

## **CIVIL WAR: DOMESTIC ORIGINS AND GLOBAL CONSEQUENCES**

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This class will examine the domestic and international aspects of contemporary civil conflict. Since 1945, civil conflict has become the most prevalent form of warfare in the international community. The human, political and economic cost of war makes the analysis of large scale violence essential. For example, weak state infrastructure allows conflict to continue to rage in portions of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. South Sudan is rife with conflict, and its population is suffering from mass starvation. Guatemalans are applying global norms of justice as they attempt to prosecute state leaders for wartime crimes. Finally, record numbers of people are fleeing political and economic instability on a global scale. In this class, students will examine the domestic dynamics of civil wars and how factors such as state strength, economic development, regime type, ethnicity and nationalism serve as important causal mechanisms in the initiation of warfare. We will also examine the global effects, which include regional instability, economic depression, refugee flows, and interstate disputes. Other topics include: the organizational identity and operational capacity of rebel organizations, sexual and gender based violence and debates on civil war termination. The geographic scope of the class is quite large as we will examine the dynamics of post-WWII civil conflicts in regions such as Central America, South America, Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and Eastern Europe. We will use specific case studies from the aforementioned regions to help us understand the theoretical and conceptual dynamics of war.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:** Students are expected to come to class having read all the required assignments. Each student will be expected to actively engage in our discussion of the course material. Prior study and background knowledge of specific civil wars **are not** necessary.

### **GRADING:**

Class Participation: 20%

Short Papers 10%

Class Presentation: 10%

Paper Proposal: 10%

Research Paper: \* 50%

**SHORT PAPERS:** Students are required to write **two** short (2-3pgs) papers on a reading in which they identify and critique the substantive issues of the article or book. Students are to post the assignment online by 7pm the night before the class so that the peers (and the instructor) have time to read the document. A hard copy is to be submitted to the instructor on the day that we are scheduled to discuss the work (i.e. the next day).

**CLASS PRESENTATION:** Students are required to lead one class discussion on one assigned article.

**CLASS PROPOSAL:** All students must submit a **paper proposal** to me by the 5<sup>th</sup> class session. I will post instructions for this assignment online.

**FINAL PAPER:** Students will submit a quality research paper at the end of the term. Within the broad confines of writing a paper on civil war, you will have great latitude in selecting your paper topic. You may, for example, write on a particular war, discuss a specific militant organization or critique the literature on civil war termination. Your paper should be between 25 and 30 pages long.

### **COURSE MATERIALS:**

- Kalyvas, Stathis. *The Logic of Violence in Civil War* (New York: Cambridge University Press). 2006
- Weinstein, Jeremy M. 2007. *Inside Rebellion: The Politics of Insurgent Violence*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

### **Session One:**

**MEETING DATE: 9/8/2015**

**INTRODUCTION:** Class Overview

### **Session Two**

**September 15<sup>th</sup>**

**WHAT IS A CIVIL WAR?**

### **Required Reading:**

- Sambanis, Nicholas (2004). "What is Civil War? Conceptual and Empirical Complexities of an Operational Definition" *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 48 (6): 815-858.
- Angstrom, Jan. (2001). "Towards a Typology of Internal Armed Conflict: Synthesizing a Decade of Conceptual Turmoil", *Civil Wars* 4 (Fall): 93-116.

### **Recommended Reading:**

- Sambanis, Nicholas (2007). "What is a Civil War and How Should We Measure It?" *APSA-CP Newsletter*, 18 (2): 22-25.

### **Session Three**

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

#### **HISTORICAL TRENDS and OLD/NEW WARS DEBATE**

##### **Required Reading:**

- Hegre, Håvard & Håvard Møkleiv Nygård (2014) *Peace on Earth? The Future of Internal Armed Conflict*, *Conflict Trends*, 1. Oslo: PRIO.
- Kaldor, Marie. (2013). "In Defense of New Wars." *Stability: International Journal of Security and Development* 2(1):4, DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.5334/sta.at>
- Kalyvas, Stathis. (2001). "'New' and 'Old' Civil Wars: A Valid Distinction?" *World Politics* 54 (October): 99-118.

##### **Recommended Reading:**

- Kaldor, Marie. *New War, Old War: Organized Violence in a Global Era*. Polity Press. 2d edition. 2006.
- Newman, Edward. (2004). "The 'New Wars' Debate: A Historical Perspective is Needed." *Security Dialogue*. 35 (2): 173-189.
- Lotta, Themner and Peter Wallerstein (2013). "Armed Conflict, 1946-2012" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 50 (4): 509-521.

