

Carleton University
Summer 2016
Department of Political Science

PSCI 3603A
Strategic Thought and International Security
6:05 p.m. – 8:55 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday
Please confirm location on Carleton Central

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Overview: This course introduces students to a range of concepts, debates, and issues in the field of international security studies. In doing so, this class covers some of the enduring issues of security studies such as war, peace, and nuclear weapons, as well as some 'new' emerging issues such as the privatization of security and fourth generation warfare.

Readings and other course materials: All course readings and other materials are available through the electronic journal databases at the Carleton library, through the library's reserve system, or accessible online. Students must complete all of the required readings before coming to class.

Evaluation

- Critical Review Essay: 25%
- Take Home Exam: 35%
- Participation: 15%
- Video response essay: 25%

Critical Review: Students will submit one critical review essay, which answers a preassigned analytical question about the readings a given lecture topic. (a) The review essay should make an effort to *incorporate insights and material from all of the required readings for the lecture*. (b) It is very important that the essays *make an argument*, and not simply summarize the required readings. (c) See the *how to write a critical review* guide on the course website

for more specific instructions, guidelines, and tips. The reviews will be evaluated in terms of quality of argument, use and understanding of course materials, style/writing, and format. (d) The papers should not exceed 5 pages in length. **Due date: August 9**
submission method: hard copy in class

Video Essay: Students will submit a 1500 word essay on Dr. Strangelove and deterrence. More detailed instructions will be distributed in class. **Due date: July 30**

Take Home Exam: On the last day of class, the instructor will distribute a final, take home exam. The exam will consist of one long form essay question, to be answered in a regular essay format, complete with citations (see *how to write a critical review* on the course website). The exams will require students to draw on all of the required reading material and the lecture material. Therefore, students should do the readings every week, and take careful notes during class. Although not required, students may draw upon material from outside the course if they so choose, providing that they include full citations and a bibliography.

Due date: August 23

Submitting the take home exam: email instructor; cc: teaching assistant. Students must attach exam as a single document, named **3603_firstname_lastname.doc**

Participation and Attendance: Students should attend the lectures and make regular contributions to class discussion when required. Students also should prepare for class by completing the required reading/viewing material. The instructor will record attendance and participation. Students will be assigned a final grade based on their score. It is suggested that students also keep a record of their own participation and attendance.

Late assignments: Late assignments will be penalized 1/3 of a letter grade per day (ie. A- to B+).

Class Schedule

July 5 - Lecture 1 – Peace, Security, and Progress

- Human Security Report 2013,
http://www.hsrgroup.org/docs/Publications/HSR2013/HSRP_Report_2013_140226_Web.pdf.

July 7, 12, 14 –War, Geopolitics, Nuclear Weapons

- Brad Thayer, “Bringing in Darwin: the evolutionary roots of realism” *international security* 2004.
- Chapter 2, 9 of Mearsheimer – *The Tragedy of Great power politics*
- Stephen Van Evera – “Primed for Peace, Europe after the cold war” in *International Security*
- N. Gleditsch, “Democratic peace theory”, in *Handbook of International Relations*.
- Select short article(s) on Russian geopolitics (TBA)
- Kenneth Waltz, “More maybe better”, Scott Sagan “More will be worse”
- Dr. Strangelove (watch in class or at the library).
- Matt Kroenig, “The case for attacking Iran,” in *Foreign Policy*, 2012.
- Robert MacNamara, *Fog of War* (watch: first 20 minutes on the Cuban Missile Crisis)

July 19, 21, 26: Lecture 5,6,7: Insurgency, civil war, counterinsurgency, post-conflict peace building

