

POLS 681: International Security

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Course Description

This course is a graduate-level survey of social scientific research on peace, conflict, and security. It is intentionally broad, attempting to encompass several different “subfields within the subfield.” These sometimes go by different names such as international security, security studies, conflict processes, and peace science. More specifically, this seminar will include the examination of both interstate and civil conflicts as well as bridge quantitative and qualitative methodological approaches. We will examine the various conceptualizations and definitions of conflict, theories about the causes of violence at both the sub-state and interstate levels, and variation in the forms that conflict can take. This is one of the four core courses for preparation for the Ph.D. candidacy exam in international relations. This syllabus (including the recommended readings) constitutes the reading list for the international security portion of the exam. The course also serves students who are approaching the study of global security from a policy perspective. We will focus on the relationship between scholarship and policy, what research tells us about what kinds of policies “work,” and what areas are in need of further research to meet pressing real-world challenges.

Mode of Delivery

We will meet Fridays between 9:30am and 12:10pm in DuSable 228. (At least for now. That room may change depending on its suitability.)

Texts

Students are required to obtain a copy of the following text:

- Dan Reiter, ed. *Understanding War and Peace, 2nd Edition*. Cambridge University Press, 2023.

All other readings are available through a class Zotero shared collection. Alternatively, students may locate materials on their own through the NIU libraries.

Evaluation

- *Class attendance, preparation and participation (20%)*: The time we spend in class is for me the most important of this course. As such, punctual attendance is mandatory. But more important than just being present is that you are actively engaged. I expect that you have done the readings and that you try to participate in discussion each and every class section.

- *Reading Analyses (20%)*: For each week, you will be required to draft written summaries on each of the readings. Templates will be provided. For those students planning on taking a candidacy exam in IR, these written summaries will prove invaluable.
- *Final Project (40%)*: You will produce a “half” research paper, in the range of 4k-6k words. By this I mean that you will either focus on a puzzle, theory, and research design (without actually conducting the empirical work), or you will provide only a brief theoretical motivation before presenting an in-depth case study or analysis of quantitative data.

You may also choose to complete a “full” paper in conjunction with another course like POLS 603 or 642. I encourage this option, but you must seek permission from both me and the instructor of the other course.

You will produce two drafts of the paper, the first of which will be reviewed by me and another student. You will then have the opportunity to produce a revised version of the paper. Each version is worth 20 percent of your grade.

- *Peer Review Essay (20%)*:

You will read another student’s initial research paper draft and write a 1,000 word review memo as if you had been asked to read the paper as a submission to a professional political science journal. Your memo will be sent to the author, but the identities of both author and reviewer will be kept anonymous. Of course, in a small class, it is entirely possible that you may be able to figure out the identities of either the author or reviewer. This is often true in professional practice as well. But I expect that you not engage in deliberate efforts to ascertain or disclose identities, as is the professional norm.

Course Policies

Academic Integrity Statement: Good academic work must be based on honesty. The attempt of any student to present as their own work that which they have not produced is regarded by the faculty and administration as a serious offense. Students are considered to have cheated if they copy the work of another during an examination or turn in a paper or an assignment written, in whole or in part, by someone else. Students are guilty of plagiarism, intentional or not, if they copy material from books, magazines, or other sources without identifying and acknowledging those sources or if they paraphrase ideas from such sources without acknowledging them. Students guilty of, or assisting others in, either cheating or plagiarism on an assignment, quiz, or examination may receive a grade of F for the course involved and may be suspended or dismissed from the university.

Americans With Disabilities and Non-Discrimination Statement: If you need an accommodation for this class, please contact the Disability Resource Center as soon as possible. The DRC coordinates accommodations for students with disabilities. It is located in the Campus Life Building, Suite 180, and can be reached at 815-753-1303 or drc@niu.edu.

Also, please contact me privately as soon as possible so we can discuss your accommodations. Please note that you will not be required to disclose your disability, only your accommodations. The sooner you let me know your needs, the sooner I can assist you in achieving your learning goals in this course.

