

Political Science 565: International Conflict

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This seminar is a graduate level survey of theories of international conflict. We will read and critically evaluate portions of the political science literature on the causes of conflict and war in international politics. The readings will cover central theoretical perspectives, debates, and empirical research in the field. We will start with a selection of classic/traditional theories of conflict and move into discussions of more recent perspectives, highlighting recent debates in the field. As a result, and due to the time limits in the class, some areas of research on conflict (including alliances, deterrence, learning, and psychology) have been omitted. Some suggested readings on these other topics are included at the end of the syllabus. In addition, our focus will be primarily on the causes of interstate conflict, although we will briefly discuss the expansion and duration of conflict and on non-state/terrorist conflict. Several topics that we only touch on here are examined in more detail in other courses, including civil war, casualties and the destructiveness of war, and conflict duration/conflict settlement and outcomes.

Although different research methodologies will be seen in the readings, the emphasis of discussion each week will be for the class to come up with a properly specified theoretical model and discuss appropriate research designs for testing the theory examined. The primary objectives of the course are to identify the strengths and weaknesses in existing work on international conflict, think about what questions need to be addressed in future research, and to develop an understanding of methods for testing theories of international conflict.

Readings

The required books for this seminar are:

Reiter, Dan, and Allan Stam. 2002. *Democracies at War*. Princeton.

Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce, and David Lalman. 1992. *War and Reason*. Yale

Lemke, Douglas. 2002. *Regions of War and Peace*. Cambridge. (optional)

Bennett, D. Scott, and Allan Stam. 2004. *The Behavioral Origins of War*. Michigan.

There is also a set of articles which you are required to read. You may borrow the entire set of articles from me to have a copy made, or locate them online / in the original journals.

The reading load is significant, and varies from week to week. You probably want to plan ahead for weeks that look like they will take more time than others. All participants in the seminar will be expected to do the required reading. Since the course is a seminar, it is assumed that everyone will have completed the reading before each class. The reading list is broken down into required and optional readings. The optional readings will be particularly useful when it comes to picking out readings and topics for your major research project.

Assignments

I expect this course to have significant discussion, and while I will lead discussion, I do not plan to spend the entire class lecturing. To facilitate discussion, I would like each of you to down questions and important issues coming out of the week's readings and topics ahead of time, and raise them as topics for discussion. These could be real questions (e.g. "What exactly did Organski mean by the term 'power'?") or merely observations intended to spark discussion (e.g. "I think Zinnes is exactly right when she said balances are essential"). The more of these points you have written down before class, the more interesting our discussions will be. In addition, as we move through the class, different students will be serving as co-discussion leader with me each week.

In order to encourage discussion, facilitate interaction, and make sure we discuss what you find interesting, **students will be assigned each week to help with discussion with me, starting week 3.** You will sign up for weeks that you choose. Helping to lead discussion will involve collecting and writing down questions and important

issues coming out of the week's readings and topics, giving them to me before class, and helping me to raise these questions for discussion. I will begin some classes by asking the discussion leader(s) to talk for just a few minutes about the readings or those questions as a way of getting us into the week's topic. As discussion leader, you may also want to collect questions, ideas, issues, and major points for discussion from your classmates each week. I would like the discussion leaders to think about initial answers or reactions on the questions you raise, too. If I get these from you in time, I will look over and distribute the questions to the class, and so I prefer for you to give me questions and issues the day before class whenever possible.

