

## Terrorism and Political Violence

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### *Course Description:*

This course offers an introduction to the formal and quantitative study of terrorism, civil war, revolution, and other forms of domestic-level political violence. As such, we will focus on reading, understanding, and critiquing the recent and growing literature that applies statistical and game theoretic techniques to political violence. Some of the papers contain technical content, but no particular mathematical background is assumed. Basic game theory and statistics will be introduced as necessary, but students should be prepared to work hard on understanding technical material.

### *Course Requirements:*

Reading/Participation (10%): Articles are assigned for each class meeting. You should do the readings prior to the class for which they are assigned and participate actively in class. I will try to make all of the readings available either online on JSTOR or websites. If a paper cannot be found easily online, I will try to make it available on my website <http://bdm.wustl.edu>.

Short paper (25%): All students are expected to write a short paper (3-5 pages) during the semester. A topic question will be handed out and students will have two weeks to write the papers from the time the question is distributed.

Final Paper (65%): Students are expected to turn in a final paper on an independently chosen research topic at the end of the semester. Students taking the course for seminar credit should turn in a seminar length paper (approximately 25 pages). Students taking the course for course credit should turn in a 10-12 page paper.

### *Course Schedule:*

Week 1 – Introduction

Week 2 – Foundations: Deprivation, Resource Mobilization, and Collective Action

- Gurr, Ted. 1968. "A Causal Model of Civil Strife: A Comparative Analysis Using New Indices." *American Political Science Review* 62(4):1104-1124. (JSTOR)
- Khawaja, Marwan. 1994. "Resource Mobilization, Hardship, and Popular Collective Action in the West Bank." *Social Forces* 73(1):191-220.  
[http://bdm.wustl.edu/classes06/israel\\_papers.html](http://bdm.wustl.edu/classes06/israel_papers.html)
- Thompson, J.L.P. 1989. "Deprivation and Political Violence in Northern Ireland, 1922-1985: A Time-Series Analysis." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 33(4): 676-699. (JSTOR)

### Week 3 – Structural Causes of Terror

- Abadie, Alberto. 2004. “Poverty, Political Freedom, and the Roots of Terrorism.” NBER Working Paper #w10859. Available at <http://ksghome.harvard.edu/~abadie/povterr.pdf>
- Krueger, Alan B., and Jitka Maleckova. 2003. “Education, Poverty, and Terrorism: Is There a Causal Connection?” *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 17(4):119–44. <http://www.krueger.princeton.edu/terrorism2.pdf>
- Li, Quan. “Does Democracy Promote or Reduce Transnational Terrorist Incidents?” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 49(2):278—297. [http://polisci.la.psu.edu/faculty/li/research\\_papers/paper\\_files/terrorism\\_jcr\\_2005.pdf](http://polisci.la.psu.edu/faculty/li/research_papers/paper_files/terrorism_jcr_2005.pdf)

### Week 4 – Negotiating with Terror

- Kydd, Andrew and Barbara F. Walter. 2002. “Sabotaging Peace: The Politics of Extremist Violence.” *International Organization* 56(2):263-296. [http://bdm.wustl.edu/classes06/israel\\_papers.html](http://bdm.wustl.edu/classes06/israel_papers.html)
- Bueno de Mesquita, Ethan. 2005. “Conciliation, Counterterrorism, and Patterns of Terrorist Violence.” *International Organization* 59(1):145-176. <http://bdm.wustl.edu/PDF/adverseterror.pdf>
- Bapat, Navin. “State Bargaining with Transnational Terrorist Groups.” *International Studies Quarterly*. Forthcoming. <http://www.personal.psu.edu/faculty/n/a/nab12/StateBargain.pdf>

### Week 5 – Optimal Counterterror

- Powell, Robert. “Defending Against Terrorist Attacks with Limited Resources.” UC Berkeley Working Paper. <http://www.wcfia.harvard.edu/seminars/pegroup/Powelldefendaug05.pdf>
- de Figueiredo, Jr., Rui J.P. and Barry Weingast. 2001. “Vicious Cycles; Endogenous Political Extremism and Political Violence.” *Institute of Governmental Studies Working Paper* 2001-9. <http://www.igs.berkeley.edu/publications/workingpapers/WP2001-9.pdf>

### Week 6 – Suboptimal Counterterror

- Bueno de Mesquita, Ethan. 2005. “Politics and the Suboptimal Provision of Counterterror.” Washington University Typescript. Available at [http://bdm.wustl.edu/papers/public\\_private.pdf](http://bdm.wustl.edu/papers/public_private.pdf)
- Rosendorff, Peter and Todd Sandler. 2004. “Too Much of a Good Thing? The Proactive Response Dilemma.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 48(4). [http://www-rcf.usc.edu/~tsandler/Terror\\_Recruit\\_Final.pdf](http://www-rcf.usc.edu/~tsandler/Terror_Recruit_Final.pdf)