#### **CAUSES OF WAR: MACRO-LEVEL EXPLANATIONS**

### **Session Four**

**September 29<sup>th</sup>**

#### **STATE STRENGTH, REGIME TYPE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

##### **Required Reading:**

- Collier, Paul and Nicholas Sambanis (editors). *Understanding Civil War: Evidence and Analysis, Vol. 1. Africa. 2005*. Read Ch. 1 'The Collier-Hoeffler Model of Civil War Onset and the Case Study Project Design'
- Fearon, James and David Laitin. (2003). "Ethnicity, Insurgency and Civil War" *American Political Science Review* 97 (1): 75-90.
- Gurses, Mehmet and T. David Mason. (2010). "Weak States, Regime Types, and Civil War" *Civil Wars* 12(1): 140-155.
- Barbara Walter. (2014) "Why Bad Governance Leads to Repeat Civil War" *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. pp 1-31.
- Keefer, Paul (2008). "Insurgency and Credible Commitment in Autocracies and Democracies" *The World Bank Economic Review*. 22(1): 33-61.

### **Recommended Reading:**

- Murshed, Mansood and Mohammad Zulfan Tadjoeeddin. (2007). "Reappraising Greed and Grievance Explanations for Violent Internal Conflict. *Working Paper*. (will be posted online)
- Fjeld, Hanne and Indra de Soysa. (2009). "Coercion, Co-optation, or Cooperation? State Capacity and the Risk of Civil War, 1961-2004" *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. 26(1): 5-25.
- Gurr, Ted Robert. *Why Men Rebel*. (Princeton University, New Jersey) 1970
- Collier, Paul. *Breaking the Conflict Trap: Civil War and Development Policy*. 2003.
- Klare, Michael. 2004. "The Deadly Connection: Paramilitary Bands, Small Arms Diffusion and State Failure." *When States Fail: Causes and Consequences*. (editor) Robert Rotber (Princeton University Press, New Jersey).
- Call, Charles (2010). "Liberia's War Recurrence: Grievance over Greed" *Civil Wars*. 12(4): 347-369.

### **Session Five PAPER PROPOSALS DUE IN CLASS!!!**

**October 6<sup>th</sup>**

### **CAUSES OF WAR: MICRO-LEVEL EXPLANATIONS**

### **ETHNICITY, NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE SECURITY DILEMMA**

### **Required Reading:**

- Humphreys, Macartan and Jeremy Weinstein. (2008). "Who Fights? The Determinants of Participation in Civil War" *American Journal of Political Science*. 5(2): 436-455.
- Sambanis, Nicholas. (2001). "Do Ethnic and Nonethnic Civil Wars Have the Same Causes?" *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 45(3): 259-282.
- Le Billon, Philippe. (2001) "The Political Ecology of War: Natural Resources and Armed Conflicts" *Political Geography* 20: 561-584.
- Snyder, Jack and Robert Jervis. "Civil War and the Security Dilemma" in *Civil Wars, Insecurity and Intervention*. (Columbia University Press, New York), 1999.

### **Recommended Reading:**

- Reynal-Querol, Marta, (2002) "Ethnicity, Political Systems, and Civil Wars," *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.
- Alao, A. "Diamonds are forever...but so also are controversies: Diamonds and the Actors in Sierra Leone's Civil War" *Civil War* 2(3): 43-69.
- Lake, David and Donald Rothchild, "Containing Fear: The Origins and Management of Ethnic Conflict," *International Security*, 1996.
- De Figueiredo, Rui and Barry R. Weingast. 1999. – The Rationality of Fear: Political Opportunism and Ethnic Conflict. In *Civil Wars, Insecurity, and Intervention*, ed. by Barbara Walter and Jack Snyder. New York: Columbia University Press, pp. 261-302.
- McLaughlin, Sarah. 2012 (January) "Resource Curse in Reverse: How Civil Wars Influence Natural Resource Production" *International Interactions: Empirical and Theoretical Research in International Relations*.

