INTL. 407/507
THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF War and CONFLICT
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Class TIME: T/Thu 2:00-3:50

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Why are wars waged? How do wars affect the political economy of countries and what types of political and economic arrangements emerge due to wars and conflicts? How has the global economy changed the nature of war and conflict? This course aims to answer these questions by looking at the post World War II period. Part one examines the literatures on political economy of war and conflict, which includes a discussion of different types of wars such as inter-state wars, civil wars and revolutionary wars. Part two discusses the emergence of new types of conflicts related to the contemporary global economy, i.e. resource extraction, land and water related. The final section examines the political economy of post conflict reconstruction and nation building. The course includes case studies from Latin America, East Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

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.

Reading Reviews: Students are required to write a 250-word review of one required reading per class, for a total of two readings per week. Graduate students will do one additional review per week. These assignments are due on the class day that we are scheduled to discuss the work.

Research PAPER: Students will submit a quality research paper at the end of the term. Within the broad confines of writing a paper on the political economy of conflict, you will have great latitude in selecting your paper topic. You may, for example, write on a particular conflict, discuss how foreign aid influences the decision-making calculus of militant groups or critique the literature on the link between globalization and civil war onset. Your paper should be between 15-18 pages for undergrads and 18-20 pages long for graduates. All students must submit a paper proposal to me by the 5th class session.

GRADING

Attendance: 10%
Class Participation: 20%
Weekly Reviews: 10 %
COURSE MATERIALS: All Readings on Canvas.


**Week 1.1**
INTRODUCTION: Class Overview

**Week 1.2**
THE INTERSECTION OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORY AND SOCIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

**Required Reading:**


**Recommended Reading**


**I. THE MACRO, MESO AND MICRO LEVEL COSTS OF WAR**

**Week 2.1**
ASSESSING THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF WAR

**Required Reading:**


Recommended Reading:


Week 2.2
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN CAPITAL

Required Reading:


Recommended Reading:


Week 3

GENDER DYNAMICS

Required Reading:


**Recommended Reading:**


**II. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ADAPTATIONS TO CONFLICT**

**Week 4**

**EXTRA-LEGAL MARKETS**

**Required Reading:**


**Recommended Reading:**


**Week 5**

**SOCIAL STRATIFICATION AND INSTITUTIONAL INNOVATION**

**Required Reading:**

Recommended Reading:


III. THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY OF WAR

Week 6.1
GLOBAL ECONOMIC TRENDS AND CIVIL WAR

Required Reading:


Recommended Reading:

- Pollins, Brian M. “Global Political Order, Economic Change, and Armed Conflict: Coevolving Systems and the Use of Force” The American Political Science Review. 90(1): 103-117.

Week 6.2 & 7.1
THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF PEACEBUILDING

Required Reading:

**Recommended Reading:**

**Week 7.2**

**FOREIGN AID**

**Required Reading:**


**Recommended Reading:**

**IV. COERCIVE CHALLENGES TO THE CONFLICT STATE**

**Week 8**

**FOREIGN IMPOSED REGIME CHANGE**

**Required Reading:**


**Recommended Reading:**

**Week 9.1**
**MILITARY OCCUPATION: THEORY**

**Required Reading:**


**Week 9.2**
**MILITARY OCCUPATION: PRACTICE I Vietnamese Occupation of Cambodia**

**Required Reading**

- Gottesman, Evan. *Cambodia after the Khmer Rouge: Inside the Politics of Nation-Building.* Chapter One “Liberation”. (Yale University Press, USA)

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- Gottesman, Evan. *Cambodia after the Khmer Rouge: Inside the Politics of Nation-Building.* Chapters Four, Five and Six and Chapter 13. (Yale University Press, USA)

**Week 10.1**

**MILITARY OCCUPATION: PRACTICE II US Occupation of Afghanistan**

**Required Reading:**


**Recommended Reading:**

**Week 10.2**
**Conclusion Class**

**FINAL PAPER DUE DATE: TBA**