

## **PS 711-002: Civil Conflict**

*Course Time:* W 3:00-5:30pm

*Location:* Chemistry-Physics Bldg; Room 183-CP

*Course Website:* <http://www.uky.edu/~clthyn2/PS711.htm>

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### Learning Objectives

The purpose of this course is the systematic theoretical and empirical study of civil conflict. The readings are focused on the most recent empirical work in this area, though a handful of the more traditional and case-oriented research will arise throughout the course. A major component of this course is the production of a research paper, which will apply and extend the topics into an original piece of research.

### Required Texts (Available at UK Bookstore)

Collier, Paul, Lani Elliott, Havard Hegre, Anke Hoeffler, Marta Reynal-Querol and Nicholas Sambanis (2003). *Breaking the Conflict Trap: Civil War and Development Policy*. The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/The World Bank.

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

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

### Class Format

The students will play a key role in leading the class. Each reading/chapter will be assigned to a student in the week prior to class. The student will be expected to email me a written summary of his/her assigned chapter/article by the time class begins (1 page max). I will make copies of these summaries available to all of the students to help you prepare for the comprehensive exam. The student will also be responsible for leading the discussion for the article, so s/he should come to class prepared to pose at least 5 critical questions for class discussion.

### Grading

#### *Research Paper (75%)*

Choose a research question on civil conflict for which a significant difference of opinion exists, and research this based on either the historical evidence of two or more cases, or else on the basis of existing statistical data sets. The final product should take the form of a conference paper or journal article. The paper should be about 25-30 pages in length, contain a review of the relevant

literature, and be written in the professional style of the American Political Science Association. You may use whatever methodology you feel is most appropriate to the issue and which you feel qualified to implement. I will not be impressed by incompetent quantitative analysis, nor will I penalize competent historical or case-study approaches.

The paper will be due in several stages:

*Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> (by 3:00 p.m. in my mailbox):*

Research design, 5-7 pages identifying your research question, a brief description of the literature relevant to your question, the method of analysis you intend to employ, and any data or historical sources you will use to evaluate your hypotheses.

*Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> (by 3:00 p.m. in my mailbox):*

First draft, at least 15 pages in length with initial drafts of all of the front-end elements in the paper (i.e., the research question, literature review, and theory should be well-developed). This should include a good start on your empirical tests.

*Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> (by 3:00pm; 1 hard copy in my mailbox and email me a draft):*

Second draft, with all required elements of the paper, should be distributed to instructor and all other students in class. Students should read each other's papers and come prepared with at least three written questions per paper for class on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>:*

Presentation of paper in class. Each presentation should last 10-15 minutes, leaving 5-10 minutes for questions. Faculty & graduate students in the department will be invited to attend these presentations.

*Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>: Final paper due (by 5:00pm in my mailbox):*

You should address questions and comments raised during in-class presentations when preparing your final paper. The paper is due in multiple stages so that I and other students in the class will have an opportunity to give you some feedback along the way. The paper will be given a final grade when I read the final draft, but I will take into consideration the quality of the research design, first draft, second draft, and in-class presentation when determining the final paper grade

*Class Participation and Attendance (25%)*

The quality of a graduate level seminar depends to a large extent on the efforts of the students. I expect that you will come to class each week prepared to discuss the required readings. While you are reading the assigned course material, I encourage you to consider the following questions:

- a) What is the research question?
- b) What is the researcher's theoretical argument?
- c) What methods/approach does the author use to try to answer the question?
- d) Is this approach suitable for the question or theory?
- e) If the author provides empirical tests, are the operational measures of the concepts appropriate?

f) What are the most significant research findings & how do these relate to other course readings?

g) To what degree do you think the researcher has answered his/her research questions?

### Course Schedule

01/09/08: *Syllabus review, course expectations*

01/16/08: *What is civil war? Why should we care?*

Harbom, Lotta, and Peter Wallensteen (2007). Armed Conflict, 1989-2006. *Journal of Peace Research*, 44(5): 623-634.