## **Session 6--NO CLASS: University runs according to Monday Schedule**

### **Session Seven**

**October 20<sup>th</sup>**

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL IDENTITY OF MILITANT FACTIONS**

##### **Required Reading:**

- Weinstein, Jeremy M. 2007. *Inside Rebellion: The Politics of Insurgent Violence*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

##### **Recommended Reading:**

- Haer, Ruus et al. (2011) "Create Compliance and Cohesion: How Rebel Organizations Manage to Survive" *Small Wars and Insurgencies*. 22(3): 415-434.
- Stathis N. Kalyvas (2008) "Ethnic Defection in Civil War," *Comparative Political Studies Volume*
- Silva, Deborah and Patricia M. Sias. "Connection, Restructuring and Buffering: How Groups Link Individuals to Organizations" *Journal of Applied Communication Research*. 32 (2): 145-166.
- Lilja, Jannie (2009). "Trapping Constituents or Winning Hearts and Minds? Rebel Strategies to Attain Constituent Support in Sri Lanka: *Terrorism and Political Violence*. 21(2): 306-326.

### **Session Eight**

**October 27<sup>th</sup>**

#### **GLOBALIZATION AND CIVIL WAR**

##### **Required Reading:**

- Hartzell, Caroline et al. (2010). "Economic Liberalization via IMF Structural Adjustment: Sowing the Seeds of Civil War? *International Organization*. 64 (2):339-359.
- Bussman, Margit et al (2007). "When Globalization Discontent Turns Violent: Economic Liberalization and Internal War" *International Studies Quarterly*. 79-97.

### **Session Nine**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

#### **MILITANT FACTIONS AND THE USE OF FORCE (PART ONE)**

##### **Required Reading:**

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

## **Session Ten**

**November 10<sup>th</sup>**

### **MILITANT FACTIONS AND THE USE OF FORCE (PART TWO)**

#### **Required Reading:**

- Jason Lyall. (2009). "Does Indiscriminate Violence Incite Insurgent Attacks? Evidence from Chechnya," *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 53 (3): 331-362.
- Macartan Humphreys and Jeremy Weinstein (2006), "Handling and Manhandling Civilians in Civil War," *American Political Science Review* 100 (3): 429-447.
- Wood, Elizabeth Jean. (2006) "Variation in Sexual Violence during War". *Politics and Society*. 34(3): 307-341.
- Eck, Kristine and Lisa Hultman. (2007) "One-Sided Violence against Civilians in War: Insights from New Fatality Data" *Journal of Peace Research*. 44(2): 233-246.
- Boulden, Jane. (2009) "Terrorism and Civil War" *Civil Wars*. 11(1): 5-21.

#### **Recommended Reading**

- Vinci, Anthony. (2005). "The Strategic Use of Fear by the Lord's Resistance Army" *Small Wars and Insurgencies*. 16 (3): 360-381.

## **Session Eleven**

**November 17<sup>th</sup>**

### **ENDING WAR: NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, MILITARY VICTORY AND DECAPITATION**

#### **Required Reading:**

- Tierney, Michael (2013). "Killing Kony: Leadership Change and Civil War Termination" *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. pp. 1-32.
- Zartman, William. (2010) "The Timing of Peace Initiatives: Hurting Stalemates and Ripe Moments." *The Global Review of Ethnopolitics*. 1(1): 8-18.
- Toft, Monica Duffy. (2010). "Ending Civil Wars: A Case for Rebel Force" *International Security* 34 (4): 7-36.
- Hartzell, Caroline and Matthew Hoddie. *Crafting Peace: Power-Sharing Institutions and the Negotiated Settlement of Civil Wars*. (Pennsylvania: The Pennsylvania State University). 2007. Read Introduction and Chapters 1 and 2.

#### **Recommended Reading:**

- Downes, Alexander B. (2004). "The Problem with Negotiated Settlements to Ethnic Civil Wars" *Security Studies* 13 (4): 230-279.

- Svensson, Isak and Emily Harding. (2010). "How Holy Wars End: Exploring Termination Patterns of Conflicts with Religious Dimensions in Asia" *Terrorism and Political Violence*. 23(2): 133-149.
- Séverine Autesserre (2009), "Hobbes and the Congo: Frames, Local Violence, and International Intervention," *International Organization* 63: 249–88.
- Doyle, Michael W. and Nicholas Sambanis. 2006. - *Making War and Building Peace: United Nations Peace Operations*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Roeder, Philip G. and Donald D. Rothchild, eds. 2005. - *Sustainable Peace: Power and Democracy after Civil Wars*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
- Zartman, William. (1996). "Elusive Peace: Negotiating and End to Civil War" *Foreign Affairs*.

