

Political Violence in State and Society
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Political violence varies in origins, form, and scale. It ranges from assassination and suicide-delivered massacre to civil war, state-led repression, genocide, and inter-state aggression. This course explores the problem of political violence from a theoretical perspective but also pays close attention to the Latin American experience.

The course is organized logically and thematically. Part I introduces the relevant working concepts. Part II surveys various types of violence and their political dimension. Part III examines the origins and production of violence in Latin America.

Students are expected to keep up with the assigned readings as lectures proceed. Both the mid-term and final assignments will be take-home exams. The mid-term accounts for 40% of the grade, the final exam for the remainder.

Session 1: INTRODUCTION, HOUSEKEEPING

No assigned readings

I. WORKING CONCEPTS

OVERVIEW

Session 2. "Political Violence" in Patrick O'Neil, in *Essentials in Comparative Politics* (2010), 261-289.

COLLECTIVE ACTION

Sessions 3, 4, 5.

-- William Flanigan and Edwin Fogelman, "Patterns of Political Violence in Comparative Historical Perspective," *Comparative Politics* 3:1 (October 1970), 1-20.

-- Charles Tilly, *The Politics of Collective Violence* (Cambridge University Press, 2003), 1-54

-- Robert Bates, "Organizing Violence," *The Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 46:5 October 2002, pp.599-628.

REVOLUTION

Sessions 6,7, 8.

--Ivo Feirabend and Rosalind Feirabend "The Comparative Study of Revolution," *Comparative Politics* 5:3 (April 1973), pp. 393-424.

- Willian Sewell "Ideologies and Social Revolutions: Reflections on the French Case," plus Skocpol's "Rejoinder," in Theda Skocpol, *Social Revolutions in the Modern World* (Cambridge University Press, 1994, 1997), 169-209.
- Rodney Baker, "Rebels and Vigilantes," in Baker's *Legitimizing Identities: The Self-Representation of Rulers and Subjects* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2001), 89-105.
- Nicholas Sambani, "Poverty and the Organization of Political Violence," *Brookings Trade Forum*, 2004, pp.165-211.
- Idean Salehyan, "Transnational rebels: Neighboring States as Sanctuary for Rebel groups," *World Politics* 59 (January 2007), 217-42.

CIVIL WAR

Sessions 9, 10, 11, 12.

- Stathis Kalyvas, "The Ontology of Political Violence: Action and Identity in Civil Wars," 1:3 (September 2003), 475-486. ????? KEEP?
- Stathis Kalyvas, *The Logic of Violence in Civil War* (Cambridge University Press, 2006), 16-31.
- Stathis Kalyvas and Mathew Adam Kocher, "How Free is Free Riding in Civil Wars? Violence, Insurgency, and the Collective Action Problem," *World Politics* 59 (January 2007), 177-216.
- Oskar Thoms and James Ron, "Do Human Rights Violations Cause Internal Conflict?" *Human Rights Quarterly*, Vol.29 (2007), pp.674-705.
- Barbara Walter, "Does Conflict Beget Conflict: Explaining Recurring Civil War," *Journal of Peace Research*, 41:3, May 2004, pp.371-388.
- Harvard Hagre, "The Duration and Termination of Civil War," *Journal of Peace Research*, 41:3 2004 pp.243-257.

ETHNICITY, NATIONALISM, THE OTHER

Sessions 13,14

- Rogers Brubaker and David Laitin, "Ethnic and Nationalist Violence," *24 Annual Review Sociology* (1998), 423-452.
- Mark Beissinger, "Nationalist Violence and the State: Political Authority and Contentious Repertoires in the Former USSR," *Comparative Politics*, 30:40 (July 1998), pp.401-22.
- Adria Lawrence, "Triggering Nationalist Violence: Competition and Conflict in Uprisings against Colonial Rule," *International Security* 35:2 (Fall 2010), 88-122.

STATE-MAKING

Sessions 15, 16.

- Youssef Cohen et al., "The Paradoxical Nature of State making: The Violent Creation of Order," *The American Political Science Review* 75:4 (December 1981), 901-910.
- Mark Mazower, "Violence and the State in the Twentieth Century," *American Historical Review* (October 2002), 1158-1178.

III. LATIN AMERICA

Sessions 17-20.

- Miguel Angel Centeno, "The centre did not hold: war in Latin America and the monopolization of violence," in James Dunkerley, ed., *Studies in the Formation of the nation state in Latin America* (Institute of Latin American Studies, University of London, 2002), 54-76.

- Cameron Thies, "War, Rivalry, and State Building in Latin America," *American Journal of Political Science*, 49:3 (July 2005), 45-465.
- Marcus Kurtz, "The Social Foundation of Institutional Order," *Politics and Society*, 37:4 (2009): 479-520.
- Gonzalo Sanchez, "War and Politics in Colombian Society," *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society*, 14:1 (Fall 2000): 19-49.
- Fernando Lopez-Alves, *State Formation and Democracy in Latin America*, 15-139.

Session 21-24.

- John Charles Chasteen, "Fighting Words: The Discourse of Insurgency in Latin American History," in *Latin American Research Review*, 28:3 (1993): 83-107.
- Andreas Feldmann and Marju Perala, "Reassessing the Causes of Nongovernmental Terrorism in Latin America," *Latin American Politics and Society*, 46:2 (Summer 2004): 101-132.
- Jo-Marie Burt, "Quien habla es terrorista: the political use of fear in Fujimori's Peru," in *Latin American Research Review*, 41:3 (2006): 32-58.
- Pamela Constable and Arturo Valenzuela, *A Nation of Enemies: Chile Under Pinochet* (New York: W.W. Norton, 1991). Chapters 1, 2,3, 4,5.
- Magaly Sanchez, "Insecurity and Violence as a New Power Relation in Latin America," *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences*, Vol.606 (July 2006):178-195.

Session 25: Conclusion