- Chapter 2, 6, 7, of Stathias Kalyvas (2006), *logic of violence in civil war*
- Byman and Van Evera, “Hypotheses on the causes of deadly conflict” (*Security studies*, 1998).
- Chaim Kauffman, “Possible and impossible solutions to ethnic conflict,” in *International Security* 20(4) (Spring, 1996), pp. 136-175.
- Chapter 1: Ted Gurr, “Relative Deprivation and the Impetus to Violence” in *Why Men Rebel* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1970), pp. 19-40.
- Chapter 1: Diego Gambetta: *Engineers of Jihad* (2016), selections
- Paul Collier, “Economic Causes of Civil Conflict and their Implications for Policy” Chester A. Crocker, Fen Osler Hampson, and Pamela Aall (eds), *Leashing the Dogs of War: Conflict Management in a Divided World*. (Washington, D.C.: United States Institute of Peace Press, 2007), pp: 197-219.
- Oeindrila Dube and Juan Vargas (2013), “Commodity Price Shocks and Civil Conflict: Evidence from Colombia”, *Review of Economic Studies*.
- Read Chapter 1: Paris, Roland, and Timothy D. Sisk, eds. *The dilemmas of statebuilding: confronting the contradictions of postwar peace operations*. Routledge, 2009.
- Video: Frontline Documentary on Iraq
- Sky, Emma. "Iraq, from surge to sovereignty: winding down the war in Iraq." *Foreign Affairs* (2011): 117-127.
- 16 Things you should know about ISIS, Vox

July 28 - Lecture 8 – Civil Military Relations

- Guest Speaker: Rachael Bryson
- Readings TBA

July 30, Aug 2 – Lecture 9/10 – New Issues in security: Energy, Climate Change, Gangs, Cities

- Meierding, Emily. "Climate change and conflict: avoiding small talk about the weather." *International Studies Review* 15.2 (2013): 185-203.
- Bruckner, M. and Ciccone, A. (2010). International Commodity Prices, Growth and the "Outbreak of Civil War in Sub-Saharan Africa. *The Economic Journal*, 120(544):519–534.
- O’Loughlin, John, et al. "Climate variability and conflict risk in East Africa, 1990–2009." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 109.45 (2012): 18344-18349.
- Chapter 1, 11 in Colgan, Jeff D. *Petro-aggression: when oil causes war*. Cambridge University Press, 2013. (selections)
- Emily Meierding, "Oil wars: Why nations aren’t battling over resources" <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/05/19/oil-wars-why-nations-arent-battling-over-petroleum-resources/>
- Kilcullen, David – *Out of the Mountains* (selections)
- Beall, Jo, Tom Goodfellow, and Dennis Rodgers. "Cities and conflict in fragile states in the developing world." *Urban Studies* (2013): 0042098013487775.
- Elizabeth Leeds, "parallel polities in Rio De Janario"
- Lessing, Benjamin. "The Logic of Violence in Criminal War: Cartel-State Conflict in Mexico, Colombia, and Brazil." (2012).
- Kostelnik, James, and David Skarbek. "The governance institutions of a drug trafficking organization." *Public Choice* 156.1-2 (2013): 95-103.

August 4, 9 – Lecture 11/12 – Technology and the Future of War: Private Military Companies, Robotics

- Peter Singer, "Why has Security been privatized?" in *Corporate Warriors: the Rise of the Privatized Military Industry* (Cornell, 2003), pp, 49-73.
- Scott Fitzsimmons, "A Private Solution to a Humanitarian Catastrophe," *Vanguard* (August-September 2006): 18-20.
- Chakrabarti, S., *Privatisation of Security in the Post-Cold War Period. An overview of its Nature and Implications.*, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi, 2009, p. xi-47.
- Kalyvas, Stathis N., and Laia Balcells. "International system and technologies of rebellion: How the end of the Cold War shaped internal conflict." *American Political Science Review* 104.03 (2010): 415-429.

- Chapter 6 of Stephanie Carvin, *Law, Science, liberalism: The American Way of War* (Selections).
- Francis Fukuyama “the end of history” in *the National Interest*

Academic Accommodations

The Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send me your **Letter of Accommodation** at the beginning of the term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (*if applicable*). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with me to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (*if applicable*).