Students are expected to write a number of short (approximately 1-2 pages single-spaced) papers conducting critical analyses of articles or chapters we read and raising important questions. You must turn in **5 short papers** over the semester. You may choose any piece in a given week to write on, but you can do no more than one analysis per week. These reviews are due to me in class when we discuss the piece. I encourage you to turn in the reviews early when you can, so that I can review them before class when possible. We will use the papers to help structure discussion each week, and so students should be prepared to talk about their arguments in the seminar. What I would like in these reviews is a commentary or critique of the work you analyze. This critique could take several forms. It could directly critique the arguments or methods of the work in a stand-alone fashion, for instance discussing why the measures or methods used do not serve to prove the author's point. Alternatively, your critique could compare or tie that work into other literature that we have discussed, and comment on other literature that could have been used to improve the piece. Finally, your paper could suggest questions or issues raised by the piece that must be analyzed further, for instance alternative hypotheses, alternative theoretical perspectives, or suggest comparisons to other readings that would prove valuable. This analysis should be written in the spirit of constructive criticism - you should identify a weakness or problem in the piece and then offer suggestions about how to improve it. The most successful papers will not just throw stones or raise complaints.

[Note that in general an academic review contains three sections: 1) a brief summary of the major theory, method(s), and evidence; 2) a critique of the work on its own terms (e.g. does it answer the question it asks, is the method used correctly, is the evidence convincing, what improvements could be made); 3) a critique of the work from a broader perspective (e.g. is the question important, is the method the right one to use, does it tie into other work, what contribution does the book make). Because these are intended to be short reviews, I do not expect you to deal with each of these elements completely, but keep them in mind as another guide.]

Finally, as the final semester assignment, **students must prepare and present a roughly 15-30 page (double spaced) research paper consisting of either a replication and extension** of some paper we have read, **OR an original analysis paper**. We will discuss these options further within a few weeks, and I will require all of you to meet with me to discuss what option you have chosen mid-semester. In general, though, these are the options:

- 1) Replication/extension. Select one piece we have read for this class, or a related and closely-connected piece. Attempt to replicate the analysis (using data distributed by the author(s), or, if necessary, by reconstructing the data set). Note the difficulties or ease of replicating the results. Then, extend the project by noting some problem or limitation and conducting additional analysis. You might note that one or more variables are operationalized inappropriately and measure them differently. You might note a modification or limitation to the theoretical argument that can be made, or note some possibly collinear explanation that must be controlled for. Or, you might expand the data set temporally or spatially with newly available data. The literature review is likely to be smaller in this type of paper than in a research design, and the attention to operational details (and analysis) greater.
- 2) Original analysis. Develop a new hypothesis or hypotheses concerning one (or more) of the topics we discussed in class, and conduct an analysis testing your argument(s). You might note that two literatures fit together and propose a unified test, for instance. Or you might propose a variant on a hypothesis in the literature, or variant on a measure or research design, and explore whether you get different results with the alternative. The difference between this type of assignment and assignment type 1 is that you need not focus your attention on replicating an already published work. However, while you are not tied to some other specific work in this type of project, you must pay close attention to operational details, case selection, and research design to ensure that your approach is valid.

In both projects, your final paper will have the format of a research note for a journal. A research note is basically a shortened version of a full research article. This will include a brief introduction to your topic and a brief literature review, a discussion of your hypothesis/theory, a presentation of the research design, and then analysis and

interpretation. If quantitative, a research design includes discussion of the population of cases, unit of analysis, variable conceptualization, variable measurement and operationalization, and statistical method. If comparative case study, a research design includes discussion of the cases selected, the population they are drawn from, how concepts are operationalized, what case evidence would constitute evidence, and how relationships will be “proved.” All of these elements will be defended and justified in the paper, although somewhat more briefly than in a full-blown research design paper.

The final project will be due **Tuesday of finals week**. We will have short (20 minute) presentations of research findings the last week of class, possibly at my house over dinner if we can agree on a time and date. I would like the short presentation of your project to consist of 4 components summarized on slides/overheads/printed figures: 1) the hypothesis/hypotheses you are testing; 2) summary of the research design (unit of analysis, population, case(s), analysis method, dependent and independent variable operationalization); 3) a table/summary of results; 4) a table of substantive effects (if a statistical analysis).