#### Week 7 – Suicide Terror

- Berman, Eli and David Laitin. “Hard Targets: Theory and Evidence on Suicide Attacks.” Available at <http://econ.ucsd.edu/~elib/RatMartyrs.pdf>
- Pape, Robert. 2003. “The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism.” *American Political Science Review* 97:343—361.(JSTOR)
- Azam, Jean Paul. 2005. “Suicide Bombing as Intergenerational Investment.” *Public Choice* 122:177—198. [http://bdm.wustl.edu/classes06/israel\\_papers.html](http://bdm.wustl.edu/classes06/israel_papers.html)

#### Week 8 – Structural Causes of Civil Wars

- Collier, Paul and Anke Hoeffler. 2002. “Greed and Grievance in Civil War.” Available at <http://econ.worldbank.org/programs/conflict/library/doc?id=12205>
- Walter, Barbara F. 2002. “Does Conflict Beget Conflict? Explaining Recurring Civil War.” Available at <http://econ.worldbank.org/programs/conflict/topic/13191/library/doc?id=18172>.
- Fearon, James and David Laitin. 2003. “Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War.” *American Political Science Review* 97(1):75-90. [http://www.econ.brown.edu/fac/Herschel\\_Grossman/courses/182,222papers/Fearon&Laitin.pdf](http://www.econ.brown.edu/fac/Herschel_Grossman/courses/182,222papers/Fearon&Laitin.pdf)

#### Week 9 – Strategic Causes of Civil Wars

- Fearon, James. 1998. “Commitment Problems and the Spread of Ethnic Conflict.” In David Lake and Donald Rothchild, eds., *The International Spread of Ethnic Conflict: Fear, Diffusion, and Escalation*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

#### Week 10 – Civil War Termination and Aftermath

- Walter, Barbara. 1997. “The Critical Barrier to Civil War Settlement” *International Organization* 51(3):335-364. [http://bdm.wustl.edu/classes06/israel\\_papers.html](http://bdm.wustl.edu/classes06/israel_papers.html)
- Kaufmann, Chaim. 1996. “Possible and Impossible Solutions to Ethnic Civil Wars.” *International Security* 20(4):136-175. [http://bdm.wustl.edu/classes06/israel\\_papers.html](http://bdm.wustl.edu/classes06/israel_papers.html)
- Fearon, James. “Why do Some Civil Wars Last So Much Longer Than Others?” *Journal of Peace Research* <http://www.iq.harvard.edu/NewsEvents/Seminars-WShops/PPE/papers/fearon.pdf>
- Ghobarah, Hazem, Paul Huth, and Bruce Russett. 2003. “Civil Wars Kill and Maim People—Long after the Shooting Stops.” *American Political Science Review* 97(2): 189-202. <http://www.yale.edu/unsy/brussett/CWDALYleitner11.04.02.pdf>

#### Week 11 – Genocide and Atrocities

- Humphreys, N. Macartan and Jeremy Weinstein. 2004. “Handling and Manhandling Civilians in Civil War: Determinants of the Strategies of Warring Factions.” Unpublished paper. Available at <http://www.columbia.edu/~mh2245/papers1/Civilians.pdf>
- Kalyvas, Stathis. 1999. “Wanton and Senseless? The Logic of Massacres in Algeria.” *Rationality and Society* 11(3):243-285. [http://bdm.wustl.edu/classes06/israel\\_papers.html](http://bdm.wustl.edu/classes06/israel_papers.html)
- Krain, Matthew. 1997. “State-sponsored Mass Murder: The Onset and Severity of Genocides and Politicides.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 41(3):331-360. (JSTOR)

#### Week 12 – Ethnic Violence

- Fearon James D. and David D. Laitin. 1996. “Explaining Interethnic Cooperation.” *American Political Science Review* 90(4):715-735. (JSTOR)
- Kalyvas, Stathis. 2001. “‘New’ and ‘Old’ Civil Wars: A Valid Distinction?” *World Politics* (in Research Notes) 54(1). (JSTOR)
- Sambanis, Nicolas. 2001. “Do Ethnic and Nonethnic Civil Wars Have the Same Causes?” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 45(4):259-282. (JSTOR)

#### Week 13 – Religion and Violence

- Berman, Eli and Laurence R. Iannacone. “Religious Extremism: The Good, the Bad, and the Deadly.” <http://econ.ucsd.edu/~elib/rex.pdf>
- Berman, Eli. 2003. “ Hamas, Taliban, and the Jewish Underground: An Economist’s View of Radical Religious Militias.” <http://econ.ucsd.edu/~elib/tamir.pdf>
- Rapoport, David C. “Messianic Sanctions for Terror.” *Comparative Politics* 20(2):195-213. (JSTOR)

#### Week 14 – Conclusion