Names, Titles, and Pronouns: It is my personal policy to allow graduate students to call me by my first name, “Ches.” This reflects the idea that I view you all as colleagues-in-training. I use

either “he” or “they” pronouns and their declensions. Please let me know how you prefer to be addressed, both in name and pronoun. I will make every effort to address you in the way you wish to be addressed. Please try and do the same for your fellow classmates, as well as for other faculty in the department.

I am committed to your success in this class – if you feel that you are not performing to your expectations, please come and see me. I am available to answer any questions you may have about course assignments, requirements or content. I generally answer e-mails within 24 hrs on weekdays, and would be happy to schedule an appointment to meet with you if you are unavailable during my posted office hours.

Class Schedule

Students are expected to read the following before Friday's class session. This syllabus, including the recommended readings and book list, constitutes the reading list for the subtopic of International Security for the PhD Candidacy exam in IR. An asterisk next to a journal article indicates that the author has expanded the idea into a book, included in the book list at the end of the syllabus. PhD students preparing for the candidacy exam should be familiar with the book as well (and others may wish to take a look at the book as well of course!).

Week 1 (Jan. 19): Theory, Method, and Purpose in the Study of Security

- "Introduction" by Dan Reiter in *UWP*
- Jeffrey A. Frieden, David A Lake, and Kenneth A. Schultz "Introduction," in *World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions*, 4th ed. (New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2019), xxiv–xxxvii.
- Bruce W. Jentleson "The Need for Praxis: Bringing Policy Relevance Back In," *International Security* 26, no. 4 (2002): 169–83.
- Raju G. C. Thomas "What Is Third World Security?" *Annual Review of Political Science* 6, no. 1 (June 2003): 205–32.
- Jack Hoagland et al. "The Blind Men and the Elephant: Comparing the Study of International Security Across Journals," *Security Studies* 29, no. 3 (May 2020): 393–433.

Recommended Readings

- Kenneth N. Waltz *Man, the State, and War: A Theoretical Analysis* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2001).
- Johan Galtung "Violence, Peace, and Peace Research," *Journal of Peace Research* 6, no. 3 (1969): 167–91.
- J. David Singer "The 'Correlates of War' Project: Interim Report and Rationale," *World Politics* 24, no. 3 (1972): 243–70.
- Emma Rothschild "What Is Security?" *Daedalus* 124, no. 3, (1995): 53–98.
- Tanisha M. Fazal "An Occult of Irrelevance? Multimethod Research and Engagement with the Policy World," *Security Studies* 25, no. 1 (January 2016): 34–41.

Week 2 (Jan. 26): Systemic Explanations

- Kenneth N. Waltz "The Origins of War in Neorealist Theory," *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 18, no. 4 (1988): 615–28. *
- John J. Mearsheimer "The Inevitable Rivalry: America, China, and the Tragedy of Great-Power Politics The Divided World," *Foreign Affairs* 100, no. 6 (2021): 48–59. *
- Robert Jervis "Cooperation Under the Security Dilemma," *World Politics* 30, no. 2 (January 1978): 167–214.
- William C. Wohlforth "Gilpinian Realism and International Relations," *International Relations* 25, no. 4 (December 2011): 499–511.
- Reiter, "International Alliances" in *UWP*

Recommended Readings

- Stephen M. Walt "Alliance Formation and the Balance of World Power," *International Security* 9, no. 4 (1985): 3–43.
- Robert Powell "Stability and the Distribution of Power," *World Politics* 48, no. 2 (January 1996): 239–67.

- Ashley Brett Leeds “Do Alliances Deter Aggression? The Influence of Military Alliances on the Initiation of Militarized Interstate Disputes,” *American Journal of Political Science* 47, no. 3 (2003): 427–39.
- Stathis N. Kalyvas and Laia Balcells “International System and Technologies of Rebellion: How the End of the Cold War Shaped Internal Conflict,” *American Political Science Review* 104, no. 3 (2010): 415–29.
- Nuno P. Monteiro “Unrest Assured: Why Unipolarity Is Not Peaceful,” *International Security* 36, no. 3 (2011): 9–40.

