

POEC/PSCI 6361

Political Violence & Terrorism

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General Course Information

Course Description

In this discussion-based seminar, we will cover the topics of terrorism, political violence, and civil war. We will examine concepts, causes, and consequences of different types of political violence. Additionally, we will discuss topics relevant to research, including discussions of different approaches (quantitative, qualitative, and formal) and a perusal of different data sources. We will take advantage of literature from multiple disciplines.

Learning Objectives

Course content is designed enhance students' understanding of the concepts, explanations, types of evidence, implications, consequences, and relationships of terrorism and political violence. Course assignments aim to develop students' analytical ability and oral presentation skills.

Required Texts & Materials

- *Research on Terrorism: Trends, Achievements and Failures* Edited by: Andrew Silke Routledge
- Numerous articles available in electronic format through the library's electronic databases.
- Select articles available through the electronic reserves. The professor will provide the password in class.

Course Policies

Grading (credit)

- Critical Summaries & class participation: 40%
- Bibliographic essay (case) 4pm 30%
- Bibliographic essay (theme) 4pm 30%

Attendance Class attendance is required. You are responsible for all announcements and information given in class.

Weekly Summaries Each week at the beginning of class you should a no more than two page critical review of the readings and a summary table. These will be graded as following V+ (excellent summary and critical analysis), V (accurate summary, but lacking critical analysis), V- (needs improvement). Two of these will be dropped from the grade calculation.

Late Work As a rule, no extensions are granted for written work. Unexcused late papers will be penalized one full grade per day. However, in case of an emergency, contact the professor as soon as possible to see if an exception can be made at the discretion of the professor. Documentation will be required of any emergency.

Turnitin Both the bibliographic essay and the final exam should be submitted to turnitin.com via elearning. Please refer to the following pages for hints on how to avoid plagiarism:
<http://library.duke.edu/research/plagiarism/>

Cell Phones Due to receiving numerous complaints from students, this policy is necessary. If you allow your cell phone or beeper to audibly ring or beep in class, you will be penalized. The first time is a warning, after that you lose points. The penalty starts at two percentage points and will double every time thereafter. If you answer the phone, no warning will be granted and you will be immediately assessed the penalty.

Bibliographic Essay Guidelines

Exemplars can be found in the *Annual Review of Political Science*. In general, you should provide a critical evaluation of the included sources, compare and contrast them, group them substantively.

Style Expectations

Format:

1. See *The Chicago Manual of Style* for details. A summary can be found at <http://www.libs.uga.edu/ref/chicago.html> Use either the documentary note style or the author note system.

According to *The Chicago Manual of Style*, "the full reference of a note, as in a bibliographic entry, must include enough information to enable the interested reader to find it in a library, though the form of the note need not correspond precisely to that of the library catalog."¹

2. Use a 12 point font.
3. The text should be typed, double spaced, and have one inch margins.
4. Do not add extra spaces between paragraphs.
5. Number the pages.
6. Include a title page with your name, course title, and date.
7. Include a bibliography.

Style:

- Include an introduction and conclusion with appropriate outlines and summation of the main points of your paper.
- Use topic sentences in your paragraphs. (Please – no two sentence paragraphs or two page paragraphs!)
- Do not use a casual tone. (For example, do not use contractions such as "can't," "wouldn't", etc.)
- Avoid speaking in the first person. (For example, "In this paper I will ...")
- Spell check!

Sources:

- Cite often. An overabundance of citations is always preferable to too few. Cite as if you want the reader to be able to easily refer to your sources when you refer to facts, quotations, and interpretations.
- If someone else says it, you must give credit to him or her. If you repeat the author verbatim, you must quote and cite the author. If you paraphrase his or her words, you must cite the author. Failure to do this is plagiarism. A good reference for writing standards and references is the *Chicago Manual of Style*. If in doubt, please consult it.

¹ *Chicago Manual of Style*, 13th ed. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1982), 487.