For Religious Observance: Students requesting accommodation for religious observances should apply in writing to their instructor for alternate dates and/or means of satisfying academic requirements. Such requests should be made during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist, but no later than two weeks before the compulsory academic event. Accommodation is to be worked out directly and on an individual basis between the student and the instructor(s) involved. Instructors will make accommodations in a way that avoids academic disadvantage to the student. Instructors and students may contact an Equity Services Advisor for assistance (www.carleton.ca/equity).

For Pregnancy: Pregnant students requiring academic accommodations are encouraged to contact an Equity Advisor in Equity Services to complete a *letter of accommodation*. Then, make an appointment to discuss your needs with the instructor at least two weeks prior to the first academic event in which it is anticipated the accommodation will be required.

Plagiarism: The University Senate defines plagiarism as “presenting, whether intentional or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one’s own.” This can include:

- reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else’s published or unpublished material, regardless of the source, and presenting these as one’s own without proper citation or reference to the original source;
- submitting a take-home examination, essay, laboratory report or other assignment written, in whole or in part, by someone else;
- using ideas or direct, verbatim quotations, or paraphrased material, concepts, or ideas without appropriate acknowledgment in any academic assignment;
- using another’s data or research findings;
- failing to acknowledge sources through the use of proper citations when using another’s works and/or failing to use quotation marks;

- handing in "substantially the same piece of work for academic credit more than once without prior written permission of the course instructor in which the submission occurs.

Plagiarism is a serious offence which cannot be resolved directly with the course's instructor. The Associate Deans of the Faculty conduct a rigorous investigation, including an interview with the student, when an instructor suspects a piece of work has been plagiarized. Penalties are not trivial. They include a mark of zero for the plagiarized work or a final grade of "F" for the course.

Oral Examination: At the discretion of the instructor, students may be required to pass a brief oral examination on research papers and essays.

Submission and Return of Term Work: Papers must be handed directly to the instructor and will not be date-stamped in the departmental office. Late assignments may be submitted to the drop box in the corridor outside B640 Loeb. Assignments will be retrieved every business day at **4 p.m.**, stamped with that day's date, and then distributed to the instructor. For essays not returned in class please attach a **stamped, self-addressed envelope** if you wish to have your assignment returned by mail. Please note that assignments sent via fax or email will not be accepted. Final exams are intended solely for the purpose of evaluation and will not be returned.

Grading: Assignments and exams will be graded with a percentage grade. To convert this to a letter grade or to the university 12-point system, please refer to the following table.

Percentage	Letter grade	12-point scale	Percentage	Letter grade	12-point scale
90-100	A+	12	67-69	C+	6
85-89	A	11	63-66	C	5
80-84	A-	10	60-62	C-	4
77-79	B+	9	57-59	D+	3
73-76	B	8	53-56	D	2
70-72	B-	7	50-52	D-	1

Grades: Final grades are derived from the completion of course assignments. Failure to write the final exam will result in the grade ABS. Deferred final exams are available **ONLY** if the student is in good standing in the course.

Approval of final grades: Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by an instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Dean.

Carleton E-mail Accounts: All email communication to students from the Department of Political Science will be via official Carleton university e-mail accounts and/or cuLearn. As important course and University information is distributed this way, it is the student's responsibility to monitor their Carleton and cuLearn accounts.

Carleton Political Science Society: The Carleton Political Science Society (CPSS) has made its mission to provide a social environment for politically inclined students and faculty. Holding social events, debates, and panel discussions, CPSS aims to involve all political science students at Carleton University. Our mandate is to arrange social and academic activities in order to instill a sense of belonging within the Department and the larger University community. Members can benefit through numerous opportunities which will complement both academic and social life at Carleton University. To find out more, visit <http://facebook.com/CarletonPoliticalScienceSociety> or come to our office in Loeb D688.

Official Course Outline: The course outline posted to the Political Science website is the official course outline.