Week 3 (Feb. 02): The Bargaining Model

- Reiter, “Bargaining and War” in *UWP*
- James D. Fearon “Rationalist Explanations for War,” *International Organization* 49, no. 3 (1995): 379–414.
- Barbara F Walter “The Critical Barrier to Civil War Settlement,” *International Organization* 51, no. 3 (July 1997): 335–64. *
- Stephen M. Walt “Rigor or Rigor Mortis ? Rational Choice and Security Studies,” *Political Science* 23, no. 4 (1999): 5–48.

Recommended Readings

- Jeffrey A. Frieden, David A Lake, and Kenneth A. Schultz “Why Are There Wars?” in *World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions*, 4th ed. (New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2019), xxiv–xxxvii.
- Bruce Bueno de Mesquita “An Expected Utility Theory of International Conflict,” *American Political Science Review* 74, no. 4 (December 1980): 917–31.
- Suzanne Werner “The Precarious Nature of Peace: Resolving the Issues, Enforcing the Settlement, and Renegotiating the Terms,” *American Journal of Political Science* 43, no. 3 (July 1999): 912–34.
- Andrew Kydd “Trust, Reassurance, and Cooperation,” *International Organization* 54, no. 2 (2000): 325–57.
- Robert Powell “War as a Commitment Problem,” *International Organization* 60, no. 1 (January 2006): 169–203.

Week 4 (Feb. 09): Economics and War

- Poast, “Economics and War” in *UWP*
- Robert O. Keohane and Joseph S. Nye *Power and Interdependence* (Harper Collins, 1977)., Ch. 1 *
- Henry Farrell and Abraham L. Newman “Weaponized Interdependence: How Global Economic Networks Shape State Coercion,” *International Security* 44, no. 1 (July 2019): 42–79.
- Daniel W. Drezner “Global Economic Sanctions,” *Annual Review of Political Science* 27, no. 1 (June 2024): annurev-polisci-041322-032240.

Recommended Readings

- Gary Clyde Hufbauer, ed. *Economic Sanctions Reconsidered*, 3rd ed., Expanded ed (Washington, DC: Peterson Institute for International Economics, 2007).
- Zeev Maoz “The Effects of Strategic and Economic Interdependence on International Conflict Across Levels of Analysis,” *American Journal of Political Science* 53, no. 1 (2009): 223–40.

- Paul Poast “Beyond the ‘Sinew of War’: The Political Economy of Security as a Subfield,” *Annual Review of Political Science* 22, no. 1 (May 2019): 223–39.
- Michael L. Ross “What Have We Learned about the Resource Curse?” *Annual Review of Political Science* 18, no. 1 (May 2015): 239–59.

Week 5 (Feb. 16): Non-Material Structures: Gender and Race

- Hudson and Reiter, “Sex, Gender, and Violence” in *UWP*
- Cynthia Enloe *Bananas, Beaches and Bases: Making Feminist Sense of International Politics* (Univ of California Press, 2014)., Ch. 1 *
- Errol A. Henderson “The Revolution Will Not Be Theorised: Du Bois, Locke, and the Howard School’s Challenge to White Supremacist IR Theory,” *Millennium* 45, no. 3 (June 2017): 492–510.
- Richard W. Maass “Racialization and International Security,” *International Security* 48, no. 2 (October 2023): 91–126.

Recommended Readings

- Valerie M. Hudson et al. “The Heart of the Matter: The Security of Women and the Security of States | International Security | MIT Press Journals,” *International Security* 33, no. 3 (2009): 7–45.
- Laura Sjoberg “Introduction to *Security Studies* : Feminist Contributions,” *Security Studies* 18, no. 2 (June 2009): 183–213.
- Robert Vitalis *White World Order, Black Power Politics: The Birth of American International Relations* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2015). *
- Adom Getachew “Three Approaches to the Study of Race and International Relations,” *Security Studies* 32, no. 4–5 (October 2023): 871–78.
- Jack Snyder “How Central Is Race to International Relations?” *Security Studies* 32, no. 4–5 (October 2023): 892–906.