The allocation of grades will be based on the following distribution:

35%	5 short analysis papers
40%	Final project research paper
5%	Final project presentation
10%	Discussion leader questions and discussion
10%	General class participation and discussion

Academic Dishonesty

The Department of Political Science, along with the College of the Liberal Arts and the University, takes violations of academic dishonesty seriously. Observing basic honesty in one's work, words, ideas, and actions is a principle to which all members of the community are required to subscribe.

All course work by students is to be done on an individual basis unless an instructor clearly states that an alternative is acceptable. Any reference materials used in the preparation of any assignment must be explicitly cited. Students uncertain about proper citation are responsible for checking with their instructor.

In an examination setting, unless the instructor gives explicit prior instructions to the contrary, whether the examination is in-class or take-home, violations of academic integrity shall consist but are not limited to any attempt to receive assistance from written or printed aids, or from any person or papers or electronic devices, or of any attempt to give assistance, whether the one so doing has completed his or her own work or not.

Lying to the instructor or purposely misleading any Penn State administrator shall also constitute a violation of academic integrity.

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http://www.la.psu.edu/CLA-Academic_Integrity/integrity.shtml

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inform the instructor early in the term. Do not wait until just before an exam to decide you want to inform the instructor of a learning disability; any accommodations for disabilities must be arranged well in advance.

Week 1 (1/13): First week – syllabus and assign first readings

Week 2 (1/20): Introduction

Topic: *Methodology, Overview, Theory Development and Testing, Research Design Basics*

Required Reading:

Paul F. Diehl, "Chasing Headlines: Setting the Research Agenda on War." *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 19, 1 (2002): 5-26.

Stuart Bremer. "Advancing the Scientific Study of War." In Stuart Bremer and Thomas Cusack (eds.). *The Process of War*. Luxembourg: Gordon and Breach, 1995, pp. 1-33.

Bremer, Stuart. 1992. "Dangerous Dyads: Interstate War, 1816-1965." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 36: 309-341.

Lacina, Bethany, Nils Petter Gleditsch, and Bruce Russett. 2006. "The Declining Risk of Death in Battle." *International Studies Quarterly* 50(3): 673-680.

Suggested Reading:

Cunningham, David E. and Douglas Lemke. 2013. "Combining Civil and Interstate Wars." *International Organization* 67(3): 609-627.

Spagat, Michael, Andrew Mack, Tara Cooper, and Joakim Kreutz. 2009. "Estimating War Deaths: An Area of Contestation." *The Journal of Conflict Resolution* 53(6): 934-950.

Errol Henderson and J. David Singer. "New Wars and Rumors of 'New Wars'" *International Interactions*, 28, 2 (2002): 165-190.

Iqbal, Zaryab. 2006. "Health and Human Security: The Public Health Impact of Violent Conflict." *International Studies Quarterly* 50(3): 631-649.

Fearon, James D. 1991. "Counterfactuals and Hypothesis Testing in Political Science." *World Politics* 43:169-195.

Most, Benjamin A. 1990. "Getting Started on Political Research." *PS* December:592-596.

Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce, et al. "Symposium: Methodological Foundations of the Study of International Conflict." 1985. *International Studies Quarterly* 29:119-153.

George, Alexander L. 1979. "Case Studies and Theory Development: The Method of Structured, Focused Comparison." in Paul Lauren, ed., *Diplomacy: New Approaches in History, Theory, and Policy*. New York: Free Press.

Achen, Christopher, and Duncan Snidal. 1989. "Rational Deterrence Theory and Comparative Case Studies." *World Politics* 41:143-169.

Daniel Geller and J. David Singer. *Nations at War*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998.

Holsti, K.J. 1989. "Mirror, Mirror, on the Wall, Which are the Fairest Theories of All?" *International Studies Quarterly*, 33: 255-261.

J. David Singer, "The Etiology of Interstate War: A Natural History Approach." In Vasquez (ed.), *What Do We Know About War?*, pp. 3-22.