Date	Topic/Books	Readings
January 14	Introduction	Syllabus Rapoport, David C. 2001. "The Fourth Wave: September 11 in the History of Terrorism" <i>Current History</i> , Volume 100, Number 650
January 21	Definitions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weinberg, Leonardo; Pedahzur, Ami; Hirsch-Hoefler, Sivan. 2004 "The Challenges of Conceptualizing Terrorism." <i>Terrorism & Political Violence</i>, 16(4): 777-794. 2. Tilly, Charles. 2004. "Terror, Terrorism, Terrorists" <i>Sociological Theor</i> 22(1):5-13 3. Schmid, A. 2004. "Frameworks for conceptualising terrorism" <i>Terrorism and Political Violence</i> 16(2):197-221 4. Garrison, A. 2004. "Defining Terrorism: Philosophy of the Bomb, Propaganda by Deed and Change Through Fear and Violence." <i>Criminal Justice Studies</i> 17 (3): 259-279. 5. Sánchez-Cuenca, Ignacio and Luis de la Calle. 2009. "Domestic Terrorism: The Hidden Side of Political Violence" <i>Annual Review of Political Science</i> 12: 31-49 6. Sambanis, Nicholas. 2004. "What Is Civil War?: Conceptual and Empirical Complexities of an Operational Definition" <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> 48(6): 814 -58. 7. Gersovitz, M. and N. Kriger. 2013. What Is a Civil War? A Critical Review of Its Definition and (Econometric) Consequences. <i>World Bank Research Observer</i> 28 (2): 159-190.
January 28	Challenges of Research	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Andrew Silke Ch. 1. An Introduction to Terrorism Research on Terrorism 2. John Horgan Ch. 2. The Case for First-hand Research on Terrorism 3. Andrew Silke Ch. 3. The Devil You Know: Continuing problems with research on terrorism Research on Terrorism 4. Avishag Gordon Ch. 6. Terrorism and Knowledge Growth: A database and internet analysis Research on Terrorism 5. Fred Schulze Ch. 9. Breaking the Cycle: Empirical research and postgraduate studies on terrorism Research on Terrorism 6. Andrew Silke Ch. 10. The Road Less Travelled: Recent trends in terrorism research Research on Terrorism 7. Wood, E.J. 2006 "The Ethical Challenges of Field Research in Conflict Zones." <i>Qualitative Sociology</i> 29: 373-386.,
February 4	Causes and Consequences of Different Types of Political Violence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collier, P. 1999. "On the Economic Consequences of Civil War" <i>Oxford Economic Papers</i>, 51 (1): 168 -183. 2. Crenshaw, Martha. 1991. "The Causes of Terrorism." <i>Comparative Politics</i> 13 (4): 379-399. 3. Newman, Edward. 2006. "Exploring the Root Causes of Terrorism" <i>Studies in Conflict & Terrorism</i> 29(8):772-749

