatial-Horizontal Inequality and the Maoist Insurgency in Nepal. *Review of Development Economics* 9(1): 121-134.
* Besancon, Marie. 2005. Relative Resources: Inequality in Ethnic Wars, Revolutions, and Genocides. *Journal of Peace Research.* 42: 393-415.
* MacCulloch, Robert. 2004. The Impact of Income on the Taste for Revolt. *American Journal of Political Science.* 48(4):830-848.
* Muller, Edward. 1985. Income Inequality, Regime Repressiveness and Political Violence. *American Sociological Review* 50(1):47–61.
* Muller, Edward, Henry Dietz, and Steven Finkel. 1991. Discontent and the Expected Utility of Rebellion: The Case of Peru. *American Political Science Review* 85(4):1261–82.
* Lichbach, Mark Irving. 1989. An Evaluation of 'Does Economic Inequality Breed Political Conflict?' *World Politics* 41: 431-470.
* Lichbach, Mark Irving. 1990. Will Rational People Rebel Against Inequality? Samson's Choice. *American Journal of Political Science* 34: 1049-1076.

**Week 4 (Feb 10th): Causes of Civil War: State Weakness/State Institutions**

1. Fearon and Laitin, 2003. Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War. *American Politial Science Review.* 97(1).
2. Collier, Paul and Anke Hoeffler. 2004. Greed and Grievance in Civil War. *Oxford Economic Papers* 56(4): 563-595.
3. Hegre, Havard. et al. 2001. Toward a Democratic Civil Peace? Democracy, Political Change, and Civil War. 1816-1992. *American Political Science Review.* 95(1):33-38.
4. Hendrix, Cullen. 2010. Measuring State Capacity: Theoretical and Empirical Implications for the Study of Civil Conflict. *Journal of Peace Research.* 47(3): 273-285.
5. Brancati, Dawn. 2006. Decentralization: Fueling the Fire or Dampening the Flames of Ethnic Conflict and Secessionism? *International Organization.* 60(3):651-685.
6. Lars-Erik Cederman, Simon Hug, Andreas Schadel, and Julian Wucherpfennig. 2015. “Territorial Autonomy in the Shadown of Conflict: Too Little, Too Late?” *American Political Science Review* 109(2).

 *Recommended:*

* Catie Snow Bailard. 2015. “Ethnic conflict goes mobile: Mobile technology’s effect on the opportunities and motivations for violent collective action.” *Journal of Peace Research 52: 323-337.*
* Herbst, Jeffrey. 2004. African Militaries and Rebellion: the Political Economy of Threat and Combat Effectiveness. *Journal of Peace Research.* 41(3): 357-369.
* Tilly, Charles. 1978. *From Mobilization to Revolution.* McGraw-Hill.
* Herbst, Jeffrey. 2000. *States and Power in Africa: Comparative Lessons in Authority and Control.*  Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
* Mason, T. David and Dale A. Krane. 1989. The Political Economy of Death Squads: Toward a Theory of the Impact of State-Sanctioned Terror. *International Studies Quarterly.*  33: 175-198.
* Gates, et al. 2006. Institutional Inconsistency and Political Instability: Polity Duration, 1800-2000. *American Journal of Political Science.* 50(4): 893-908.
* Saideman, Stephen, et al. 2002. Democratization, Political Institutions, and Ethnic Conflict: A Pooled Time-Series Analysis. 1985-1998. *Comparative Political Studies.* 35(1):103-129.
* Lijphardt, Arend. 1977. *Democracy in Plural Societies: A Comparative Exploration.* Yale University Press.
* Snyder, Jack. 2000. *From Voting to Violence: Democratization and Nationalist Conflict.* WW Norton & Co.
* Reilly, Benjamin. 2002. Electoral Systems for Divided Societies. *Journal of Democracy.* 13(2).
* Wibbels, Erik and Kristin Bakke. 2006. Diversity, Disparity, and Civil Conflict in Federal States. *World Politics.* 59(1): 1-50.
* Heger, Lindsay and Salehyan, Idean. 2006. Ruthless Rulers: Coalition Size and the Severity of Civil Conflict. *International Studies Quarterly.* 51(2).