Week 6 (Feb. 23): Domestic Politics and Conflict

- Weeks, “Domestic Political Institutions and War” in *UWP*
- Jarrod Hayes “The Democratic Peace and the New Evolution of an Old Idea,” *European Journal of International Relations* 18, no. 4 (December 2012): 767–91.
- Errol A. Henderson “Disturbing the Peace: African Warfare, Political Inversion and the Universality of the Democratic Peace Thesis,” *British Journal of Political Science* 39, no. 1 (January 2009): 25–58.
- Jessica L. Weeks “Strongmen and Straw Men: Authoritarian Regimes and the Initiation of International Conflict,” *American Political Science Review* 106, no. 2 (May 2012): 326–47. *
- Hanne Fjelde “Generals, Dictators, and Kings: Authoritarian Regimes and Civil Conflict, 1973—2004,” *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 27, no. 3 (June 2010): 195–218.

Recommended Readings

- Zeev Maoz and Bruce Russett “Normative and Structural Causes of Democratic Peace, 1946–1986,” *American Political Science Review* 87, no. 3 (September 1993): 624–38.
- James D. Fearon “Domestic Political Audiences and the Escalation of International Disputes.” *American Political Science Review* 88, no. 3 (September 1994): 577–92.
- Joanne Gowa “Democratic States and International Disputes,” *International Organization* 49, no. 3 (1995): 411–22.

- E. D. Mansfield and J. Snyder “Democratization and the Danger of War,” *International Security* 20, no. 1 (1995): 5–38.
- Dan Reiter and Allan C. Stam “Democracy, War Initiation, and Victory,” *American Political Science Review* 92, no. 2 (June 1998): 377–89.
- Bruce Bueno de Mesquita et al. “An Institutional Explanation of the Democratic Peace,” *American Political Science Review*, December 1999.
- Sebastian Rosato “The Flawed Logic of Democratic Peace Theory,” *American Political Science Review* 97, no. 4 (November 2003): 585–602.
- Erik Gartzke “The Capitalist Peace,” *American Journal of Political Science* 51, no. 1 (January 2007): 166–91.
- Bruce Bueno de Mesquita and Alastair Smith “Domestic Explanations of International Relations,” *Annual Review of Political Science* 15, no. 1 (June 2012): 161–81.
- Kosuke Imai and James Lo “Robustness of Empirical Evidence for the Democratic Peace: A Nonparametric Sensitivity Analysis,” *International Organization* 75, no. 3 (2021): 901–19.

Week 7 (Mar. 01): Psychology and Leadership

- Horowitz, “Leaders, Institutions, and Foreign Policy” in *UWP*
- Elizabeth N. Saunders “Transformative Choices: Leaders and the Origins of Intervention Strategy,” *International Security* 34, no. 2 (2009): 119–61. *
- Emilie M Hafner-Burton et al. “The Behavioral Revolution and International Relations,” *International Organization* 71, no. Supplement (2017): S1–31.
- Wendy Pearlman “Emotions and the Microfoundations of the Arab Uprisings,” *Perspectives on Politics* 11, no. 2 (June 2013): 387–409.

Recommended Readings

- Michael Horowitz, Rose McDermott, and Allan C. Stam “Leader Age, Regime Type, and Violent International Relations,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 49, no. 5 (October 2005): 661–85.
- Stefano Costalli and Andrea Ruggeri “Indignation, Ideologies, and Armed Mobilization: Civil War in Italy, 1943-45,” *International Security* 40, no. 2 (2015): 119–57.
- Alyssa K. Prorok “Leader Incentives and Civil War Outcomes,” *American Journal of Political Science* 60, no. 1 (January 2016): 70–84.
- Joshua D. Kertzer and Dustin Tingley “Political Psychology in International Relations: Beyond the Paradigms,” *Annual Review of Political Science* 21, no. 1 (May 2018): 319–39.

