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**International Relations 223: Cycles of War and Peace  
Global Security Track (A), Spring 2011**

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**Course Information:**

Class: Gavett 301

Tues and Thurs 2 - 3:15

**Description**

This course is designed to provide students with a rich understanding of both conflict and peace-

## **Aims of this course**

This course has two broad aims. First, to improve students' knowledge of real world conflicts and



## Exam Policy

Exams are to be taken at the specified day and time. If you cannot take the exam on the specified day/time, prior approval (at least 48 hours in advance) must be obtained. If approval is not obtained at least 48 hours in advance, a failing grade will be given for that exam. Make-up exams must be taken within 3 days of the specified time/day. Lateness on the day of the exam will result in less time to take the exam.

## Academic Integrity

There are many forms of academic dishonesty, which include, but are not limited to: cheating, plagiarism, false citations, creating or using fraudulent records or official documents, and aiding another person in their academic dishonesty. No form of academic dishonesty will be tolerated. Any case of suspected academic dishonesty will be reported to the College Board of Academic Honesty. Please speak with the instructor immediately if you have any concerns or questions about academic integrity.

## Campus Resources

There are several on-campus resources here to help you succeed in college, and to ensure that you are safe and secure. Please contact these resources if you feel that any of these may be helpful to you:

College Center for Academic Support (CCAS): 585-275-2354

Learning Assistance Services: 585-275-9049

The Center for Study Abroad and Interdepartmental Programs: 585-275-7532

University Health Services: 585-275-2662

University Counseling Center: 585-275-3113

University Security Services: 585-275-3333

University Facilities and Services: 585-273-4567

## Required Texts

Huth, Paul. 1996. *Standing Your Ground: Territorial Disputes and International Conflict*. Michigan: University of Michigan Press. (SYG)

Huth and Allee. 2002. *The Democratic Peace and Territorial Conflict in the Twentieth Century*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (HA)

Colaresi, Michael. 2005. *Scare Tactics: The Politics of International Rivalry*. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press. (ST)

Zartman, I. William, ed. 2007. *Peacemaking in International Conflict: Methods and Techniques*. Washington DC: United States Institute of Peace. (PIIC)

Crocker, Chester A., Hampson, Fen Osler and Pamela Aall, eds. 2005. *Grasping the Nettle: Analyzing Cases of Intractable Conflict*. Washington DC: United States Institute of Peace. (GTN)

Page Fortna, Virginia. 2004. *Peace Time: Cease-Fire Agreements and the Durability of Peace*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. (PT)

## Recommended Texts

Senese, Paul D. and John A. Vasquez. 2008. *The Steps to War: An Empirical Study*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Diehl, Paul F. ed. 1998. *The Dynamics of Enduring Rivalries*. Chicago: University of Illinois Press.

Senese, Paul D. 1996. "Geographical Proximity and Issue Salience: Their Effects on the Escalation of Militarized Interstate Conflict." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 15(2): 133-161.

**Week 3b: Thursday January 27**  
**Group Discussions: Origins of the Conflict**

Executive Summary 1 due.

**Week 4a: Tuesday February 1**  
**Alternative Motivations in War: Reputation, Power and Symbolism**

Crescenzi, Mark J.C. 2007. "Reputation and Interstate Conflict." *American Journal of Political Science* 51(2): 382-396.

Kaufman, Stuart. 2006. "Symbolic Politics or Rational Choice? Testing Theories of Extreme Ethnic Violence." *International Security* 30(4): 45-86.

Cederman, Lars-Erik, Wimmer, Andreas and Brian Min. 2010. "Why Do Ethnic Groups Rebel?" *World Politics* 62: 87-119.

Recommended:

Walter, Barbara. 2006. "Building Reputation: Why Governments Fight Some Separatists But Not Others." *American Journal of Political Science* 50(2): 313-330.

Hensel, Paul R. and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell. 2006. "Issue Indivisibility and Territorial Claims." *GeoJournal: Theme Issue on Territorial Conflict* 64(4): 275-285.

Grigorian, Arman and Stuart Kaufman. 2007. "Hate Narratives and Ethnic Conflict." *International Security* 31(4): 180-191.

Collier, Paul and Anke Hofer. 2009. "Beyond Greed and Grievance: Feasibility and Civil War." *Oxford Economic Papers* 61(1): 1-27.

**Week 4b: Thursday February 3**  
**Case Study: Israel and 384(Mm8d)-3sm"**

Colaresi, Michael. 2007. "The Benefit of the Doubt: Testing an Informational Theory of the Rally Effect." *International Organization* 61(1): 99-143.

### **Week 5b: Thursday February 10**

#### **Case Study: Kashmir**

GTN Chapter 12.

Blank, Jonah. 1999. "Kashmir: Fundamentalism Takes Root" *Foreign Affairs* 78(6): 36-53.