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Byman, Daniel. 1998. "The Logic of Ethnic Terrorism," <i>Studies in Conflict and Terrorism</i> 21(2):149-169. Sambanis, Nicholas. 2001. "Do Ethnic and Non-Ethnic Wars Have the Same Causes? A Theoretical and Empirical Inquiry (Part I)," <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> 45(3): 259-82. Cederman L. et al. 2010. "Why Do Ethnic Groups Rebel? New Data and Analysis" <i>World Politics</i> 62 (1): 87 – 119. Posner, Daniel N. 2004. "The Political Salience of Cultural Difference: Why Chewas and Tambukas Are Allies in Zambia and Adversaries in Malawi." <i>American Political Science Review</i> 98(4): 529-545. Fearon, James and David Laitin. 2000. "Violence and the Social Construction of Ethnic Identity." <i>International Organization</i> 54(4): 845-77.
February 11	Research Day	
February 18	Psychology & Sociology of Terrorism	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Crenshaw, Martha. 2000. "The Psychology of Terrorism: An Agenda for the 21st Century Issue" <i>Political Psychology</i> 21 (2):405–420. Williams, Robin M. 1994. "The sociology of ethnic conflicts: comparative international perspectives" <i>Annual review of sociology</i> 20: 49-79. JM Post, E Sprinzak, LM Denny. 2003. "The terrorists in their own words: Interviews with 35 incarcerated Middle Eastern terrorists" - <i>Terrorism and Political Violence</i> 15(1): 171-84. Horgan, J. 2008. "From Profiles to Pathways and Roots to Routes: Perspectives from Psychology on Radicalization into Terrorism" <i>Annals of American Academy of Political and Social Science</i> 618(1): 80-94. Bates, Robert, Avner Greif and Smita Singh. 2002 "Organizing Violence" <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> 46(5): 599-628. Kalyvas, Stathis. 2003. "The Ontology of Political Violence: Action and Identity in Civil Wars," <i>Perspectives on Politics</i> 1:475-494. Magourik, J, S Atran, M Sageman. 2008. "Connecting terrorist networks" <i>Studies in Conflict and Terrorism</i> 31(1):1-16.
February 25	Targets of Violence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Brandt, Patrick T. and T. Sandler. 2010. "What do transnational terrorists target? Has it changed? Are we safer?" <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i>, 54(2) 214–236. Drake, C.J.M. 1998. "The Role of Ideology in Terrorists' Target Selection." <i>Terrorism and Political Violence</i> 10 (2) 53 – 85. Martin, A, J. McCarthy and C. McPhail. 2009. "Why Targets Matters: Toward a More Inclusive Model of Collective Violence" <i>American Sociological Review</i> 74: 821 – 841. Meserv, V. et al. 2009. "The Geography of Conflict and Death in Belfast Northern Ireland." <i>Annals of the Association of American</i>

		<p><i>Geographers</i> 99(5) , pp. 893–903.</p> <p>5. McCartan, Lisa M. et al. The Logic of Terrorist Target Choice: An Examination of Chechen Rebel Bombings from 1997–2003.” <i>Studies in Conflict and Terrorism</i> 31 (1) 60 –</p> <p>6. Roislen, H.E. and Jo Roislen. “The Logic of Palestinian Terrorist Target Choice? Examining the Israel Defense Forces' Official Statistics on Palestinian Terrorist Attacks 2000-2004.” <i>Studies in Conflict & Terrorism</i> 33 (2): 134 – 148.</p>
March 4	Terrorist Tactics: Suicide Terrorism	<p>1. Crenshaw, Martha. 2007. "Explaining Suicide Terrorism: A Review Essay" <i>Security Studies</i> 16:133-62.</p> <p>2. Bloom, Mia. 2004. "Palestinian Suicide Bombing: Public Support, Market Share, and Outbidding." <i>Political Science Quarterly</i> 119 (1): 61-87.</p> <p>3. Pape, Robert. 2003 "The Strategic Logic of Suicide Bombings." <i>American Political Science Review</i> 97 (3): 343-361.</p> <p>4. Goodwin, Jeff. 2006. "What do we really know about Suicide Terrorism" <i>Sociological Forum</i> 21:315-330.</p> <p>5. Pedahzur, Ami. Perliger, Arie. 2006. “The Changing Nature of Suicide Attacks - A Social Network Perspective” <i>Social Forces</i> 84(4): 1987-2008.</p> <p>6. Forest, James J.F. 2012. Kidnapping by Terrorist Groups, 1970-2010: Ideological Orientation Relevant? <i>Crime & Delinquency</i>, 58 (5): 769-797.</p> <p>7. Lentini, P. and M. Bakashmar. 2007. “Jihadist Beheading: A Convergence of Technology, Theology, and Teleology?” <i>Studies in Conflict and Terrorism</i> 30 (4):</p>
March 7	Bibliographic Essay Due (Theme)	4 pm in my office (Gr 3.805)
March 11	Spring break	
March 18	Resource-Driven Conflict	<p>1. Ross, Michael L. 2004. “How Do Natural Resources Influence Civil War? Evidence from Thirteen Cases.” <i>International Organization</i> 58 (1): 35-67.</p> <p>2. Le Billon, P. 2001. “The political ecology of war: natural resources and armed conflict” <i>Political Geography</i>, 20: 561 – 584.</p> <p>3. Snyder, Richard. 2006. “Does Lootable Wealth Breed Disorder? A Political Economy of Extraction Framework” <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> 39(8): 943-96.</p> <p>4. Humphreys M, 2005, “Natural Resources, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution” <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i>, 49(4): 508-537.</p> <p>5. Pearce, Jenny. 2005. "Policy Failure and Petroleum Predation: The economics of civil war debate viewed from the 'warzone'." <i>Government and Opposition</i> 40(2):152-180.</p> <p>6. Le Billon. 2001. “Angola’s Political Economy of War: The Role of Oil</p>