**Week 5 (Feb 17th): Nationalism, Ethnicity, and Civil War (Rationalist Approaches)**

1. Fearon, James and David Laitin. 2000. Violence and the Social Construction of Ethnic Identity. *International Organization.* 54(4):845-877
2. Walter, Barbara. 2006. Building Reputation: Why Governments Fight Some Separatists but not Others. *American Journal of Political Science.* 50(2): 313-330
3. Cunningham, Kathleen. 2011. Divide and Conquer or Divide and Concede: How do States Respond to Internally Divided Separatists? *American Political Science Review.* 105(2).
4. Varshney, Ashutosh. 2003. Nationalism, Ethnic Conflict, and Rationality. *Perspectives on Politics.* 1(1): 85-99.
5. T. Camber Warren and Kevin K. Troy. 2015. “Explaining Violent Intra-Ethnic Conflict: Group Fragmentation in the Shadow of State Power.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution 59: 484-509.*
6. Corinne Bara. 2014. “Incentives and opportunities: A complexity-oriented explanation of violent ethnic conflict.” *Journal of Peace Research 51: 696-710.*

 *Recommended***:**

* Cetinyan, Rupen. 2003. Ethnic Bargaining in the Shadow of Third Party Intervention. *International Organization.* 56(3).
* Lake, David and Donald Rothchild. 1996. Containing Fear: the Origins and Management of Ethnic Conflict. *International Security.* 21(2).
* Hechter, Michael. 2000. Nationalism and Rationality. *Studies in Comparative International Development.* 35(1).
* Pape, Robert. 2003. The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism. *American Political Science Review.* 97(3).
* Fearon, James. 1998. Commitment Problems and the Spread of Ethnic Conflict. In, *The International Spread of Ethnic Conflict.* David Lake and Donald Rothchild, eds. Chapter 5.
* De Figueiredo, Rui and Barry Weingast. 1999. The Rationality of Fear: Political Opportunism and Ethnic Conflict. In, Walter and Snyder, eds. *Civil Wars, Insecurity, and Intervention.*
* Fearon, James and David Laitin. 1996. Explaining Interethnic Cooperation. *American Political Science Review.* 90(4): 715-735.
* Wilkinson, Steven. 2004. *Votes and Violence: Electoral Competition and Ethnic Riots in India.* UK: Cambridge.
* Varshney, Ashutosh. 2002. *Ethnic Conflict and Civic Life.* Yale University Press.
* Cederman, Lars-Erik and Luc Girardin. 2007. Beyond Fractionalization: Mapping Ethnicity onto Nationalist Insurgencies. *American Political Science Review.*  101: 173-185. Together with: Fearon, James, Kimuli Kasara, and David Laitin. 2007. Ethnic Minority Rule and Civil War Onset. *American Political Science Review.* 101(1):187-193.
* Posner, Daniel. 2004. The Political Salience of Cultural Difference: Why Chewas and Tumbukas are Allies in Zambia and Adversaries in Malawi. *American Political Science Review.* 98(4): 529-545.
* Sambanis, Nicholas. 2001. Do Ethnic and Nonethnic Civil Wars Have the Same Causes? *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 45(3):259-282.
* Reynal-Querol, Marta. 2002. Ethnicity, Political Systems, and Civil Wars. *Journal of Conflict Resolution.* 46(1): 29-54.

 *Recommended Readings on Ethnicity (Group Comparison Approaches)*

* Horowitz, Donald. *Ethnic Groups in Conflict.*
* Brubaker, Rogers and David Laitin. 1998. Ethnic and Nationalist Violence. *Annual Review of Sociology.* 24: 423-52.
* Horowitz, Donald. 1998. *The Deadly Ethnic Riot.* Berkeley, CA: UC Press.
* Vanhanen, Tatu. 1999. Domestic Ethnic Conflict and Ethnic Nepotism: A Comparative Analysis. *Journal of Peace Research* 36(1): 55-73.