Singer, J. David. 1961. "The Level of Analysis Problem in International Relations." *World Politics*, 14: 77-92.

Stuart Bremer, "Who Fights Whom, When Where, and Why?" in Vasquez (ed.), *What Do We Know About War?*, pp. 23-36.

- Stuart Bremer, Patrick Regan, and David Clark, "Building a Science of World Politics: Emerging Methodologies and the Study of Conflict." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 47, 1 (2003): 3-12.
- Susumu Suzuki, Volker Krause, and J. David Singer, "The Correlates of War Project: A Bibliographic History of the Scientific Study of War and Peace, 1964-2000." *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 19, 2 (2002): 69-107,
- Thompson, William R. 2003. "A Street Car Named Sarajevo: Catalysts, Multiple Causation Chains, and Rivalry Structures." *International Studies Quarterly* 47/3 (September): 453-474

Core data sets and issues in data

- Daniel Jones, Stuart Bremer, and J. David Singer. "Militarized Interstate Disputes, 1816-1992: Rationale, Coding Rules, and Empirical Patterns." *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 15, 2 (1996): 163-213.
- Gleditsch, Kristian Skrede. 2004. "A Revised List of Wars Between and Within Independent States, 1816-2002." *International Interactions* 30 (July-September): 231-262.
- Howell, Llewellyn, Vincent, Jack E., and McClelland, Charles A. 1983. "Symposium: Events Data Collections." *International Studies Quarterly* 147-177.
- Nils Petter Gleditsch, Peter Wallensteen, Mikael Eriksson, Margareta Sollenberg, and Havard Strand. "Armed Conflict 1946-2001: A New Data Set" *Journal of Peace Research*, 39, 5 (2002): 6150637.
- Small, Melvin, and J. David Singer. 1969. "Formal Alliances, 1815-1965: An Extension of the Basic Data." *Journal of Peace Research* 6:257-282.
- Meredith Sarkees, Frank Wayman, and J. David Singer, "Inter-State, Intra-State, and Extra-State Wars: A Comprehensive Look at Their Distribution Over Time, 1816-1997" *International Studies Quarterly*, 47, 1 (2003): 49-70.
- George Kohn. *Dictionary of Wars*. New York: Anchor Press, 1986.
- Gleditsch, Nils Petter, Peter Wallensteen, Mikael Eriksson, Margareta Sollenberg, and Havard Strand. 2002. "Armed Conflict 1946-2001: A New Dataset." *The Journal of Peace Research* 39/5 (September): 617-637
- Gochman, Charles S., and Zeev Maoz. 1984. "Militarized Interstate Disputes, 1816-1976." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 28:585-615.
- Jack Levy. "Analytic Problems in the Identification of Wars." *International Interactions*, 14, 2 (1988): 181-186.
- Kalevi Holsti. *Peace and War: Armed Conflicts and International Order, 1648-1989*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991: 306-334.
- Levy, Jack. *War in the Modern Great Power System, 1495-1975*. Chapters 3-6.
- Lewis F. Richardson. *Statistics of Deadly Quarrels*. Pittsburgh: Boxwood Press, 1960.
- Meredith Reid Sarkees, "The Correlates of War Data on War: An Update to 1997." *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 18, 1 (2000): 123-144.
- Most, Benjamin A., and Harvey Starr. 1989. *Inquiry, Logic, and International Politics*. Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press.
- Most, Benjamin A., and Starr, Harvey. 1982. "Case Selection, Conceptualizations and Basic Logic in the Study of War." *American Journal of Political Science* 834-856.
- Most, Benjamin A., and Starr, Harvey. 1983. "Conceptualizing 'War': Consequences for Theory and Research." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 27:137-159.

