
Political Science 373/573
Territory and Group Conflict

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Course Requirements

Participation in the seminar comprises 25% of your grade. The short paper counts for another 25% of your grade, while the final paper counts for 50%.

I understand that students sometimes are faced with urgent situations, either of a personal or academic nature { e.g., a reading is not available or cannot be found } and in those cases, of course I welcome e-mails. Otherwise, I strongly prefer students show up for office hours, because dealing with 20 individual e-mails, and going back and forth, swallows enormous amounts of my time and concentration.

Books

The following books will be required reading this semester. I recommend you buy your books through Amazon.

Jordan Branch, *The Cartographic State: Maps, Territory, and the Origins of Sovereignty* Cambridge University Press (2014). *Cambridge Studies in International Relations*. Amazon link: http://www.amazon.com/Cartographic-State-Territory-Sovereignty-International-Relations/dp/1107499720/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1440442054&sr=1-1&keywords=Jordan+Branch

Paul Huth. 1996. *Standing Your Ground* Ann Arbor: Michigan University Press.

Philip G. Roeder, *Where Nation-States Come From; Institutional Change in the Age of Nationalism* Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2007

Peter Sahlin, *Boundaries: The Making of France and Spain in the Pyrenees* University of California Press, 1991.
http://www.amazon.com/Boundaries-Making-France-Spain-Pyrenees/dp/0520074157/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314814772&sr=1-1

Alberto Alesina and Enrico Spolaore. *The Size of Nations* Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. 2003.

Academic Integrity

Be familiar with the University's policies on academic integrity and disciplinary action (<http://www.rochester.edu/living/urhere/handbook/discipline2.html#XII>). Violators of University regulations on academic integrity will be dealt with promptly, which means that your grade will suffer, and I will forward your case to the Chair of the College Board on Academic Honesty, on which I served.

Course Outline

Wednesday September 2

Class Cancelled{APSA Convention

Wednesday September 9

1. Territoriality

Sack, Robert David. 1986. Human territoriality: its theory and history. New York: Cambridge University Press. pp.1{91; 154{168.

<http://www.amazon.com/>

Human-Territoriality-Cambridge-Historical-Geography/dp/0521311802/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1314817758&sr=8-1

Hein Goemans, "Bounded Communities: territoriality, territorial attachment and conflict," Chapter 1 in Miles Kahler and Barbara F. Walter, (eds.) Territoriality and Conflict in an Era of Globalization, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006.

Wednesday September 16

2. Groups and Identity

Russell Hardin, One for All; the logic of group conflict; Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. Chapters 1{3

Benedict Anderson, Imagined Communities New York: Verso, New Edition, 2006. Chapter 10, Census, Map, Museum, pp.163{186.

<http://www.amazon.com/>

Imagined-Communities-Reflections-Origin-Nationalism/dp/1844670864/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1314818088&sr=1-1

David M. Kreps, "Corporate culture and economic theory," in James E. Alt and Kenneth A. Shepsle Perspectives on Positive Political Economy, New York: Cambridge University Press, 1990; 90{143

Wednesday September 23

3. Territory and the State

James R. Akerman, 1995. "The Structuring of Political Territory in Early Printed Atlases," *Imago Mundi* Vol. 47 pp.138-154.

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/1151310>.

David Buisseret, "The Cartographic Definition of France's Eastern Boundary in the Early Seventeenth Century", *Imago Mundi*, Vol. 36 (1984), pp. 72-80

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/1150944>

Jordan Branch. 2011. "Mapping the Sovereign State: Technology, Authority,

Wednesday October 7

5. Territorial Identity

Peter Sahlins,

Alexander B. Murphy. 2002. "National Claims to Territory in the Modern State System: Geographical Considerations" *Geopolitics* Vol. 7, No. 2 (Autumn), pp. 193-214

Alexander B. Murphy. 1991. "Territorial Ideology and International Conflict: The Legacy of Prior Political Formations." In *The Political Geography of Conflict and Peace*, N. Kliot and S. Waterman, eds. London: Belhaven, 1991, pp. 126-141.

Andrew F. Burghardt, 1973. "The Bases of Territorial Claims." *Geographical Review* 63(2):225-245.

Ron Hassner. 2003. "To Halve and to Hold: Conflicts over Sacred Space and the Problem of Indivisibility," *Security Studies* Vol. 12, No.4 (Summer 2003), pp.1-33.

Myron Weiner. 1971. "The Macedonian Syndrome: An Historical Model of International Relations and Political Development." *World Politics* Vol. 23, No. 4. (July)

Mackinder, Halford J. "The Geographical Pivot of History." in *Geographical Journal*, xxiii, no. 4. (April 1904).

Spykman, Nicholas J., and Rollins, Abbie A. "Geographic Objectives in Foreign Policy, I." *The American Political Science Review* Vol. 33, No. 3 (August 1939), pp. 391-410.

Optional : Norman Hill. 1945. *Claims to Territory in International Law and Relations* New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Wednesday, November 4

9. Borders as Institutions

Scott Abramson and David Carter, "The Historical Origins of Territorial Disputes," Unpublished ms.

David B. Carter and H. E. Goemans, "The Making of the Territorial Order: New Borders and the Emergence of Interstate Conflict," *International Organization*, Vol. 65, No.2, Spring 2011.