Sambanis, Nicholas (2004). What is Civil War?: Conceptual and Empirical Complexities of an Operation Definition. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 48(6): 814-858.

Kalyvas, Stathis (2001). "New" and "Old" Civil Wars: A Valid Distinction? *World Politics*, 54: 99-118.

Sambanis, Nicholas (2006). "It's Official: There is now a Civil War in Iraq." *New York Times*, 23 July 2006.

Collier, Paul, Lani Elliott, Havard Hegre, Anke Hoeffler, Marta Reynal-Querol and Nicholas Sambanis (2003). *Breaking the Conflict Trap: Civil War and Development Policy*. The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/The World Bank., pp. 13-49.

Ghobarah, Hazem, Paul Huth and Bruce Russett (2003). Civil Wars Kill and Maim People—Long After the Shooting Stops. *American Political Science Review*, 97(2):189-202.

Murdoch, James C., and Todd Sandler (2004). Civil Wars and Economic Growth: Spatial Dispersion. *American Journal of Political Science*, 48(1): 138-151.

Humphreys, Macartan, and Jeremy M. Weinstein (2006). Handling and Manhandling Civilians in Civil War. *American Political Science Review*, 100(3): 429-447.

01/23/08: *The Onset of Civil Conflicts: Individual and Group-level Approaches*

Gurr, Ted (1968). Psychological Factors in Civil Violence. *World Politics*, 20(2): 245-278.

Goldstone, Jack A. (1994). Is Revolution Individually Rational? *Rationality and Society*, 6: 139-166.

Lichbach, Mark Irving (1994). Rethinking Rationality and Rebellion: Theories of Collective Action and Problems of Collective Dissent. *Rationality and Society*, 6(1): 8-39.

Moore, Will H. (1995). Rational Rebels: Overcoming the Free-Rider Problem. *Political Research Quarterly*, 48(2): 417-454.

Gates, Scott (2002). Recruitment and Allegiance: The Microfoundations of Rebellion. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 46(1): 111-130.

MacCulloch, Robert (2004). The Impact of Income on the Taste for Revolt. *American Journal of Political Science*, 48(4): 830-848.

01/30/08: *The Onset of Civil Conflicts: Ethnicity and Civil Conflict*

O'Brien, Connor Cruise (1993). The Wrath of Ages: Nationalism's Primordial Roots. *Foreign Affairs*, 72(5): 142-149.

Brubaker, Rogers, and David D. Laitin (1998). Ethnic and Nationalist Violence. *Annual Reviews of Sociology*, 24: 423-52.

- Fearon, James, and David D. Laitin (2000). Violence and the Social Construction of Ethnic Identity. *International Organization*, 54(4): 845-877.
- Ellingsen, Tanja (2000). Colorful Community or Ethnic Witches' Brew? Multiethnicity and Domestic Conflict Duration and After the Cold War. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 44: 228-249.
- Sambanis, Nicholas (2001). Do Ethnic and Non-Ethnic Civil Wars Have the Same Causes? A Theoretical and Empirical Inquiry. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 45 (3): 259-82.
- Walter, Barbara F. (2006). Building Reputation: Why Governments Fight Some Separatists but Not Others. *American Journal of Political Science*, 50(2): 313-330.
- Fearon, James D., Kimuli Kasara, and David D. Laitin (2007). Ethnic Minority Rule and Civil War Onset. *American Political Science Review*, 101: 187-193.

