POSC 331 Cooperation and Conflict

M,W 1:50 - 3:35 (with the exception of Week 1)

Weitz 233

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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

Choices

Paper Abstract Topic Choice

Group Lab Presentation and leadership Choice

Assignment Uploads

Article Abstract Upload Assignment

Group Lab Feedback and Grade Assignment

Research Note Paper Assignment

Announcements Forum

10 September - 16 September
Monday
Introductions, Course Design and Review of International Relations theories


Wednesday


17 September - 23 September

Monday
Crisis Behavior, Leadership and Management


Wednesday
Student-led Lab Session - International Crisis Behavior Project -- https://sites.duke.edu/icbdata/

Reading assigned by lab group:


ICBP Lab Files Folder

24 September - 30 September

Monday
Rivalry and Recurring Disputes


Wednesday
Student-led Lab Session  ICOW - Issue Correlates of War http://www.paulhensel.org/icow.html

ICOW Lab Files Folder

1 October - 7 October

Monday

Power Transitions, Balancing and Deterrence

Wednesday
Student-led Lab Session EUGene Software for exploring MIDS and COW datasets

EUGene Lab Files Folder

This week
8 October - 14 October

Monday

Alliances, Chain-gangs, Buck Passing and Collective Security

Wednesday
Student-led Lab Session - ATOP (Alliance Treaty Obligations and Provisions) Data

15 October - 21 October

Monday
Mid-term Break - No Class

Wednesday

Project Workshop Day, Research Librarian Visit, Methodology and Research Design Talk

Research Note Proposal Paper (DUE BEFORE CLASS WEDNESDAY) Assignment

22 October - 28 October

Monday

Democratic Peace


Wednesday

Student-led Lab Session - UN voting data


29 October - 4 November

Monday

International Organizations and Peacekeeping


Wednesday

Student-led Lab Session Event Data (KEDS, CAMEO or Gary King)


5 November - 11 November

Monday

Political and Economic Integration and Interdependence


Wednesday
Student-led Lab Session  Global Peace Index data


12 November - 18 November

Monday
Research Presentations

Wednesday
Research Presentations