

L32 Pol Sci 5085

Fall 2022

INTERNATIONAL INTERVENTIONS IN FRAGILE SETTINGS

Th 8:00-9:50AM CT

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This is a graduate research seminar on efforts by international actors—international organizations, nongovernmental organizations, and countries—to bring order and stability to fragile settings. They do so through a variety of means: democracy promotion, peacekeeping, statebuilding, military intervention, counter-insurgency. It is also an examination of some of the more pernicious elements of interventions, including the intended and unintended legacies of intervention.

I will ask a lot of you this semester but I will give you a lot. However, as in all of your graduate school courses, you get what you give. You won't get much out of this course if you don't invest your time and energy into reading and writing.

Course Requirements

1. **Participation (25%):** All students are expected to actively participate in the class discussions. There's not a lot of us so we need to be talking if we want to avoid awkward silence. For this reason, you need to complete the assigned readings every week.
2. **Reading Memos (25%):** It is hard to develop good reading habits in graduate school. For that reason, I require students to complete a reading memo *for every reading assigned* with the exception of the Week 1 readings. They must email these to me by 11:59PM CT the night before each class. To assist students, I have uploaded an Excel spreadsheet and a PDF as samples for what the memo should have.¹ Students can come up with different formats that work for them but each memo should have the same basic information as in the samples.
3. **Research Topic (5%).** Each student will identify two research topics related to international intervention that is of interest to them. The student should summarize the topics with some *preliminary* ideas for existing work in a one-page memo to be emailed to me. After consultation with classmates and me on November 10th, students will select one topic for the final paper.

¹I thank Taylor Carlson for her help in crafting this guide.

4. **Final Presentation (15%):** Each students will present their final topic and their preliminary research on the findings of the final paper in a *brief* 7-10 minute presentation in class on December 8th.
5. **Final Paper (30%).** All students will write a literature review on a subject related to international intervention that is of interest to them (the topic they picked following discussion with me and classmates on November 10th). Literature reviews should include: What has been written on this question before? What potential explanations have been provided? Why are these explanations inadequate? Please also provide a full list of references.²

External Guests

This semester, we will have a scholar join “International Interventions in Fragile Settings” at WashU via Zoom every week to discuss the material we are reading for the class:

September 8th	Rob Blair	Brown University
September 22nd	Lisa Hultman	Uppsala University
September 29th	Jake Shapiro	Princeton University
October 6th	Jessica Weeks	University of Wisconsin, Madison
October 13th	Sabrina Karim	Cornell University
October 20th	Sarah Bush	Yale University
	Lauren Prather	UCSD
October 27th	Megan Stewart	University of Michigan
November 3rd	Melissa Lee	University of Pennsylvania
November 17th	Didac Queralt	Yale University
December 1st	Yuri Zhukov	University of Michigan

We will have an opportunity to talk to the scholar about their research and ask questions. Students are expected to prepare for these visits by having completed the reading and the reading memo for that week (no further assignment). Please be respectful of our guests while also engaging thoughtfully with their work. While I will introduce you and take the lead, I do expect you to actively discuss the work the scholar.

²I thank Deniz Aksoy for her input in formulating this part of the assignment.

Course Schedule

Come to each meeting having read the materials listed below each date. Material is subject to change. This syllabus is current as of August 31, 2022.

Week 1—September 1st: Introduction

NO READING MEMO DUE THIS DAY.

- Freeman, Bianca, D. G. Kim, and David A. Lake. "Race in International Relations: Beyond the 'Norm Against Noticing'." *Annual Review of Political Science* 25 (2022): 175-196.
- Lee, Melissa M. "International Statebuilding and the Domestic Politics of State Development." *Annual Review of Political Science* 25 (2022): 261-281.
- Matanock, Aila M. "How international actors help enforce domestic deals." *Annual Review of Political Science* 23 (2020): 357-383.

Week 2, September 8th: International Peacebuilding

SPECIAL GUEST: Rob Blair, Brown University.

- Blair, Robert A. *Peacekeeping, Policing, and the Rule of Law after Civil War*. Cambridge University Press, 2020. Chapters 1-5 and 9 required, chapters 6-8 recommended. Book available through library.

Week 3, September 15th

NO CLASS, APSA

Week 4, September 22nd: UN Peacekeeping

SPECIAL GUEST: Lisa Hultman, Uppsala University.

- Hanne Fjelde, Lisa Hultman, and Desiree Nilsson. 2019. "Protection Through Presence: UN Peacekeeping and the Costs of Targeting Civilians." *International Organization*.
- Hinkkainen Elliott, Kaisa, Sara MT Polo, and Liana Eustacia Reyes. "Making Peace or Preventing It? UN Peacekeeping, Terrorism, and Civil War Negotiations." *International Studies Quarterly* 65, no. 1 (2021): 29-42.

