Civil Wars: Causes, Consequences and Responses

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Assignments

Two essays

- Choose two of the first three tutorial topics you would like to write essays on
- Length: 1,500 - 2,000 words

Book review

- Review any book listed in this syllabus.
- Be sure to include a brief summary of the main argument and findings, and a critical discussion of the book's claims and the evidence used to support the claims. Also consider how the book contributes to wider research on the topic and the possible implications for policy
- Length: no more than 2,000 words

Policy memo

- Choose a contemporary policy problem relating to the topics of the course e.g. an ongoing civil war, a recently terminated war, or a high risk country
- Write a briefing memo that proposes an actionable, evidence-based policy recommendation
- The audience can be a government agency or department (e.g. Pentagon, USAID, DFID, Foreign Office etc), or an IO (UN, World Bank, etc).
- Length: no more than 1,500 words

General Readings

Berry, Marie E. *War, Women, and Power: From Violence to Mobilization in Rwanda and Bosnia-Herzegovina*. Cambridge University Press, 2017.

Cederman, Lars-Erik, Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, and Halvard Buhaug. *Inequality, Grievances, and Civil War*, 2013.

Collier, Paul, and Nicholas Sambanis, eds. *Understanding Civil War: Evidence and Analysis*. Washington, D.C: World Bank, 2005. (Two volumes)

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Doyle, Michael W., and Nicholas Sambanis. *Making War and Building Peace: United Nations Peace Operations*. Princeton University Press, 2006.

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

Mason, T. David, and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell. *What Do We Know about Civil Wars?* Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2016.

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

Kalyvas, Stathis N. *The Logic of Violence in Civil War*. Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006.

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Berman, Eli, and Aila M. Matanock. “The Empiricists’ Insurgency.” *Annual Review of Political Science* 18, no. 1 (2015): 443–64

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Tarrow, Sidney. “Inside Insurgencies: Politics and Violence in an Age of Civil War.” *Perspectives on Politics* 5, no. 3 (2007): 587–600.

Wood, Elisabeth Jean. “The Social Processes of Civil War: The Wartime Transformation of Social Networks.” *Annual Review of Political Science* 11, no. 1 (2008): 539–61.

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Fearon, James D. “Iraq’s Civil War.” *Foreign Affairs* 86, no. 2 (March 1, 2007): 2–15.

Fisher, Max. “Political Science Says Syria’s Civil War Will Probably Last at Least Another Decade.” *Washington Post* (blog), October 23, 2013. http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/worldviews/wp/2013/10/23/political-science-says-syrias-civil-war-will-probably-last-at-least-another-decade/.

Kalyvas, Stathis N. “The Logic of Violence in the Islamic State’s War.” *The Washington Post*, July 7, 2014. http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2014/07/07/the-logic-of-violence-in-islamic-states-war/.

Sambanis, Nicholas. “It’s Official: There Is Now a Civil War in Iraq.” *The New York Times*, July 23, 2006, sec. Opinion. http://www.nytimes.com/2006/07/23/opinion/23sambanis.html.

Toft, Monica Duffy. “Iraq Is Gone. Now What?” *The Washington Post*, November 13, 2006, sec. Opinions. http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/11/12/AR2006111200989.html.

Conflict Data

Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) https://www.acleddata.com

Correlates of War Project http://www.correlatesofwar.org/

Uppsala Conflict Data Program (UCDP) https://ucdp.uu.se/?id=1&id=1 | https://www.pcr.uu.se/research/ucdp/about-ucdp/

01. Causes of Civil War

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Collier, Paul, and Anke Hoeffler. “Greed and Grievance in Civil War.” *Oxford Economic Papers* 56, no. 4 (October 1, 2004): 563–95.

Fearon, James D., and David D. Laitin. “Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War.” *The American Political Science Review* 97, no. 1 (February 1, 2003): 75–90.

Cederman, Lars-Erik, Andreas Wimmer, and Brian Min. “Why Do Ethnic Groups Rebel?: New Data and Analysis.” *World Politics* 62, no. 1 (2010): 87–119.

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Kaufman, Stuart J. *Modern Hatreds: The Symbolic Politics of Ethnic War*. Cornell Studies in Security Affairs. Cornell University Press, 2001.

Sambanis, Nicholas. ‘Using Case Studies to Expand Economic Models of Civil War’. *Perspectives on Politics* 2, no. 2 (1 June 2004): 259–79.

