POSC 331 Cooperation and Conflict Winter 2020

M, W 1:50 - 3:35
Library 344

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Description

Why do countries go to war? What conditions promote a lasting peace? These may well be the two most important and enduring questions in international politics. The course combines an exploration of various theoretical approaches to war and peace—including rational, psychological and structural models—with an empirical analysis of the onset, escalation, and resolution of conflict. We investigate changing patterns in the frequency of global violence and identify where it occurs more (and less) often and assess whether there is an overall trend toward a more peaceful world.

Text:

None, this an article-based class. Articles can be found on J-stor

Assignments

Paper abstract -- 10
Group Lab Leadership -- 25
Research Note Proposal -- 15
Final Research Note Paper -- 30
Research Presentation -- 10
Participation and Attendance -- 10

5 January - 11 January

- Monday
  - Introductions, Course Design and Review of International Relations theories
  - Robert Malley. 2019. 10 Conflicts to Watch in 2020. *Foreign Policy*

- **Wednesday**

  
  

- **12 January - 18 January**

  - **Monday**

    - Crisis Behavior, Leadership and Management
    
    

  - **Wednesday**

    - Student-led Lab Session - International Crisis Behavior Project -- [https://sites.duke.edu/icbdata/](https://sites.duke.edu/icbdata/)

- **19 January - 25 January**

  - **Monday**

    - Rivalry and Recurring Disputes
    
    

  - **Wednesday**

    - Student-led Lab Session  ICOW - Issue Correlates of War [http://www.paulhensel.org/icow.html](http://www.paulhensel.org/icow.html)
• 26 January - 1 February
  o Monday
    o Power Transitions, Balancing and Deterrence
  o Wednesday
    o Student-led Lab Session MIDS datasets

• 2 February - 8 February
  o Monday
    o Alliances, Chain-gangs, Buck Passing and Collective Security
  o Wednesday
    o Student-led Lab Session - ATOP (Alliance Treaty Obligations and Provisions) Data

• 9 February - 15 February
  o Monday
    o Mid-term Break - No Class
  o Wednesday
    o Project Workshop Day, Research Librarian Visit, Methodology and Research Design Talk
    o Research Note Proposal Paper (DUE BEFORE CLASS WEDNESDAY) Assignment

• 16 February - 22 February
  o Monday
    o Foreign Aid and Humanitarian Intervention
- **Wednesday**
- Student-led Lab Session - IMI or PRIF HMI Dataset

- **23 February - 29 February**
  - **Monday**
  - Democratic Peace and Economic Interdependence
  - **Wednesday**
  - Student-led Lab Session - UN voting or GPI datasets

- **1 March - 7 March**
  - **Monday**
  - International Organizations, Law and Justice
  - **Wednesday**
  - Student-led Lab Session  Event Data (KEDS, CAMEO or Gary King)

- **8 March - 14 March**
  - Research Presentations
  - **Monday**
  - Research Presentations
  - **Wednesday**
  - Research Presentations