- Hegre, Havard, Lisa Hultman, and Havard Mogleiv Nygard. "Evaluating the conflict-reducing effect of UN peacekeeping operations." *The Journal of Politics* 81, no. 1 (2019): 215-232.

Week 5, September 29th: COIN

SPECIAL GUEST: Jake Shapiro, Princeton University.

- Eli Berman, Joseph H. Felter, and Jacob N. Shapiro. 2020. *Small Wars, Big Data*. Princeton University Press. Preface and Chapters 1-4.

Week 6, October 6th: Foreign Election Interference

SPECIAL GUEST: Jessica Weeks, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

- Tomz, Michael, and Jessica LP Weeks. "Public opinion and foreign electoral intervention." *American Political Science Review* 114, no. 3 (2020): 856-873.
- Tomz, Michael, and Jessica LP Weeks. "The Domestic Political Costs of Soliciting Foreign Electoral Intervention." Working Paper.
- Alizadeh, Meysam, Jacob N. Shapiro, Cody Buntain, and Joshua A. Tucker. "Content-based features predict social media influence operations." *Science advances* 6, no. 30 (2020).

Week 7, October 13th: Peacebuilding Challenges at the Local-Level

SPECIAL GUEST: Sabrina Karim, Cornell University.

- Karim, Sabrina. "Rape after Civil Conflict: How State Building Shapes Prevalence." Working paper.
- Severine Autesserre. 2010. *The Trouble with the Congo*. Cambridge University Press. Chapters 1 and 3.

Week 8, October 20th: Election Monitoring

SPECIAL GUESTS: Sarah Sunn Bush, Yale University, and Lauren Prather, UCSD.

- Bush, Sarah Sunn, and Lauren Prather. *Monitors and Meddlers: How Foreign Actors Influence Local Trust in Elections*. Cambridge University Press, 2022.

Week 9, October 27th: US as Foreign Intervener

SPECIAL GUEST: Megan Stewart, University of Michigan.

- Stewart, Megan A., and Karin E. Kitchens. "Social transformation and violence: Evidence from US Reconstruction." *Comparative Political Studies* 54, no. 11 (2021): 1939-1983.
- Stewart, Megan A., and Karin E. Kitchens. "The Revolution Will Be Routine: Social Legacies of Contraband Camps with Megan Stewart ." Working Paper.
- Chacon, Mario L., and Jeffrey L. Jensen. "Democratization, de facto power, and taxation: Evidence from military occupation during reconstruction." *World Politics* 72, no. 1 (2020): 1-46.

Week 10, November 3rd: Foreign Subversion of the State

SPECIAL GUEST: Melissa Lee, University of Pennsylvania.

- Lee, Melissa M. *Crippling Leviathan: how foreign subversion weakens the state*. Cornell University Press, 2020.

****Research Topics Due at 11:59PM CST, November 9th.****

Week 11, November 10th: Research Topics Discussion

- Leanne C. Powner. 2015. *Empirical Research and Writing: A Political Science Student's Practical Guide*. CQ Press. Chapters 1-3.³
- Kosuke Imai. 2018. "Final Project."

Week 12, November 17th: International Fiscal Intervention

SPECIAL GUEST: Didac Queralt, Yale University.

- Queralt, Didac. *Pawned States: State Building in the Era of International Finance*. Princeton University Press, 2022.

Week 13: THANKSGIVING

No class-Thanksgiving break

³I thank Carly Wayne for suggesting this resource.

Week 14, December 1st: Legacies of Foreign Intervention

SPECIAL GUEST: Yuri Zhukov, University of Michigan.

- Rozenas, Arturas and Yuri M. Zhukov. "Mass Repression and Political Loyalty: Evidence from Stalin's 'Terror by Hunger.'" *American Political Science Review* 133, no 2 (2019): 569-583.
- Fouka, Vasiliki, and Hans-Joachim Voth. "Collective Remembrance and Private Choice: German-Greek Conflict and Behavior in Times of Crisis." Working Paper.
- Dinas, Elias, Vasiliki Fouka, and Alain Schläpfer. "Family History and Attitudes toward Out-Groups: Evidence from the European Refugee Crisis." *The Journal of Politics* 2021 83:2, 647-661.

Week 15, December 8th: Presentations (Monday 12/5-Sunday 12/11)

No reading.

****Final Paper Due at 11:59PM CST, December 20th.****