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Walter, Barbara F. ‘The New New Civil Wars’. *Annual Review of Political Science* 20, no. 1 (2017): 469–86.

02. Civil War Dynamics

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Arjona, Ana, Nelson Kasfir, and Zachariah Cherian Mampilly, eds. *Rebel Governance in Civil War*. Cambridge University Press, 2015. **[Chapters 1 and 2]**

Kalyvas, Stathis N. “The Ontology of ‘Political Violence’: Action and Identity in Civil Wars.” *Perspectives on Politics* 1, no. 3 (2003): 475–94.

Lyall, Jason. “Are Coethnics More Effective Counterinsurgents? Evidence from the Second Chechen War.” *American Political Science Review* 104, no. 01 (2010): 1–20

Parkinson, Sarah Elizabeth. “Organizing Rebellion: Rethinking High-Risk Mobilization and Social Networks in War.” *American Political Science Review* 107, no. 03 (2013): 418–32

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Checkel, Jeffrey T., ed. *Transnational Dynamics of Civil War*. Cambridge University Press, 2013.

Cohen, Dara Kay. *Rape during Civil War*. Cornell University Press, 2016.

Hoover Green, Amelia. *The Commander’s Dilemma: Violence and Restraint in Wartime*. Cornell University Press, 2018.

Huang, Reyko. “Rebel Diplomacy in Civil War.” *International Security* 40, no. 4 (April 1, 2016): 89–126

Humphreys, Macartan, and Jeremy M. Weinstein. “Handling and Manhandling Civilians in Civil War.” *The American Political Science Review* 100, no. 3 (August 1, 2006): 429–47.

Kaplan, Oliver Ross. *Resisting War: How Communities Protect Themselves*. Cambridge University Press, 2017.

Krause, Jana. *Resilient Communities: Non-Violence and Civilian Agency in Communal War*. Cambridge University Press, 2018.

Shesterinina, Anastasia. “Collective Threat Framing and Mobilization in Civil War.” *American Political Science Review* 110, no. 3 (August 2016): 411–27

Staniland, Paul. *Networks of Rebellion: Explaining Insurgent Cohesion and Collapse*. Cornell Studies in Security Affairs. Cornell University Press, 2014.

Stanton, Jessica A. *Violence and Restraint in Civil War: Civilian Targeting in the Shadow of International Law*. Cambridge University Press, 2016.

03. War to Peace Transitions: Outcomes and Legacies of Civil War

Required Reading

Autesserre, Séverine. “Hobbes and the Congo: Frames, Local Violence, and International Intervention.” *International Organization* 63, no. 02 (2009): 249–80

Lake, Milli. “Building the Rule of War: Postconflict Institutions and the Micro-Dynamics of Conflict in Eastern DR Congo.” *International Organization* 71, no. 2 (April 2017): 281–315.

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Howard, Lise Morjé, and Alexandra Stark. “How Civil Wars End: The International System, Norms, and the Role of External Actors.” *International Security* 42, no. 3 (January 1, 2018): 127–71.

Toft, Monica Duffy. “Ending Civil Wars: A Case for Rebel Victory?” *International Security* 34, no. 4 (2010): 7–36.

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Berry, Marie E. *War, Women, and Power: From Violence to Mobilization in Rwanda and Bosnia-Herzegovina*. Cambridge University Press, 2017.

Berry, Marie E., and Milli Lake. “Gender Politics after War: Mobilizing Opportunity in Post-Conflict Africa.” *Politics & Gender*, June 2017

Blattman, Christopher. “From Violence to Voting: War and Political Participation in Uganda.” *American Political Science Review* 103, no. 02 (2009): 231–47.

Roeder, Philip G., and Donald S. Rothchild, eds. *Sustainable Peace: Power and Democracy After Civil Wars*. Ithaca, N.Y: Cornell University Press, 2005.

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

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

04. Responding to Civil War

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Fortna, Virginia Page. *Does Peacekeeping Work?: Shaping Belligerents' Choices After Civil War*. Princeton University Press, 2008. **[Chapters 1, 4, 5 and 6]**

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Autesserre, Séverine. *Peaceland: Conflict Resolution and the Everyday Politics of International Intervention*. Cambridge University Press, 2014.

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Peace Accords Matrix https://peaceaccords.nd.edu/