		<p>and Diamonds, 1975 – 2000.” <i>African Affairs</i> 100: 55 – 80.</p> <p>7. Collier, P. and A. Hoeffler. 2004. “Greed and grievance in civil war.” <i>Oxford Economic Papers</i>, 56 (4): 563-595.</p>
March 25	Repression	<p>1. Davenport. Christian. 2007. “State Repression and Political Order.” <i>Annual Review of Political Science</i> 10: 1 – 23.</p> <p>2. Earl, J. 2003. “Tanks, Tear Gas, and Taxes: Toward a Theory of Movement Repression” <i>Sociological Theory</i> 21 (1): 44 – 68.</p> <p>3. Carey, Sabine C. 2010. “The Use of Repression as a Response to Domestic Dissent.” <i>Political Studies</i> 58 (16): 167 – 186.</p> <p>4. Thoms, Ron J. 2007. “Do human rights violations cause internal conflict? <i>Human Rights Quarterly</i> 29(3): 674-705</p> <p>5. Laura Dugan and Erica Chenoweth. 2012. “Moving Beyond Deterrence: The Effectiveness of Raising the Expected Utility of Abstaining from Terrorism in Israel” <i>American Sociological Review</i> 77(4): 597-624</p> <p>6. Perliger Arie. Hasisi, Badi. Pedahzur, Ami. 2009. “Policing Terrorism in Israel.” <i>Criminal Justice and Behavior</i>. Vol. 36. No. 12. Pp. 1279-1304.</p> <p>7. Stohl, Michael. 2008. “Networks, terrorists and criminals: The implications for community policing.” <i>Crime, Law and Social Change</i> 50, (1-2): 59-72.</p>
April 1	Democracy & Political Violence	<p>1. Li, Quan. 2005. Does Democracy Promote or Reduce Transnational Terrorist Incidents? <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> 49(2):278-297</p> <p>2. Pearce, Jenny. 2010. “Perverse State Formation and Securitised Democracy in Latin America” <i>Democratisation</i> 17(2): 286-306</p> <p>3. Erica Chenoweth. 2013. “Terrorism and Democracy” <i>Annual Review of Political Science</i> Vol. 16: 355-378</p> <p>4. Weinberg, Leonard. 1991. "Turning to Terror: The Conditions under Which Political Parties Turn to Terrorist Activities." <i>Comparative Politics</i> 23 (4): 423-38.</p> <p>5. Brancati D. 2006. “Decentralization: Fuelling the fire or dampening the flames of ethnic conflict and secessionism?” <i>International Organization</i> 60(3): 651-685.</p> <p>6. Piazza, James. 2010. “Terrorism and Party Systems in the States of India” <i>Security Studies</i> 19:99–123.</p> <p>7. Schatzman, Christina. 2005. “Political Challenge in Latin America: Rebellion and Collective Protest in an Era of Democratization” <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> 42(3): 291-310.</p>
April 8	Protests, Riots and Mass Mobilization	<p>1. Almeida, Paul D. 2003. “Opportunity, Organization and Threat-Induced Contention: Protest Waves in Authoritarian Settings.” <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> 109(2): 345-400.</p> <p>2. Della Porta, Donatella and Sidney Tarrow 1986. “Unwanted children: Political violence and the cycle of protest in Italy, 1966–1973” <i>European Journal of Political Research</i> 14(5-6): 607–632.</p> <p>3. Schock, Kurt. 1999. “People Power and Political Opportunities: Socia</p>