*02/06/08: The Onset of Civil Conflicts: The Greed/Grievance Debate*

- Collier, Paul (2000). Rebellion as a Quasi-Criminal Activity. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 44(6): 839-853.
- Soysa, Indra D. (2002). Paradise is a Bazaar? Greed, Creed, and Governance in Civil War, 1989-1999. *Journal of Peace Research*, 39(4): 395-416.
- Collier, Paul and Anke Hoefler (2004). Greed and Grievance in Civil War. *Oxford Economic Papers*, 56: 563-595.
- Regan, Patrick M., and Daniel Norton (2005). Greed, Grievance, and Mobilization in Civil Wars. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 49(3): 319-336.
- Sorli, Mirjam, Nils Petter Gleditsch, and Havard Strand (2005). Why Is There So Much Conflict in the Middle East? *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 49(1): 141-165.
- Korf, Benedikt (2005). Rethinking the Greed-Grievance Nexus: Property Rights and the Political Economy of War in Sri Lanka. *Journal of Peace Research*, 42(2): 201-217.
- Cornell, Svante E. (2005). The Interaction of Narcotics and Conflict. *Journal of Peace Research*, 42(6): 751-760.

*02/08/08: Research designs due*

*02/13/08: The Onset of Civil Conflicts: Political Opportunity*

- Francisco, Ronald A. (1995). The Relationship between Coercion and Protest: An Empirical Evaluation in Three Coercive States. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 39(2): 263-82.
- Hegre, Havard, Tanja Ellingsen, Scott Gates and Nils Petter Gleditsch (2001). Toward a Democratic Civil Peace? Democracy, Political Change, and Civil War, 1816-1992. *American Political Science Review*, 95(1): 16-33.
- Reynal-Querol, Marta (2002). Ethnicity, Political Systems, and Civil Wars. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 46(1): 29-54.
- Fearon, James D. and David Laitin (2003). Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War. *American Political Science Review*, 97(1): 75-90.
- Schatzman, Christina (2005). Political Challenge in Latin America: Rebellion and Collective Protest in an Era of Democratization. *Journal of Peace Research*, 42(3): 291-310.
- Carey, Sabine C. (2007). Rebellion in Africa: Disaggregating the Effect of Political Regimes. *Journal of Peace Research*, 44(1): 47-64.

*02/20/08: The Onset of Civil Conflicts: International Dimensions*

- Marinov, Nikolay (2005). Do Economic Sanctions Destabilize Country Leaders? *American Journal of Political Science*, 49(3): 564-576.
- Saideman, Stephen (1997). Explaining the International Relations of Secessionist Conflicts: Vulnerability Versus Ethnic Ties. *International Organization*, 51(4): 721-75.
- Harbom, Lotta, and Peter Wallensteen (2005). Armed Conflict and Its International Dimensions, 1964-2004. *Journal of Peace Research*, 42(5): 623-635.
- Barbieri, Katherine and Rafael Reuveny (2005). Economic Globalization and Civil War. *Journal of Politics*, 67(4): 1228-1247.
- Salehyan, Idean, and Kristian Gleditsch (2006). Refugees and the Spread of Civil War. *International Organization* 60(2): 335-366.
- Thyne, Clayton (2006). Cheap Signals with Costly Consequences: The Effect of International Relations on Civil War Onset, 1945-1999. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 50(6): 937-961.
- Gleditsch, Kristian Skrede (2007). Transnational Dimensions of Civil War. *Journal of Peace Research*, 44(3): 293-309.

02/27/08: *The Duration of Civil Conflicts*

- Balch-Lindsay, Dylan and Andrew Enterline (2000). Killing Time: The World Politics of Civil War Duration, 1820-1992. *International Studies Quarterly*, 44: 615-642.
- Regan, Patrick (2002). Third-party Interventions and the Duration of Intrastate Conflicts. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 46(1): 55-73.
- Collier, Paul, Anke Hoeffler and Mans Soderbom (2004). On the Duration of Civil War. *Journal of Peace Research*, 41(3): 253-273.
- Akcinaroglu, Seden and Elizabeth Radziszewski (2005). Expectations, Rivalries, and Civil War Duration. *International Interactions*, 31(4): 349-374.
- Cunningham, David E. (2006). Veto Players and Civil War Duration. *American Journal of Political Science*, 50(4): 875-892.
- Gent, Stephen E. (2007). Strange Bedfellows: The Strategic Dynamics of Major Power Military Interventions. *The Journal of Politics*, 69(4): 1089-1102.

