

International Conflict
(Political Science 960)
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Objectives

In this class, we begin with discussions on rationality in international politics. After that, we review the international conflict literature in political science. In the process, we examine leading conflict theories (e.g., realism including balance of power vs. power transition and liberalism including democratic peace, trade-conflict nexus, and common international organization membership and international conflicts), their key variables, and research methods. We also explore new theories in defense economics, deterrence, democratic peace, civil war, and terrorism.

Requirements

- a) A research paper (40%): 5,000-6,000 words including everything
 - a. You need to have a clearly defined research question and developed argument
 - b. Required to have a cover page and references at the back
- b) Final Exam (20%)
 - a. Open book & take-home exam (Ph.D. prelim style exam)
- c) Class attendance and participation (16%)
 - a. Active participation in class discussion is strongly encouraged
- d) Weekly discussion and summary (24%)
 - a. Must post them on Canvas

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Schedule

Week 1 (9/13): Introduction

Week 2 (9/20): War and Rationality (Expected Utility Theory of War)

Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce (1981) *The War Trap*. New Haven: Yale University Press. Ch. 2: Planning the War Trap: Assumptions of the Theory

Ch. 3: The Expected Utility Theory

Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce and David Lalman (1992). *War and Reason*. New Haven: Yale University Press. Chapters 1

Bennet, D. Scott and Alan C. Stam III (2000). "A Universal Test of an Expected Utility Theory of War" *International Studies Quarterly* 44(3): 451-480.

Week 3 (9/27): Realism--Power Parity and Major Wars

Kim, Woosang (1991) "Alliance Transitions and Great Power War" *American Journal of Political Science* 35(4): 833-850.

William Moul. (2003). "Power Parity, Preponderance, and War between Great Powers, 1816-1989." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 47: 468-489.

Kevin J. Sweeney. (2003). "The Severity of Interstate Disputes: Are Dyadic Capability Preponderances Really More Pacific?" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 47: 728-750.

Heo, Uk, Eben Christensen and Tatyana Karaman. (2003). "Power Parity, Alliance, Differential Growth and Great Power Wars: An Empirical Analysis" *Armed Forces and Society* 29(3): 449-460.

Sample, Susan (2017) "Power, Wealth, and Satisfaction: When Do Power Transitions Lead to Conflict?" 62(9): 1905-1931.

Beard, Steven and Joshua A Strayhorn. (2018) "When Will States Strike First? Battlefield Advantages and Rationalist War." *International Studies Quarterly*, 62 (1): 42-53.

Week 4 (10/4): Liberalism--Democratic Peace

Maoz, Zeev and Bruce Russett (1993) "Normative and Structural Causes of Democratic Peace, 1946-1986" *American Political Science Review* 87: 624-638.

Rosato, Sebastian. (2003). "The Flawed Logic of Democratic Peace Theory." *American Political Science Review* 585-602.

Mansfield, E., and J. Snyder. (2002). "Incomplete Democratization and the Outbreak of Military Disputes." *International Studies Quarterly* 46: 529-549.

James, Patrick, Johann Park, and Seung-Whan Park. (2006). "Democracy and Conflict Management: Territorial Claims in the Western Hemisphere Revisited." *International Studies Quarterly* 50(4): 803-818.

Gelpi, Christopher (2017). "Democracies in Conflict: The Role of Public Opinion, Political Parties, and the Press in Shaping Security Policy." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61(9): 1925-1949.

Hegre, Havard, Michael Bernhard, and Jan Teorell. (2019) "Civil Society and the Democratic Peace." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 64 (1): 32-62.

Week 5 (10/11): Liberalism--Trade, International Organizations, and War

- Oneal, John, Bruce Russett, and Michael Berbaum. (2003). "Causes of Peace: Democracy, Interdependence, and International Organizations, 1885-1992." *International Studies Quarterly* 47(3): 371-394.
- Keshk, Omar, Brian Pollins, and Rafael Reuveny. (2004). "Trade Still Follows the Flag: The Primacy of Politics in a Simultaneous Model of Interdependence and Armed Conflict." *Journal of Politics* 66(4): 1155-1179.
- Xiang, Jun, Xiaohong Xu, and George Keteku. (2007). "Power: The Missing Link in the Trade Conflict Relationship." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 51: 646-663.
- Dorussen, Han and Hugh Ward. (2008). "Intergovernmental Organizations and the Kantian Peace: A Network Perspective." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 52: 189-212.
- Feldman, Nizan and Tal Sadeh. (2016) "War and Third Party Trade." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 62(1): 119-142.
- Chatagnier, Tyson and Kerim Can Kavaklı. (2017). "From Economic Competition to Military Combat: Export Similarity and International Conflict." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61(7): 1510-1536.