- Singer, J. David. 1990. Variables, Indicators and Data: The Measurement Problem in Macropolitical Research. In Singer, J. David, and Paul F. Diehl, (eds.) *Measuring the Correlates of War*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, pp.3-28.
- Small, Melvin, and J. David Singer. 1969. "Formal Alliances, 1815-1965: An Extension of the Basic Data." *Journal of Peace Research* 6:257-282.
- Ray, James Lee. 1990. The Measurement of System Structure. In Singer, J. David, and Paul F. Diehl, (eds.) *Measuring the Correlates of War*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, pp. 99-114.
- Michael Brecher and Jonathan Wilkenfeld, *A Study of Crisis*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1997.

www.OnWar.com

The Uppsala Conflict Data Project, <http://www.prio.no/cwp/ArmedConflict/>

COW2 (The Correlates of War 2), <http://cow2.la.psu.edu/>

EUGene (Expected Utility Generation and Data Management Program),
<http://www.eugenesoftware.org/>

ICB (International Crisis Behavior Project)

Commonly cited analysis; Time trends

Lacina, Bethany, Nils Petter Gleditsch, and Bruce Russett. 2006. "The Declining Risk of Death in Battle." *International Studies Quarterly* 50(3): 673-680.

Blainey, Geoffrey. *The Causes of War*.

Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce. 1980. "Theories of International Conflict: An Analysis and an Appraisal." in Gurr, Ted Robert, ed., *Handbook of Political Conflict*. New York: Free Press.

Charles Kegley (ed.). *The Long Postwar Peace*. New York: HarperCollins, 1991.

John Mueller, "The Obsolescence of Major War." in Richard Betts (ed.), *Conflict After the Cold War: Arguments on the Causes of War and Peace*. (New York: Longman, 2002), pp. 127-139.

Mary Kaldor. 1999. *New and Old Wars: Organized Violence in a Global Era*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

Paul Hensel, "The More Things Change....: Recognizing and Responding to Trends in Armed Conflict." *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 19, 1 (2002): 27-52.

Quincy Wright. *A Study of War*. abridged edition. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1964.

Week 3 (1/27): Power: Static Theories [CLASS TO BE RESCHEDULED]

Topics: The traditional theories of power and conflict: Balance of power, power preponderance, polarity/hegemony/power concentration. Common data sets. More research design basics

Required Reading:

<If necessary: Review Bremer "Dangerous Dyads" to look at the research design, and findings on power parity.>

Hegre, Håvard. 2008. "Gravitating toward War: Preponderance May Pacify, but Power Kills." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 52(4): 566-589.

Wayman, Frank. 1984. "Bipolarity and War." *Journal of Peace Research* 21:61-78.

Singer, J. David. 1990. Variables, Indicators and Data: The Measurement Problem in Macropolitical Research. In Singer, J. David, and Paul F. Diehl, (eds.) *Measuring the Correlates of War*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, pp.3-28. *In this article, look especially for 1) types of variables, 2) validity vs. reliability, 3) types of validity, 4) different problems in source accuracy.*

SKIM Bennett, D. Scott, and Allan Stam. 2000. "Research Design and Estimator Choices in the Analysis of Interstate Dyads: When Decisions Matter." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 44 (October): 653-685. *In this article, look for (make a list of) the research design decisions that must be made in creating a dyadic data set for analysis.*

Some key data sets:

This week I'd like you to prepare a 1-page handout on two particular data sets with key variables that we will be seeing through the semester (data sets will be assigned in class). Please turn this in to me on Monday, the day before class, so I can copy it for distribution.

This handout should include key facts about the data set including the title, URL, a short description, unit of analysis if applicable, a list of variables included in it as applicable, key codings for the data/variables (for example, alliances are coded into 3 types), the coverage of the data set, perhaps a sample observation or two, and key observations you have about the data set or important variables.

You should use materials on the project website, and in some cases look at relevant articles/book chapters.

Some data projects may have multiple files/sub-data sets, if you can't figure out the key data sets to focus on, please let me know.

Please be prepared to give a very brief summary of your data set (we may not get to all of them).