Farrell, Brian. 2002-2003. "The Role of International Law in the Kashmir Conflict." *Penn State International Law Review*. 21(2): 293-318.

#### Recommended:

Sikand, Yoginder. 2007. "The Changing Course of the Kashmiri Struggle: From National Liberation to Islamist Jihad?." *The Muslim World*. 91(1-2): 229-256.

Subbiah, Sumathi. 2004. "Security Council Mediation and the Kashmir Dispute: Reflections on Its Failures and Possibilities for Renewal." *Boston College International and Comparative Law Review* 27(1): 173-185.

Ganguli, Sumit. 2006. "Will Kashmir Stop India's Rise?" *Foreign Affairs* 85(4): 45-56.

Suzuki, Akisato and Neophytos Loizides. 2011. "Escalation of Interstate Crises of Confactual Dyads: Greece-Turkey and India-Pakistan." *Working Paper*. p. 1-40.

### **Week 6: Tuesday February 15**

#### **Domestic Politics, War Propensity, and the Choice Between Diplomatic and Military Conflict**

SYG Chapters 4, 5.

#### Recommended:

Mansfield, Edward and Jack Snyder. 2009. "Pathways to War in Democratic Transitions." *International Organization* 63(2): 381-390.

Mansfield, Edward and Jack Snyder. 2007. "The Sequencing 'Fallacy'." *Journal of Democracy* 18(3): 5-10.

### **Week 6b: Thursday February 17**

#### **Group Discussions: Actors and Issues**

Executive Summary 2 due.

### **Week 7a: Tuesday February 22**

#### **Causes of Protracted Conflict: Domestic vs. International Reasons to Escalate Violence**

HA Chapters 2 - 3.

ST Chapters 1 - 2.

Recommended:

Senese, Paul D. and John A. Vasquez. 2008. *The Steps to War: An Empirical Study*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Diehl, Paul F. ed. 1998. *The Dynamics of Enduring Rivalries*. Chicago: University of Illinois Press.

Gowa, Joanne. 1999. *Ballots and Bullets: The Elusive Democratic Peace*. Princeton: Prince-



Lo, Nigel, Hashimoto, Barry and Dan Reiter. "Ensuring Peace: Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Postwar Peace." *International Organization* 62(4): 717-736.

Sambanis, Nicholas and Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl. 2009. "What's in a Line? Is Partition a Solution to Civil War?" *International Security* 34(2): 82-118.

Ratner, Steven R. 1995. *The New UN Peacekeeping: Building Peace in Lands of Conflict after the Cold War*. New York: St. Martin's Press.



Strobel, Warren. 1996. "The CNN Effect." *American Journalism Review* 18(4): 33-39.

Posen, Barry. 1996. "Military Responses to Refugee Disasters." *International Security* 21(1): 72-111.

Frazier, Derrick and William Dixon. 2006. "Third-Party Intermediaries and Negotiated Settlements, 1946-2000." *International Interactions* 32(4): 385-408.

Huth, Paul K. 1998. "Major Power Intervention in International Crises, 1918 - 1988." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 42(6): 744-770.

Crocker, Chester. 2000. "A Poor Case for Quitting: Mistaking Incompetence for Interventionism." *Foreign Affairs* 79(1): 183-186.

Luttwak, Edward N. 1999. "Give War a Chance." *Foreign Affairs* 78(4): 36-44.

Rauchhaus, Robert W. 2009. "Principal-Agent Problems in Humanitarian Intervention: Moral Hazards, Adverse Selection, and the Commitment Dilemma." *International Studies Quarterly* 53(4): 871-884.

### **Week 13b: Thursday April 7**

#### **Case Study: Darfur, Rwanda, and Genocide**

Power, Samantha. 2001. "Bystanders to Genocide: Why the United States Let the Rwandan Tragedy Happen." *Atlantic Monthly* September 2001:1-31.

Straus, Scott. 2005. "Darfur and the Genocide Debate." *Foreign Affairs* 84(1): 123-133.

GTN Chapter 7.

Recommended:

Johnston, Patrick. 2007. "Negotiated Settlements and Government Strategy in Civil Wars: Evidence from Darfur." *Civil Wars* 9(4): 359-377.

### **Week 14a: Tuesday April 12**

#### **Spoiling the Peace**

Kydd, Andrew F. and Barbara Walter. 2002. "Sabotaging the Peace: The Politics of Extremist Violence." *International Organization* 56(2): 263-296.

Stedman, Stephen J. 1997. "Spoiler Problems in Peace Processes." *International Security* 22(2): 5-53.

72-111.

Humphreys, Macartan and Jeremy M. Weinstein. "Demobilization and Reintegration."

Week 15b: Thursday April 21  
Group Presentation Day 1

Week 16: Tuesday April 26  
Group Presentation Day 2