*Recommended Readings on Ethnicity (Territory and State-building Approaches)*

* Toft, Monica. 2002. Indivisible Territory, Geographic Concentration, and Ethnic War. *Security Studies.* 12(2): 82-119.
* Goddard, Stacie. 2006. Uncommon Ground: Indivisible Territory and the Politics of Legitimacy. *International Organization.* 60(1): 35-68.
* Buhaug, Halvard, Lars-Erik Cederman and Jan Ketil Rod. 2008. Disaggregating Ethno-Nationalist Civil Wars: A Dyadic Test of Exclusion Theory. *International Organization.* 62(3).
* Posen, Barry. 1993. The Security Dilemma and Ethnic Conflict. In, *Ethnic Conflict and International Security.* Michael Brown, ed. Chapter 6.
* Mueller, John. 2000. “The Banality of Ethnic War.” *International Security.* 25.1.
* Cunningham, Kathleen and Nils Weidmann. 2010. Shared Space: Ethnic Groups, State Accommodation, and Localized Conflict. *International Studies Quarterly.* 54(4): 1035-1054.
* Wimmer, Andreas and Brian Min. 2006. From Empires to Nation-States: Explaining Wars in the Modern World. *American Sociological Review.* 71: 897-897.
* Toft, Monica. 2003. *The Geography of Ethnic Violence.*
* Mann, Michael. 2004. *The Dark Side of Democracy. Explaining Ethnic Cleansing.* Cambridge University Press.
* Gellner, Ernest. 1983. *Nations and Nationalism.* Cornell University Press.
* Weiner, Myron. 1971. The Macedonian Syndrome: An Historical Model of International Relations and Political Development. *World Politics.* 23(4).

*Recommended Readings on Psychological Approaches:*

* Gurr, Ted R. 1968. Psychological Factors in Civil Violence. *World Politics.* 20(2): 245-278.
* Victoroff, Jeff. 2005. The Mind of the Terrorist: A Review and Critique of Psychological Approaches. *Journal of Conflict Resolution.* 49(1):3-42.
* Roger Peterson. 2002. *Understanding Ethnic Violence.*
* Gurr, Ted. 1970. *Why Men Rebel.* Princeton University Press.
* Crenshaw, Martha. 2002. The Psychology of Terrorism: an Agenda for the 21st Century. *Political Psychology.* 21(2).

**Week 6 (Feb 24th): Natural Resources and Climate**

1. Ross, Michael. 2004. What do We Know about Natural Resources and Civil War? *Journal of Peace Research.* 41(3):337-356.
2. le Billion, Philippe. 2001. The Political Ecology of War: Natural Resources and Armed Conflicts. *Political Geography* 20:561-584.
3. Lujala, Paivi. 2010. “The Spoils of Nature: Armed civil conflict and rebel access to natural resources.” *Journal of Peace Research* 47(1).
4. Homer-Dixon, Thomas. 1994. Environmental Scarcities and Violent Conflict: Evidence from Cases. *International Security.* 19(1):5-40
5. Raleigh, Clionadh and Hendrik Urdal. 2007. Climate Change, Environmental Degradation and Armed Conflict. *Political Geography.* 26: 674-694.
6. C. S Hendrix and I. Salehyan, “Climate Change, Rainfall, and Social Conflict in Africa,” Journal of Peace Research 49, no. 1 (January 2012): 35–50.
7. Peter F. Nardulli, Buddy Peyton, and Joseph Bajjalieh. 2015. “Climate Change and Civil Unrest: The Impact of Rapid-onset Disasters.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution 59: 310-335.*