David Carter and Hein Goemans, "International Trade and Coordination: Tracing Border Effects," Unpublished ms.

Beth A. Simmons, 2005. "Rules over Real Estate; Trade, Territorial Conflict and International Borders as Institutions." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 49(6):823-848.

Nikolaus Wolf. 2005. "Path Dependent Border Effects: The Case of Poland's Reunification (1918-1939)." *Explorations in Economic History*. 42:414-438.

Nikolaus Wolf, Max-Stephen Schulze and Hans-Christian Heinemeyer. 2011. "On the Economic Consequences of the Peace: Trade and Borders after Versailles." *Journal of Economic History*. 71(4):915-949.

Ron Hassner. 2015. Barriers to Entry: Who Builds Fortified Boundaries and Why? with Jason Wittenberg, *International Security*, Vol. 40, No.1, Summer 2015.

George Gavrilis. 2008. *The Dynamics of Interstate Boundaries* New York: Cambridge University Press.

Wednesday November 11

10. Territory in International Relations: Conflict

Agnew, John. 1994. "The territorial trap: The geographical assumptions of international relations theory," *Review of International Political Economy* 1 53-80.

Starr, Harvey and Benjamin A. Most. 1976. "The Substance and Study of Borders in International Relations Research." *International Studies Quarterly* 20(4):581{620.

Kenneth A. Schultz and Hein Goemans, "Aims, Claims and the Bargaining Model," unpublished ms.

Kenneth A. Schultz, 2014. "What's in a Claim? De Jure versus De Facto Borders in Interstate Territorial Disputes." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 58(6): 1059{1084.

Kacowicz, Arie Marcelo. "The Problem of Peaceful Territorial Change." *International Studies Quarterly* Vol. 38, Issue 2 (June 1994), pp. 219{254.

Zacher, Mark. "The Territorial Integrity Norm." *International Organization*, Vol. 55, No. 2 (Spring 2001), pp. 215{50.

Thomas, Bradford L. 1999. "International Boundaries: Lines in the Sand (and the Sea)." In Demko, George J. and William B. Wood. 1999. *Reordering the World. Geopolitical Perspectives on the 21st Century* Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press, pp.69-93.

Wednesday November 18

11. Territorial Conflict

Paul Hensel. 1996. "Charting a Course to Conflict: Territorial Issues and Interstate Conflict, 1816-1992." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 15, 1 (Fall): 43-73, 1996. Available at: <http://www.paulhensel.org/vita.html>

Paul Huth. 1996. *Standing Your Ground* Ann Arbor: Michigan University Press.

Wednesday, November 25

12. Thanksgiving recess

Wednesday December 2

13. Territorial Conflict and the Democratic Peace

Douglas M. Gibling, 2012. *The Territorial Peace: Borders, State Development, and International Conflict*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Optional: Andrew P. Owsiak, 2013. "Signing Up for Peace: International Boundary Agreements, Democracy, and Militarized Interstate Conflict." *International Studies Quarterly* 56(1): 51-66.

Wednesday December 9

14. Territorial Conflict and Ethnic Politics

Toft, Monica Du y. "Indivisible Territory, Geographic Concentration and Ethnic War." *Security Studies* Vol. 12, No. 2.

Hein Goemans and Kenneth A. Schultz, "African Territorial Disputes, A GIS Approach," unpublished ms.

Other readings of potential interest

Territory and Geography as an explanatory variable

Luke Keele and Rocio Titiunik, 2015. "Natural Experiments Based on Geography." *Political Science Research and Methods* forthcoming. 31 pages. Online at: <http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=9637057&fileId=S2049847015000047>

Questions to consider in formulating and evaluating social science research

1. What is the central question?

Why is it important (theoretically, substantively)?

What is being explained (what is the dependent variable and how does it vary)?

How does this phenomenon present a puzzle?

2. What is the central answer?

What is doing the explaining (what are the independent variables and how do they vary)?

What are the hypotheses, i.e., what is the relationship between independent and dependent variables, what kind of change in the independent variable causes what kind of change in the dependent variable?

What are the causal mechanisms, i.e., why are the independent and dependent variables so related?

How do the independent variables relate to each other?

What assumptions does your theory make?

Is the theory falsifiable in concept?

What does this explanation add to our understanding of the question?

3. What are the possible alternative explanations?

What assumptions are you making about the direction of causality?

What other explanations might there be for the phenomenon of study, and to what degree do they conflict with the central answer?

Could the hypothesized relationships have occurred by chance?

4. Why are the possible alternative explanations wrong?

What is the logical structure of the alternative explanations (compare 2)?

What is the empirical evidence?

5. What is the relationship between the theory and the evidence?

What does the research design allow to vary, i.e., in this design are the explanations variables or constants?

What does your research design hold constant, i.e., does it help to rule out the alternative competing explanations?

How are the theoretical constructs represented empirically, i.e., how do you know it when you see it (measurement)?

6. How do the empirical conclusions relate to the theory?

How confident are you about the theory in light of the evidence?

How widely do the conclusions generalize, i.e., what might be the limitations of the study?

What does the provisionally accepted or revised theory say about questions of broader importance?