03/05/08: *Bringing an End to Civil Conflicts*

- Mason, David and Patrick Fett (1996). How Civil Wars End: A Rational Choice Approach. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 40(4): 546-568.
- Kaufmann, Chaim (1996). Possible and Impossible Solutions to Ethnic Civil Wars', *International Security*, 20(4): 136-175.
- Sambanis, Nicholas (2000). Partition as a Solution to Ethnic War. *World Politics*, 52: 437-83.
- Chapman, Thomas, and Philip G. Roeder (2007). Partition as a Solution to Wars of Nationalism: The Importance of Institutions. *American Political Science Review*, 101(4): 677-692.
- DeRouen, Karl R. Jr. and David Sobek (2004). The Dynamics of Civil War Duration and Outcome. *Journal of Peace Research*, 41(3): 303-320.
- Bapat, Navin A. (2005). Insurgency and the Opening of Peace Process. *Journal of Peace Research*, 42(6): 699-717.
- Werner, Suzanne and Amy Yuen (2005). Making and Keeping Peace. *International Organization*, 59:261-292.
- Svensson, Isak (2007). Bargaining, Bias and Peace Brokers: How Rebels Commit to Peace. *Journal of Peace Research*, 44(2): 177-194.

03/12/08: No class—Spring break

03/19/08: *Committing to Peace*

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

03/21/08: First draft of papers due.

03/26/08: No class—ISA conference

04/02/08: *Building Peace*

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

04/09/08: *Post-war Agreements and Civil War Recurrence*

Licklider, Roy (1995). The Consequences of Negotiated Settlements in Civil Wars, 1945-1993. *The American Political Science Review*, 89(3): 681-690.

Hartzell, Caroline A. (1999). Explaining the Stability of Negotiated Settlements to Intrastate Wars. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 43(1): 3-22.

Hartzell, Caroline and Matthew Hodie (2003). Power Sharing and Post Civil War Conflict Management. *American Journal of Political Science*, 47(2).

Fortna, Virginia Page (2004). Does Peacekeeping Keep Peace? International Intervention and the Duration of Peace after Civil Wars. *International Studies Quarterly* 48(2): 269-292.

Walter, Barbara F. (2004). Does Conflict Beget Conflict? Explaining recurring Civil War. *Journal of Peace Research*, 41: 371-388.

Tir, Jaoslav (2005). Keeping the Peace after Secession. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 49(5): 713-741.

Quinn, J. Michael, T. David Mason, and Mehmet Gurses (2007). Sustaining the Peace: Determinants of Civil War Recurrence. *International Interactions*, 33: 167-193.

04/16/08: *Coup d'états*

Fossum, Egil (1967). Factors Influencing the Occurrence of Military Coups D'État in Latin America. *Journal of Peace Research*, 4: 228-51.

Jackman, Robert W. (1978). The Predictability of Coups d'etat: A Model with African Data. *American Political Science Review*, 72(4):1262-75.

O'Kane, Rosemary H. T. (1983). Towards an Examination of the Causes of Coups d'Etat. *European Journal of Political Research*, 11(1):27-44.

Agyeman-Duah, Baffour (1990). Military Coups, Regime Change, and Interstate Conflict in West Africa. *Armed Forces and Society*, 16(4):547-571.

Londregan, John, and Keither Poole (1990). Poverty, the Coup Trap, and the Seizure of Executive Power. *World Politics*, 42(2):151-183.

Kposowa, Augustine and Craig Jenkins (1993). The Structural Sources of Military Coups in Postcolonial Africa, 1957-1984. *American Journal of Sociology*, 99(1):126-63.

Belkin, Aaron and Evan Schofer (2003). Toward a Structural Understanding of Coup Risk. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 47(5):594-620.

*04/23/08: Research presentations*

*04/28/08: Final paper due*