In 2015, we will discuss the first 6 data sets (each person will examine 2 sets; I will touch on the rest):

1. COW State System Membership (correlatesofwar.org)
2. COW Capabilities / CINC (correlatesofwar.org)
3. COW Interstate/Intrastate/Extrastate War (correlatesofwar.org)
4. COW Militarized Interstate Dispute / MID (correlatesofwar.org)
5. UCDP/PRIO Armed Conflict data: Uppsala Conflict Data Project (www.pcr.uu.se/research/UCDP)
6. Polity (was at CIDCM – U. Maryland; now independent). <http://www.systemicpeace.org/polity/polity4.htm>
7. International Crisis Behavior / ICB (<http://www.cidcm.umd.edu/icb/data/>)
8. COW Alliances (correlatesofwar.org)
9. COW Contiguity / Colonial Contiguity (correlatesofwar.org)
10. Penn World Tables (U. Pennsylvania)
11. KEDS/TABARI Events data (Schrodt – Kansas, PSU, DC)
12. COW IGOs (correlatesofwar.org)
13. COW Bilateral Trade (correlatesofwar.org)
14. Minorities at Risk (CIDCM – U. Maryland)

Suggested Reading:

Tierney, Dominic. 2011. "Does Chain-Ganging Cause the Outbreak of War?" *International Studies Quarterly*. 55(2): 285-304.

Christensen, Thomas J. and Jack L. Snyder. 2011. "Multipolarity, Perceptions, and the Tragedy of 1914." *International Studies Quarterly*. 55(2): 305-308.

- Clare, Joe. 2013. "The Deterrent Value of Democratic Allies." *International Studies Quarterly* 57(3): 545-555
- Kreutz, Joakim. 2010. "How and When Armed Conflicts End: Introducing the UCDP Conflict Termination Dataset." *Journal of Peace Research* 47(2): 243-250.
- Braithwaite, Alex. 2010. "MIDLOC: Introducing the Militarized Interstate Dispute Location Dataset." *Journal of Peace Research* 47(1): 91-98.
- Sullivan, Patricia, and Michael T. Koch. 2009. "Military Intervention by Powerful States, 1945-2003." *Journal of Peace Research* 46(5): 707-718.
- Harbom, Lotta, and Peter Wallensteen. 2009. "Armed Conflicts, 1946-2008." *Journal of Peace Research* 46(4): 577-587.
- Pickering, Jeffrey, and Emizet F. Kisangani. 2009. "The International Military Intervention Dataset: An Updated Resource for Conflict Scholars." *Journal of Peace Research* 46(4): 589-599.
- Goemans, Henk E., Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, and Giacomo Chiozza. 2009. "Introducing Archigos: A Dataset of Political Leaders." *Journal of Peace Research* 46(2): 269-283.
- Regan, Patrick, Richard W. Frank, and Aysegul Aydin. 2009. "Diplomatic Interventions and Civil War: A New Dataset." *Journal of Peace Research* 46(1): 135-146.
- Howorth, Jolyon, and Anand Menon. 2009. "Still Not Pushing Back: Why the European Union Is Not Balancing the United States." *The Journal of Conflict Resolution* 53(5): 727-744.
- Regan, Patrick M., Richard W. Frank, and David H. Clark. 2009. "New Datasets on Political Institutions and Elections, 1972-2005." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 26(3): 286-304.
- Singer, J. David. 1990. Reconstructing the Correlates of War Dataset on Material Capabilities. In Singer, J. David, and Paul F. Diehl, (eds.) *Measuring the Correlates of War*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, pp. 53-71 (mainly 53-59).
- Small, Melvin, and J. David Singer. 1982. *Resort to Arms: International and Civil Wars, 1816-1980*. Beverly Hills: Sage Publications. Chapters 2 and 3.
- Braumoeller, Bear F. 2008. "Systemic Politics and the Origins of Great Power Conflict." *American Political Science Review* 102(1): 77-93.
- Merritt, Richard L., and Dina Zinnes. 1989. Alternative Indexes of National Power. In R.J. Stoll and M.D. Ward (eds.), *Power in World Politics*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, pp. 11-28.
- Moul, William. 2003. "Power Parity, Preponderance, and War between Great Powers." *The Journal of Conflict and Resolution* 47/4 (August): 468-489
- Moul, William B. 1989. "Measuring the "Balances of Power": A Look at Some Numbers." *Review of International Studies* 15:101-121.
- Huth, Paul, D. Scott Bennett, and Christopher Gelpi. 1992. "System Uncertainty, Risk Propensity, and International Conflict Among the Great Powers." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 36:478-517.
- Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce, James D. Morrow, and Ethan R. Zorick. 2000. "Reply to, Military Capabilities and Escalation: A Correction to Bueno de Mesquita, Morrow and Zorick." *American Political Science Review* 94/2 (June): 429
- Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce. 1978. "Systemic Polarization and the Occurrence and Duration of War." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 22:241-267.
- Croco, Sarah E. and Teo, Tze Kwang. 2005. "Assessing the Dyadic Approach to Interstate Conflict Processes: A.k.a. 'Dangerous' Dyad-Years." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 22 (Spring): 5-18.