Week 6 (10/18): Economic Sanctions

- Pape, Robert A. (1997) "Why economic sanctions do not work." *International Security* 22 (2): 90-136.
- Hovi, Jon, Robert Huseby, and Detlef Sprinz. (2005). "When do (imposed) economic sanctions work?" *World Politics* 57:479-99
- Lektzian, David and Mark Souva. (2007). "An Institutional Theory of Sanctions Onset and Success." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 51: 848-871.
- Allen, Susan Hannah. (2008). "The Domestic Political Costs of Economic Sanctions." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 52: 916-944.
- Julia Grauvogel, Amanda A. Licht, Christian von Soest (2017) "Sanctions and Signals: How International Sanction Threats Trigger Domestic Protest in Targeted Regimes." *International Studies Quarterly* 61 (1): 86-97.
- Heinrich, Tobias, Yoshiharu Kobayashi, Timothy M. Peterson (2017). "Sanction Consequences and Citizen Support: A Survey Experiment." *International Studies Quarterly* 61 (1): 98-106.

Week 7 (10/25): The Political Economy of Defense

- Heo, Uk (2000). "The Defense-Growth Nexus in the United States Revisited" *American Politics Quarterly* 28:110-127.
- Dunne, Paul and Ron Smith and Dirk Willenbockel. (2005). "Models of Military Expenditure and Growth: A Critical Review." *Defence and Peace Economics* 16: 449-461.
- Heo, Uk. (2009). "The Relationship between Defense Spending and Economic Growth in the United States: An Empirical Analysis Using the Feder-Ram Based Model and the Augmented Solow Mode." *Political Research Quarterly* 63(4): 760-770
- Heo, Uk and John Bohte. (2012). "Who Pays for National Defense: Financing Defense Programs in the United States, 1947-2007." *Journal of Conflict*

Resolution 56(3): 406-431.

Heo, Uk and Min Ye. (2016) "The Relationship between Defense Spending and Economic Growth around the Globe: The Direct and Indirect Link." *International Interactions* 42(5): 774-796.

Eichenberg, Richard and Richard Stoll (2017) "The Acceptability of War and Support for Defense Spending: Evidence from Fourteen Democracies, 2004–2013." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61(4): 788-813.

Week 8 (11/1) US Military Deployment Abroad

Kane, Tim. (2012) "Development and US Troop Deployments." *Foreign Policy Analysis* 8(3): 255-273.

Jones, Garrett and Tim Kane. (2012) "US Troops and Foreign Economic Growth." *Defence and Peace Economics* 23(3): 225-249.

Heo, Uk and Min Ye. (2019) "US Military Deployment and Host Nation Economic Growth" Forthcoming. *Armed Forces and Society* 45(2): 234-267.

Vine, David. (2015) "The United States Probably Has More Foreign Military Bases Than Any Other People, Nation, or Empire in History: And it's Doing Us More Harm Than Good." *The Nation* September 14, 2015.

<http://www.thenation.com/article/the-united-states-probably-has-more-foreign-military-bases-than-any-other-people-nation-or-empire-in-history/>

Hulme, M Patrick and Erik Gartzke (2021). "The Tyranny of Distance: Assessing and the Explaining the Apparent Decline in US Military Performance." *International Studies Quarterly* 65 (2): 542–550.

Efrat, Asif. Forthcoming. "Troop Crime in Peacetime: Criminality and Accountability of US Troops Worldwide during the Cold War." *Armed Forces and Society*.

Week 9 (11/8): Civil Wars and Ethnic Conflict I

Fearon, James and David Laitin. (2003). "Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War." *American Political Science Review* 97(1): 75-90.

Woodwell, Douglas. (2004). "Unwelcome Neighbors: Shared Ethnicity and International Conflict During the Cold War." *International Studies Quarterly* 48(1): 197-223.

Bhavnani, Ravi and Dan Miodownik Nooruddin (2009). "Ethnic Polarization, Ethnic Salience, and Civil War." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 53: 30-49.

Bormann, Nils-Christian, Lars-Erik Cederman1, and Manuel Vogt (2017) "Language, Religion, and Ethnic Civil War." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61(4): 744-771.