		<p>Movement Mobilization and Outcomes in the Philippines and Burma." <i>Social Problems</i> 46(3): 355-375.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Beissinger, M. R. 2007. "Structure and Example in Modular Political Phenomena: The Diffusion of Bulldozer/Rose/Orange/Tulip Revolution." <i>Perspectives on Politics</i> 5 (2): 259 – 276. Myers, Daniel. 2010. "Violent Protest and Heterogeneous Diffusion Processes: The Spread of U.S. Racial Rioting from 1964 to 1971." <i>Mobilization</i> 15 (3): 289 – 321. Lewis, Paul, et al. 2011. "Reading the riots: investigating England's summer of disorder." Can be accessed at: http://eprints.lse.ac.uk/46297/1/Reading%20the%20riots(published).pdf Leetaru, Kalev and Philip Schrodt. 2013. "GDELT: Global Data on Events, Location and Tone, 1979-2012" http://gdelt.utdallas.edu/data/documentation/ISA.2013.GDELT.pdf
April 15	Guerrilla Conflict/Insurgency	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lichbach, Mark. 1994. "What Makes Rational Peasants Revolutionary Dilemma, Paradox, and Irony in Peasant Rebellion," <i>World Politics</i> 46 (3): 383-418. Seligson, Mitchell. 1996. "Agrarian Inequality and the Theory of Peasant Rebellion," <i>Latin American Research Review</i> 31(2): 140-157. Wickham-Crowley, Timothy. 1990. "Terror and Guerrilla Warfare in Latin America, 1956–1970" <i>Comparative Studies in Society and History</i> 32(2):201-237 Ibrahim, A. 2004. "Conceptualisation of Guerrilla Warfare" <i>Small Wars & Insurgencies</i> 15(3): 112-124. Valentino, B, P Huth, and D Balch-Lindsay. 2004 "Draining the Sea": Mass Killing and Guerrilla Warfare" <i>International Organization</i> 58(2): 375-407 Mueller, John. 2003. "Policing the Remnants of War" <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> 40(5): 507-518. Hahlweg, Werner. 1986. "Clausewitz and guerrilla warfare" <i>Journal of Strategic Studies</i> 9(3): 127-133. <p>Rec: US Army and US Marine Corps' Counterinsurgency manual 2006. http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fm3-24.pdf</p>
April 22	Counterinsurgency & Counterterrorism	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hoffman, Bruce. 2006. "Insurgency and Counterinsurgency in Iraq" <i>Studies in Conflict and Terrorism</i> 29(2):103 – 121. Cornish, Paul. 2009. "The United States and counterinsurgency: 'political first, political last, political always'" <i>International Affairs</i> 85(1): 61–79. Kahl, Colin H. 2007. "COIN of the realm: Is there a future for counterinsurgency?" <i>Foreign Affairs</i> 86, (6):169-176 Luttwak, Edward. 2007. "Dead End: Counterinsurgency warfare as military malpractice" <i>Harpers</i> Feb 33-42. Long, Austin. On "Other War" Lessons from Five Decades of RAND

		<p>Counterinsurgency Research http://www.rand.org/pubs/monographs/MG482/</p> <p>6. Heuser, Beatrice. 2007. "The cultural revolution in counter-insurgency." <i>The Journal of Strategic Studies</i> 30(1): 153-171</p> <p>7. Lum, C. et al. 2006. "Are counter-terrorism strategies effective? The results of the Campbell systematic review on counter-terrorism evaluation research" <i>Journal of Experimental Criminology</i>, 2 (4)L 498 – 516.</p>
April 29	Responding to Terrorism – connecting theory to practice	<p>1. Sander, Todd, Dan Arce and Walter Enders. 2011/ Copenhagen Consensus 2011 Challenge Paper Terrorism http://www.copenhagenconsensus.com/projects/copenhagen-consensus-2008/research/terrorism</p> <p>2. Seth G. Jones, Martin C. Libicki. 2011. How Terrorist Groups End http://www.rand.org/pubs/monographs/MG741-1/</p> <p>3. Stephen John Stedman, 1997. "Spoiler Problems in Peace Processes, <i>International Security</i>, 22(2) : 5-53.</p>
May 9	Bibliographic Essay (Case) Due	Turn in by 4:00 in Gr. 3.805