Week 8 (Mar. 08): Civil-Military Relations

- Risa Brooks “Integrating the Civil–Military Relations Subfield,” *Annual Review of Political Science* 22 (2019): 20.1–20.
- Erica De Bruin “Preventing Coups d’état: How Counterbalancing Works,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 62, no. 7 (2018): 1433–58.
- Jason Lyall *Divided Armies: Inequality and Battlefield Performance in Modern War* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2020).
- Jeremy M. Weinstein *Inside Rebellion: The Politics of Insurgent Violence* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007).

Recommended Reading

- Allan R. Millett, Williamson Murray, and Kenneth H. Watman “The Effectiveness of Military Organizations,” *International Security* 11, no. 1 (1986): 37–71.
- Paul Staniland “Organizing Insurgency: Networks, Resources, and Rebellion in South Asia,” *International Security* 37, no. 1 (2012): 142–77. *
- Sarah Elizabeth Parkinson “Organizing Rebellion: Rethinking High-Risk Mobilization and Social Networks in War,” *American Political Science Review* 107, no. 3 (2013): 418–32.
- Caitlin Talmadge “Different Threats, Different Militaries: Explaining Organizational Practices in Authoritarian Armies,” *Security Studies* 25, no. 1 (2016): 111–41.
- Sarah Elizabeth Parkinson and Sherry Zaks “Militant and Rebel Organization(s),” *Comparative Politics* 50, no. 2 (2018): 271–93.

Week 9 (Mar. 15): Spring Break

Week 10 (Mar. 22): Nuclear Weapons

PAPER FIRST DRAFT DUE *No Reading Memos*

- Horowitz, “Nuclear Weapons” in *UWP*

Recommended Readings

- Kenneth N. Waltz “The Spread of Nuclear Weapons: More May Be Better: Introduction: The Adelphi Papers: Vol 21, No 171,” *The Adelphi Papers* 21, no. 171 (1981).
- Scott D. Sagan “The Perils of Proliferation: Organization Theory, Deterrence Theory, and the Spread of Nuclear Weapons,” *International Security* 18, no. 4 (1994): 66–107.
- Scott D. Sagan “Why Do States Build Nuclear Weapons?: Three Models in Search of a Bomb,” *International Security* 21, no. 3 (1997): 54.
- Nina Tannenwald “The Nuclear Taboo: The United States and the Normative Basis of Nuclear Non-Use,” *International Organization* 53, no. 3 (1999): 433–68. *
- Nicholas L. Miller “The Secret Success of Nonproliferation Sanctions,” *International Organization* 68 (2014): 913–44.
- Rupal N. Mehta and Rachel Elizabeth Whitlark “The Benefits and Burdens of Nuclear Latency,” *International Studies Quarterly* 61, no. 3 (September 2017): 517–28.

Week 11 (Mar. 29): Civil Wars

- Cunningham, “Civil Wars” in *UWP*
- James D. Fearon and David D. Laitin “Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War,” *American Political Science Review* 97, no. 1 (2003): 75–90.
- Lars-Erik Cederman and Manuel Vogt “Dynamics and Logics of Civil War,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61, no. 9 (2017): 1992–2016.
- Kristian Skrede Gleditsch “Transnational Dimensions of Civil War,” *Journal of Peace Research* 44, no. 3 (May 2007): 293–309.

Recommended Reading

- Stephen M. Walt “Revolution and War,” *World Politics* 44, no. 3 (April 1992): 321–68.
- Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, Idean Salehyan, and Kenneth Schultz “Fighting at Home, Fighting Abroad: How Civil Wars Lead to International Disputes,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 52, no. 4 (August 2008): 479–506.
- Lars-Erik Cederman, Nils B. Weidmann, and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch “Horizontal Inequalities and Ethnonationalist Civil War: A Global Comparison,” *American Political Science Review* 105, no. 3 (2011): 478–95. *

- Elaine K. Denny and Barbara F. Walter “Ethnicity and Civil War,” *Journal of Peace Research* 51, no. 2 (2014): 199–212.