 *Recommended:*

* Fearon, James. 2005. Primary Commodity Exports and Civil War. *Journal of Conflict Resolution.* 49: 483-507.
* Clionadh Raleigh and Dominic Kniveton, “Come Rain or Shine: An Analysis of Conflict and Climate Variability in East Africa,” Journal of Peace Research 49, no. 1 (January 1, 2012): 51–64
* De Soysa, Indra. 2002. Ecoviolence: Shrinking Pie or Honey Pot?. *Global Environmental Politics.* 2(3):1-34.
* DeSoysa, Indra. 2002. Paradise is a Bazaar? Greed, Creed, and Governance in Civil War, 1989-1999. *Journal of Peace Research.*  39(4):395-416.
* Bannon, Ian and Paul Collier, eds. 2003 *Natural Resources and Violent Conflict: Options and Actions.* Washington, DC: World Bank
* Lujala, Paivi, Nils Petter Gleditsch, and Elisabeth Glimore. 2005. A Diamond Curse?: Civil War and a Lootable Resource. *Journal of Conflict Resolution.* 49(4):538-562.
* Ross, Michael. 2004. “How do Natural Resources Influence Civil War? Evidence from Thirteen Cases.” *International Organization* 58(1).
* T. Wolf, S. B. Yoffe, and M. Giordano, “International Waters: Identifying Basins at Risk,” Water Policy 5, no. 1 (2003): 29–60.
* Colin Kahl. States, Scarcity, and Civil Strife in the Developing World. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2006.
* Solomon M. Hsiang, Marshall Burke, and Edward Miguel, “Quantifying the Influence of Climate on Human Conflict,” Science 341, no. 6151 (September 13, 2013). TOGETHER WITH: “Why Do Climate Changes Lead to Conflict? Provocative New Study Leaves Questions,” New Security Beat, accessed December 6, 2013, <http://www.newsecuritybeat.org/2013/09/climate-lead-conflict-provocative-study-leaves-questions/>.
* W. Hauge and T. Ellingsen, “Beyond Environmental Scarcity: Causal Pathways to Conflict,” Journal of Peace Research (1998): 299–317

**Week 7 (March 2nd): Recruitment and Participation**

1. Weinstein, Jeremy. 2005. Resources and the Information Problem in Rebel Recruitment. *Journal of Conflict Resolution.* 49(4): 598-624.
2. Humphreys, Macartan, and Jeremy M. Weinstein. 2008. “Who Fights? The Determinants of Participation in Civil War.” American Journal of Political Science 52(2): 436-455.
3. Kalyvas, Stathis N., and Matthew Adam Kocher. 2007. “How "Free" Is Free Riding in Civil Wars? Violence, Insurgency, and the Collective Action Problem.” World Politics 59(2): 177-216.
4. Ben Oppenheim, Abbey Steele, Juan F. Vargas, and Michael Weintraub. 2015. “True Believers, Deserters, and Traitors: Who Leaves Insurgent Groups and Why.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution 59: 794-823.*
5. Theodore McLauchlin. 2014. “Desertion, Terrain, and Control of the Home Front in Civil Wars” *Journal of Conflict Resolution 58: 1419-1444.*
6. Jakana Thomas and Kanisha Bond. 2015. “Women’s Participation in Violent Political Organizations.” *American Political Science Review 109(3).*

