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**Political Violence in Comparative Perspective**

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**Course description**

earnestly engaging with the subject of the thread, and equally importantly, that you are willing to give due consideration to viewpoints that are different from your own.

The assignments for the course will include two mid-semester examinations and one end-term examination. You also have the option of writing an original essay of 8-10 pages applying the concepts learned in the course. If you do choose to write the essay, you must submit a draft proposal of 2-3 pages before the Thanksgiving break. The essay will be due the last day of class. **LATE ESSAYS WILL BE GIVEN A LOWER GRADE: one-third letter grade per day late** Example: An "A" paper two days late will drop to a "B+".

**Academic Honesty:** A plagiarized paper will not receive any points. Plagiarism will result in a failing grade for the course and sanctions determined by the University's Academic Honesty board.

**Grading:**

## **Everyday Resistance**

### **September 8:**

#### Read:

James Scott, "Resistance without Protest and without Organization," *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 29 (3), 1987, 417-452.

### **September 13:**

#### Read:

Kathy Le Mons Walker, "From Covert to Overt: Everyday Peasant Politics in China and the Implications for Transnational Agrarian Movements," *Journal of Agrarian Change* 8 (2-3), 2008, 462-488.

## **Unarmed Insurrections**

### **September 15:**

#### Read:

Sydney Tarrow, *Power in Movement* 1998, Ch. 1.

\*Kurt Schock, *Unarmed Insurrections* 2005, 49-55.

### **September 20:**

#### Read:

DingXin Zhao, *The Power of Tiananmen* 2001, Ch. 6.

## **Urban Riots**

### **September 22**

#### Read:

Donald Horowitz, *The Deadly Ethnic Riots* 2001, Ch. 13.

## **Military Coups**

### **September 27:**

#### Read:

Patrick J. McGowan, "African Military Coups D'état," *Journal of Modern African Studies* 2003, 41 (3), 339-370.

\*Jimmy Kandeh, *Coups from Below* 2004, Introduction & Ch. 7.

## **State Terror**

### **September 29:**

#### Read:

Ted Gurr, "The Political Origins of State Violence and Terror: A Theoretical Analysis" in Michael Stohl and George Lopez ed. *Government Violence and Repression: An Agenda for Research* 1986.



## **Ethnic Violence**

### **November 3:**

#### Read:

Jack Snyder, From Voting to Violence: Democratization and Nationalist Conflict 2000, 15-42.

Amy Chua, "Two Faces of Globalization: A World on the Edge," The Wilson Quarterly 2002, 26 (4), 62-77.

## **Levels of Violence**

### **November 8:**

#### Read:

Stathis Kalyvas, "Wanton and Senseless? The Logic of Massacres in Algeria," Rationality and Society 1999, 11 (3), 243-285.

Thandika Mkandawire, "The Terrible Toll of Post-colonial 'Rebel Movements' in Africa: Towards an Explanation of the Violence Against the Peasantry," Journal of Modern African Studies 2002, 40 (2), 181-215.

### **November 10:**

#### Read:

Jeremy Weinstein, Inside Rebellion 2007, 1-22, 239-258.

## **Structural Violence**

### **November 15:**

#### Read:

Ron Daniels, "The Crisis of Police Brutality in America: The Causes and the Cure" in Jill Nelson ed. Police Brutality 2001, Ch. 12.

Susan Weitzman, Not to People Like Us: Hidden Abuse in Upscale Marriage 2000, Ch.7.

### **November 17: Review**

### **November 22: Second Mid-term Exam**

## **End of Violence**

### **November 29:**

#### Read:

Elizabeth Jean Wood, Forging Democracy from Below: Insurgent Transitions in South Africa and El Salvador 2000, Introduction and Ch. 7.