Week 12 (Apr. 05): Environmental Conflict

- Hendrix, “Environmental Conflicts” in *UWP*

PEER REVIEW DUE *No Reading Memos*

Week 13 (Apr. 12): Harming Civilians: Terrorism

- Potter, “Terrorism” in *UWP*
- Robert A. Pape “The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism,” *American Political Science Review* 97, no. 3 (2003): 343–61. *
- Max Abrahms “Why Terrorism Does Not Work,” *International Security* 32, no. 2 (2006): 42–78.
- Virginia Page Fortna “Do Terrorists Win? Rebels’ Use of Terrorism and Civil War Outcomes,” *International Organization* 69 (2015/ed): 519–56.

Recommended Readings

- Martha Crenshaw “The Causes of Terrorism,” *Comparative Politics* 13, no. 4 (July 1981): 379–99.
- Andrew Kydd and Barbara F. Walter “The Strategies of Terrorism,” *International Security* 31, no. 1 (2006): 49–80.
- Audrey Kurth Cronin “How Al-Qaida Ends: The Decline and Demise of Terrorist Groups,” *International Security* 31, no. 1 (2006): 7–48.
- Erica Chenoweth “Democratic Competition and Terrorist Activity,” *The Journal of Politics* 72, no. 1 (January 2010): 16–30.
- Jessica Stanton “Terrorism in the Context of Civil War,” *Journal of Politics* 75, no. 4 (October 2013): 1009–22.

Week 14 (Apr. 19): Harming Civilians: Genocide, Repression, and Sexual Violence

- Benjamin Valentino “Final Solutions: The Causes of Mass Killing and Genocide,” *Security Studies* 9, no. 3 (March 2000): 1–59.
- Christian Davenport “State Repression and Political Order,” *Annual Review of Political Science* 10 (2007): 1–23.
- Dara Kay Cohen “Explaining Rape During Civil War: Cross-National Evidence (1980–2009),” *American Political Science Review* 107, no. 3 (August 2013): 461–77. *
- Emily Hencken Ritter and Courtenay R. Conrad “Preventing and Responding to Dissent: The Observational Challenges of Explaining Strategic Repression,” *American Political Science Review* 110, no. 1 (February 2016): 85–99.

Recommended Readings

- Barbara Harff and Ted Robert Gurr “Toward Empirical Theory of Genocides and Politicides: Identification and Measurement of Cases Since 1945,” *International Studies Quarterly* 32, no. 3 (September 1988): 359–71.
- Elisabeth Jean Wood “Variation in Sexual Violence During War,” *Politics & Society* 34, no. 3 (September 2006): 307–42.
- Macartan Humphreys and Jeremy M. Weinstein “Handling and Manhandling Civilians in Civil War,” *American Political Science Review* 100, no. 3 (August 2006).

- Jason Lyall “Does Indiscriminate Violence Incite Insurgent Attacks? Evidence from Chechnya,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 53, no. 3 (February 2009): 331–62.

Week 15 (Apr. 26): Intervention, Resolution, and Aftermath

- Beardsley, “Third-Party Peacemaking and Peacekeeping” in *UWP*
- Sarah Kenyon Lischer “Collateral Damage: Humanitarian Assistance as a Cause of Conflict,” *International Security* 28, no. 1 (2003): 79–109.
- Barbara F. Walter, Lise Morje Howard, and V. Page Fortna “The Extraordinary Relationship Between Peacekeeping and Peace,” *British Journal of Political Science* 51, no. 4 (October 2021): 1705–22.
- Peter Wallensteen and Isak Svensson “Talking Peace: International Mediation in Armed Conflicts,” *Journal of Peace Research* 51, no. 2 (2014): 315–27.