*Recommended:*

* Lichbach, Mark I. *The Rebel’s Dilemma.*
* Gurr, Ted Robert. *Why Men Rebel*. Princeton, N.J: Princeton University Press, 1970.
* Tilly, Charles. 2003. *The Politics of Collective Violence*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
* Taylor, Michael, ed. *Rationality and Revolution*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1988.
* McAdam, Doug, Sidney Tarrow, and Charles Tilly. *Dynamics of Contention*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001.
* Gates, Scott. 2002. Recruitment and Allegiance: The Microfoundations of Rebellion. *Journal of Conflict Resolution.*  46(1):111-130.
* Kuran, Timur. 1989. Sparks and Prairie Fires: a Theory of Unanticipated Political Revolution. *Public Choice.* 61(1): 41-74.
* Wood, Elisabeth Jean. 2003. Insurgent Collective Action and the Civil War in El Salvador. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
* Kathleen Gallagher Cunningham, Kristin M. Bakke and Lee Seymour. 2012. “Shirts Today, Skins Tomorrow: Dual Contests and the Effects of Fragmentation in Self-Determination Disputes.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 56(1).
* Siegel, David A. “Social Networks and Collective Action.” American Journal of Political Science 53, no. 1 (2009): 122-138.
* David A. Jaeger, Esteban F. Klor, Sami H. Miaari, and M. Daniele Paserman. 2015. “Can Militants Use Violence to Win Public Support? Evidence from the Second Intifada.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution 59: 528-549.*

**\*\* Final Paper Research Topics Due Sunday, March 6th**

**Week 8 (March 9th): PAPER TOPIC WORKSHOP (No Readings)**

**Week 9 (March 16th): NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK**

**Week 10 (March 23rd): Geography and Diffusion of Civil War**

1. Buhaug, Halvard and Jan Ketil Rod. 2006. Local Determinants of African Civil Wars. 1970-2001. *Political Geography.* 25(3).
2. Salehyan, Idean and Kristian S. Gleditsch. 2006. Refugees and the Spread of Civil War. *International Organization* 60(2).
3. Salehyan, Idean. 2007. Transnational Rebels: Neighboring States as Sanctuary for Rebel Movements. *World Politics* 59: 217-242.
4. Keisuke Nakao. 2015. “Expansion of rebellion: From periphery to heartland.” *Journal of Peace Research 52: 591-606.*
5. Charles Butcher. 2015. ‘Capital punishment’: Bargaining and the geography of civil war. *Journal of Peace Research March 2015 52: 171-186*
6. Nils B Weidmann. 2015. Communication networks and the transnational spread of ethnic conflict *Journal of Peace Research 52: 285-296.*

*Recommended:*

* T Camber Warren. 2015. “Explosive connections? Mass media, social media, and the geography of collective violence in African states.” *Journal of Peace Research 52: 297-311*
* Buhaug, Halvard and Scott Gates. 2002. The Geography of Civil War. *Journal of Peace Research.*  39(4): 417-433
* Moore, Will and Stephen Shellman. 2004. Fear of Persecution: Forced Migration, 1952-1995. *Journal of Conflict Resolution.* 48(5): 723-745.
* Buhaug, Halvard and Kristian Gleditsch. 2008. Contagion or Confusion? Why Conflicts Cluster in Space. *International Studies Quarterly.* 52(2): 215-448.
* Buhaug, Halvard and Paivi Lujala. 2005. Accounting for Scale: Measuring Geography in Quantitative Studies of Civil War. *Political Geography.* 24: 399-418.
* Hegre, Havard and Clionadh Raleigh. 2007. Population Size, Concentration, and Civil War: A Geographically Disaggregated Analysis. *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper #4243.*
* Davenport, Christian, Will Moore, and Steven Poe. 2003. Sometimes you Just Have to Leave: Domestic Threats and Forced Migration, 1964-1989. *International Interactions.* 29(1): 27-55.

**Week 11 (March 30th): Violence and Terrorism in Civil War I**

1. Kalyvas, Stathis. 2006. *Logic of Violence in Civil War.* Selected Chapters.
2. Humphreys, Macartan and Jeremy Weinstein. 2006. “Handling and Manhandling Civilians in Civil War.” *American Political Science Review* 100(3): 429-447.
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**Week 16 (May 4th): Paper Workshop (NO READINGS)**

**\*\* FINAL PAPERS DUE Wednesday, May 11th by 5pm**

**Teaching Policies & Procedures**

**Political Science DEO: Sara Mitchell, 341 Schaeffer Hall**

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