Cederman, Lars-Erik and Manuel Vogt. (2017). "Dynamics and Logics of Civil War." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61(9): 1992-2016.

Paine, Jack. (2019) "Economic Grievance and Civil War: An Application to the Resource Curse." *International Studies Quarterly* 63(2): 244-258.

Week 10 (11/15): Civil Wars and Ethnic Conflict II

Fearon, James. (2004). "Why Do Some Civil Wars Last So Much Longer Than Others?" *Journal of Peace Research* 41(3): 275-301.

Rueda, Miguel (2017). "Popular Support, Violence, and Territorial Control in Civil War." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61(8):1626-1652.

Korean, Ore and Anoop Sarbahi. (2018) "State Capacity, Insurgency, and Civil War: A Disaggregated Analysis." *International Studies Quarterly* 62(2): 274-288.

Zarpli, Omer (2020) "Shaking Hands with the Internal Enemy: Democracy and Civil Conflict Settlement *International Studies Quarterly* 64(4): 845-856.

Daniels, Lesley-Ann. (2021) "Stick Then Carrot: When Do Governments Give Amnesty during Civil War?" *International Studies Quarterly* 65(2): 401-408.

Menninga, Elizabeth and Alyssa Prorok. (2021) "Battles and Bargains: Escalation, Commitment, and Negotiations in Civil War." *International Studies Quarterly* 65(2): 406-422.

Week 11 (11/22): Domestic Politics, Use of Force and Diversionary Theory of War

DeRouen, Karl Jr. (2000) "Presidents and the Diversionary Use of Force: A Research Note" *International Studies Quarterly* 44(2): 317-328.

Meernik, James and Peter Waterman (1996). "The Myth of the Diversionary Use of Force by American Presidents" *Political Research Quarterly* 49:573-90.

Tir, Jaroslav Tir and Michael Jasinski. (2008). "Domestic-Level Diversionary Theory of War: Targeting Ethnic Minorities." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 52(5): 641-664.

McLaughlin, Sara Mitchell and Brandon Prins. (2004). "Rivalry and Diversionary Uses of Force" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 48(6): 937-961.

Fordham, Benjamin. (2005). "Strategic Conflict Avoidance and the Diversionary Use of Force." *Journal of Politics* 67(1): 132-253.

Pickering, Jeffrey and Emizet Kisangani (2005). "Democracy and Diversionary Military Intervention: Reassessing Regime type and the Diversionary Hypothesis." *International Studies Quarterly* 49: 23-43.

Week 12 (11/29): Deterrence

Huth, Paul and Bruce Russett (1984). "What Makes Deterrence Work? Cases from 1900 to 1980" *World Politics* 36:496-526.

Huth, Paul and Bruce Russett (1993). "General Deterrence between Enduring Rivals: Testing Three Competing Models" *American Political Science Review* 87:61-73.

Danilovic, Vesna (2001) "Conceptual and Selection Bias Issues in Deterrence" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 45(1): 97-125.

Lebovic, James (2002) "The Law of Small Numbers: Deterrence and National Missile Defense" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 46(4): 455-483.

Brock F. Tessman and Steve Chan. (2004) "Power Cycles, Risk Propensity, and Great-Power Deterrence." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 48: 131-153.

Phillips, Julianne and Scott Wolford (2021) "Collective Deterrence in the Shadow of Shifting Power." *International Studies Quarterly* 65(1): 136-145.

Week 13 (12/6): Terrorism and International Conflict

Burgoon, Brian (2006). "On Welfare and Terror: Social Welfare Policies and

Political-Economic Roots of Terrorism.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 50: 176-203.

Wade, Sara Jackson and Dan Reiter. (2007). “Does Democracy Matter?: Regime Type and Suicide Terrorism.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 51: 329-348.

Park, Johann and Valentina Bali (2017) “International Terrorism and the Political Survival of Leaders.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61(7): 1343-1370.

McIntosh, James (2018) “Between Acquisition and Use: Assessing the Likelihood of Nuclear Terrorism.” *International Studies Quarterly* 62 (2): 289–300.

Piazza, James and Seung-Whan Choi (2018) “International Military Intervention and Transnational Terrorist Backlash.” *International Studies Quarterly* 62 (3): 686–695.

Spanel, William (2018) “Rational Overreaction to Terrorism.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 63(3): 786-810.

Week 14 (12/13): Term Paper Due and Presentation

Week 15: Final Exam