- Corbetta, Renato and Dixon, William J. 2005. "Danger Beyond Dyads: Third-Party Participants in Militarized Interstate Disputes." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 22 (Spring): 39-62.
- Fearon, James D. 1994. "Signaling versus the Balance of Power and Interests: An Empirical Test of a Crisis Bargaining Model." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 38(2): 236-269.
- K. Edward Spiezio. "British Hegemony and Major Power War, 1815-1939: An Empirical Test of Gilpin's Model of Hegemonic Governance." *International Studies Quarterly*, 34, 2 (1990): 165-181.
- Kim, Woosang. 2002. "Power Parity, Alliance, Dissatisfaction and Wars in East Asia, 1860-1993." *The Journal of Conflict and Resolution* 46/5 (October): 654-671
- Kugler, Jacek, and Arbetman, Marina. "Choosing Among Measures of Power: A Review of the Empirical Record." in Stoll, Richard J., and Michael Ward, eds. *Power and World Politics*.
- Molinari, Cristina M. 2000. "Military Capabilities and Escalation: A Correction to Bueno de Mesquita, Morrow and Zorick." *American Political Science Review* 94/2 (June): 425-427
- Moul, William Brian. 1988. "Balances of Power and the Escalation to War of Serious Disputes among the European Great Powers, 1815-1939: Some Evidence." *American Journal of Political Science* 32:241-275.
- Randolph Siverson and Michael Sullivan. "The Distribution of Power and the Onset of War." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 27, 3 (1983): 473-494.
- Singer, J. David, Stuart A. Bremer and John Stuckey. 1972. "Capability Distribution, Uncertainty, and Major Power War, 1820-1965," in Bruce M. Russett (ed.), *Peace, War, and Numbers*, Beverly Hills: Sage.
- Sprecher, Christopher. 2004. "Alliance Formation and the Timing of War Involvement." *International Interactions* 30 (October-December): 331-348.
- Sweeney, Kevin J. 2003. "Are Dyadic Capability Preponderances Really More Pacific?" *The Journal of Conflict Resolution* 47 (December): 728-750.

Polarity

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- Hopf, Ted. 1991. "Polarity, the Offense-Defense Balance, and War." *American Political Science Review*, 85(2): 475-494.
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Topics: The first and second wave of rational choice (and testing)

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Topics: Recent developments in rational choice

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Week 10 (3/24): After Conflict Begins

Topics: The termination, duration, and aftermath of conflict

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Week 11 (3/31): War Expansion

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Week 15 (4/28): Last Class

Final Discussions; Discuss research papers and presentations

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Finals Week (Week of 5/4)

Short research presentations to be scheduled during finals week, to be completed over dinner if we so choose

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