## **Session Twelve**

**November 24<sup>th</sup>**

### **ENDING WAR: PEACEKEEPING**

#### **Required Reading:**

- James Cockayne, Christoph Mikulaschek, and Chris Perry (2010). "The United Nations Security Council and Civil War: First Insights from a New Dataset", special report.
- Fortna, Virginia Page. 2008. - *Does Peacekeeping Work? Shaping Belligerents' Choices After War*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, Chapters 1-4 (Sierra Leone, Mozambique and Bangladesh)

**\*\*Thanksgiving Recess Nov. 25-29\*\***

## **Session Thirteen**

**December 1<sup>st</sup>**

### **WOMEN AND WAR**

#### **Required Reading:**

- Kuehnast, Kathleen, et al. "**Introduction**" *Women and War: Power and Protection in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Kathleen Kuehnast, Chantal de Jonge Oudraat and Helga Hernes, Editors. United States Institute of Peace: Washington, D.C. (2011).
- Security Council Resolution 1325: Civil Monitoring Report 2012: The Republic of South Sudan. *Women Now*, special report.
- Lowenstein, Allard (2014). "Gender Based Violence and Southern Sudan: Justice for Women Long Overdue", *A Study for the Enough Project*, special report.

**Recommended Reading:**

- *Women and War: Power and Protection in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Kathleen Kuehnast, Chantal de Jonge Oudraat and Helga Hernes, Editors.(Washington, D.C.: United States Institute of Peace) (2011).
- Bop, C. (2001). "Women in Conflicts, Their Gains and Their Losses." In *The Aftermath: Women in Post-Conflict Transformation*, Ed. S Meintjes, M. Thursen, and A. Pillay, 19-34, (Zed Books, London).

**TRANSNATIONALISM OF CIVIL WAR AND CONTAGION EFFECTS****Session Fourteen****December 1<sup>st</sup>****SECESSIONISM AND DIASPORAS****Required Reading**

- Guiliano, Elise (2006). "Secessionism from the Bottom Up: Democratization, Nationalism and Local Accountability in the Russian Transition" *World Politics* 58 (January): 276-310.
- Saideman, Stephen M., Beth K. Dougherty, and Erin K. Jenne. (2005). "Dilemmas of Divorce: How Secessionist Identities Cut Both Ways" *Security Studies* 14(4): 607-636.
- Sorens, Jason (2004). "Globalization, Secessionism, and Autonomy" *Electoral Studies*. 23: 727-752.
- Tadjoeeddin, Mohammad Zulfan (2011). "The Economic Origins of Indonesia's Secessionist Conflicts" *Civil Wars*. 13(3): 312-332.

**Recommended Reading:**

- Brubaker, R. (1995). "National Minorities, Nationalizing States and External National Homelands in New Europe" *Daedalus* 124(2): 107-132.
- Hale, Henry E. (2000). "The Parade of Sovereignties: Testing Theories of Secession in the Soviet Union" *British Journal of Political Science* 30: 31-56.
- Laitin, David (2001). "Secessionist Rebellion in the Former Soviet Union" *Comparative Political Studies* 34: 839-861.
- Fair, C. Christine. (2005). "Diaspora Involvement in Insurgencies: Insights from the Khalist and Tamil Eelam Movements" *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*. 11(1): 125-156.

**Session Fifteen****REFUGEES AND REGIONAL INSTABILITY**



**December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Required Reading:**

- Salehyan, Idean (2007): Refugees and the Study of Civil War, *Civil Wars*, 9(2): 127-141
- Lischer, Sarah Kenyon (2007). "Causes and Consequences of Conflict-Induced Displacement" *Civil Wars* 9(2): 142-155.
- Moore, Will and Stephen Shellman. (2006). "Refugee or Internally Displaced Person: To Where Should One Flee?" *Comparative Political Studies*. 39(5): 599-622.
- Melander, Erik and Magnus Oberg (2007). "The Threat of Migration: Geographical Scope Trumps Intensity of Fighting" *Civil Wars*. 9(2): 153-173.

**Recommended Reading:**

- Lischer, Sarah Kenyan. *Dangerous Sanctuaries: Refugee Camps, Civil War and the Dilemmas of Humanitarian Aid*. (Ithaca, NY: Cornell UP 2005).
- Murdoch, James and Todd Sandler (2002). "Economic Growth, Civil War and Spatial Spillover" *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 46 (1): 91-110.
- Igbal, Zaryab and Christopher Zorn (2007). "Civil War and Refugees in Post-Cold War Africa" *Civil Wars* 9(2): 200-213.

**Session 16: WILDCARD**

**December 15<sup>th</sup>**

- Students select a topic of their choice and assist instructor in building a reading list

**FINAL PAPER DUE DATE: TBA**