Recommended Readings

- Barbara F. Walter “Designing Transitions from Civil War,” *International Security* 24, no. 1 (1999): 127–55. *
- Virginia Page Fortna “Does Peacekeeping Keep Peace? International Intervention and the Duration of Peace After Civil War,” *International Studies Quarterly* 48, no. 2 (2004): 269–92. *
- Monica Duffy Toft “Ending Civil Wars: A Case for Rebel Victory?” *International Security* 34, no. 4 (April 2010): 7–36. *
- Lisa Hultman, Jacob Kathman, and Megan Shannon “United Nations Peacekeeping and Civilian Protection in Civil War,” *American Journal of Political Science* 57, no. 4 (October 2013): 875–91.
- Håvard Hegre, Lisa Hultman, and Håvard Mogleiv Nygård “Evaluating the Conflict-Reducing Effect of UN Peacekeeping Operations,” *The Journal of Politics* 81, no. 1 (January 2019): 215–32.

Week 16 (May. 03): The Future of Peace

- Robert Jervis “Theories of War in an Era of Leading-Power Peace Presidential Address, *American Political Science Association, 2001*,” *American Political Science Review* 96, no. 1 (March 2002): 1–14.
- Nils Petter Gleditsch et al. “The Forum: The Decline of War,” *International Studies Review* 15 (2013): 396–419. *
- Erica Chenoweth and Maria J. Stephan *Why Civil Resistance Works: The Strategic Logic of Non-violent Conflict* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2011).

Recommended Readings

- John Mueller “War Has Almost Ceased to Exist: An Assessment,” *Political Science Quarterly*, 297–321, 124, no. 2 (2009).
- Tanisha Fazal “Dead Wrong?: Battle Deaths, Military Medicine, and Exaggerated Reports of War’s Demise,” *International Security* 39, no. 1 (2014): 95–125.
- Timur Kuran “Now Out of Never: The Element of Surprise in the East European Revolution of 1989,” *World Politics* 44, no. 1 (1991): 7–48.
- Ches Thurber “Social Ties and the Strategy of Civil Resistance,” *International Studies Quarterly* 63, no. 4 (2019): 974–86.
- Erica Chenoweth “The Future of Nonviolent Resistance,” *Journal of Democracy* 31, no. 3 (2020): 69–84.

FINAL PAPERS DUE FRIDAY 5/10 at 5PM

Supplemental Book List for IR Candidacy Exams

The following is a list of books that doctoral students preparing for candidacy exams should be familiar with. They are linked in some way to a journal article already on the syllabus, which should provide a solid overview of the author's theoretical argument. However, students should be familiar with the book, including expansions of the theory and empirics, and be prepared to make references to the books where appropriate in an exam answer. Students should also be familiar with the complete books listed elsewhere on the syllabus, even when only specific chapters are assigned.

Lars-Erik Cederman, Halvard Buhaug, and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch *Inequalities, Grievance, and Civil War* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013).

Dara Kay Cohen *Rape During Civil War* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2016).

Enloe *Bananas, Beaches and Bases*.

Virginia Page Fortna *Does Peacekeeping Work? Shaping Belligerents' Choices After Civil War* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2008).

Keohane and Nye *Power and Interdependence*.

John J. Mearsheimer *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* (New York: Norton & Company, 2001).

Robert A. Pape *Dying to Win: The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism* (New York: Random House, 2005).

Steven Pinker *The Better Angels of Our Nature: Why Violence Has Declined* (New York: Viking, 2011).

Elizabeth N. Saunders *Leaders at War: How Presidents Shape Military Interventions* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2014).

Paul Staniland *Networks of Rebellion: Explaining Insurgent Cohesion and Collapse* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2014).

Nina Tannenwald *The Nuclear Taboo: The United States and the Non-Use of Nuclear Weapons Since 1945* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008).

Monica Duffy Toft *Securing the Peace: The Durable Settlement of Civil Wars* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2010).

Vitalis *White World Order, Black Power Politics*.

Barbara F Walter *Committing to Peace: The Successful Settlement of Civil Wars* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2002).

Kenneth N Waltz *Theory of International Politics* (Reading, MA: Addison Wesley, 1979).

Jessica L. Weeks *Dictators at War and Peace* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2014).