

**INTERNATIONAL SECURITY
PSC 405Z-001**

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Time: Thursday, 4:00pm-6:45pm

Location: WRI-C235

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will examine the economic, political, and social causes and conditions of conflict within and between states across the globe and the security threats that are created as a result. The course will also utilize contemporary conflicts and threats to international security in order to explore the different methods of preventing, managing, settling, and resolving issues of terrorism, conflict, and actions that prevent global peace.

BASIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- 1) You must read the assigned readings before you come to class.
- 2) Turn everything in on time- This means that I will not grant extensions if you ask for them within 24 hours of the deadline. The university policy on the grade of incomplete will be followed in this course.
- 3) Ask questions when you don't understand something; chances are you're not alone.
- 4) Don't miss class- I am willing to accommodate reasonable absences if notified in writing 24 hours prior to class or if your are ill a doctor's note is submitted by the next class meeting.
- 5) All assignments must be typewritten unless otherwise stated.
- 6) Please check <https://webcampus.nevada.edu/webct/entryPage.dowebct> frequently. I will post announcements regarding class on that site.

ADDITIONAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Please turn OFF all cell phones upon entering the classroom!!! In cases of an emergency, please inform me that you are expecting a call prior to class.
- 2) Honor code violations will not be tolerated. If you have any questions regarding the honor code please go to <http://studentlife.unlv.edu/judicial/misconductPolicy.html>.

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3) If you have a documented disability that may require accommodations, you will need to present to me an official Academic Accommodation Plan, which you can obtain from the DRC. The DRC is located in the Student Services Complex (SSC), Room 137, and the contact numbers are: Voice (702) 895-0866, TTY (702) 895-0652, fax (702) 895-0651. For additional information, please visit: <http://studentlife.unlv.edu/disability/>.

4) If for some reason class is cancelled please go to <https://webcampus.nevada.edu/webct/entryPage.dowebct> I will either conduct class using the Discussion Board or post relevant assignments so that we remain on schedule.

GRADING

Class Attendance (15%)--Each unexcused (a doctor's note or an absence excused by the professor prior to the date represents a valid excused absence) absence will result in a loss of 2 percentage points. Each late arrival will result in a loss of one percentage point if the professor is not notified prior to the start of class.

Class Participation (15%)--Discussion and critique of readings; Active and constructive participation. This does not mean simply talking. Your comments should demonstrate that you have carefully read the readings for the week.

Classroom Moderator Assignment (20%)— (Grading criteria can be found at the end of the syllabus)

Mid-Term Exam (20%)

Final Exam (30%)

Required Texts:

Hugh Miall, Oliver Ramsbotham, and Tom Woodhouse, Contemporary Conflict Resolution: the Prevention, Management and Transformation of Deadly Conflicts, Oxford: Polity Press, 1999. ISBN: 0-7456-2035-3 (paperback)

Sam Nolutshungu, Margins of Insecurity, University of Rochester Press, 1996. (paperback) ISBN: 978-1878822635

Charles Tilly and Sidney Tarrow. Contentious Politics. Paradigm. 978-1594512469 (paperback)

Required Readings-Available Online

Idean Salehyan and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, "Refugees and the Spread of Civil War," *International Organization*, vol. 60, no. 2, April 2006

Rotberg, Robert I. "Failed States in a World of Terror." *Foreign Affairs* 81, no. 4 (July / August 2002): 127-140.

Audrey Kurth Cronin. "Behind the Curve: Globalization and International Terrorism" *International Security*, Winter 2002/03, Vol. 27, No. 3.

Davenport, Christian A., Will H. Moore, and Steven C. Poe (2003). Sometimes you just have to leave: Domestic threats and refugee movements, 1964–1989. *International Interactions*, 29(1), 27-55.

Will H. Moore and Stephen M. Shellman. Fear of Persecution: Forced Migration, 1952-1995. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Oct 2004; 48: 723-745.

Will Moore and Steve Shellman. "Refugee or Internally Displaced Person?: To Where Should One Flee?" *Comparative Political Studies*. 2006; 39: 599-622

Collier, Paul (1999) 'Economic Causes of Civil Conflict and their Implications for Policy', *World Bank*, June 15, 2000. <http://www.worldbank.org/research/conflict/papers/civilconflict.pdf>

Massey, Douglas, "Economic Development and International Migration in Comparative Perspective," *Population and Development Review* vol. 14, no. 3, Sept. 1988

Nina Graeger, "Environmental Security?," *Journal of Peace Research*, vol. 33, no. 1, Feb. 1996

Thomas F. Homer-Dixon, "Environmental Scarcities and Violent Conflict: Evidence from Cases," *International Security*, vol. 19, no. 1, Summer 1994

Fiona B. Adamson. "Crossing Borders: International Migration and National Security." *International Security*, Summer 2006, Vol. 31, No. 1,

Tiffany Howard. "Revisiting State Failure: Developing a Causal Model of State Failure Based Upon Theoretical Insight." *Civil Wars*, 10(2), pp. 125-146.

Recommended Readings-Available Online

Mack, Andrew, et al. (2005). *Human Security Report*. Human Security Centre, Liu Institute for Global Issues, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. New York and London: Oxford University Press
www.humansecurityreport.info

Marshall, Monty G., and Ted Robert Gurr (2005). *Peace and Conflict 2005: A Global Survey of Armed Conflicts, Self Determination Movements, and Democracy*. College Park, Maryland: University of Maryland, Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)
www.cidcm.umd.edu/inscr/peace.htm

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week 1

Introduction and Class Overview

Week 2

Understanding the Relationship Between States and What this Means for International Security

*Tilly and Tarrow, Chapter 4

*Tilly and Tarrow, Chapter 3

Week 3

The Relationship between International Conflict and International Security

*Miall, *et. al.*, "Introduction" in Contemporary Conflict, pp. 1-38 and Chapter 2.

Discussion 1: The Birth of the United Nations and its Evolution

Week 4

Understanding Contemporary Conflict

*Miall, et. al., Chapter 3

*Tilly and Tarrow, Chapter 7

Discussion 2: The Conflict Between Russia and Georgia

Week 5

The Politics of Globalization and International Security

*Audrey Kurth Cronin. "Behind the Curve: Globalization and International Terrorism" International Security, Winter 2002/03, Vol. 27, No. 3.

*Film 1-Globalization is Good

http://ffh.films.com/id/11609/Globalization_Is_Good.htm

Week 6

Migration—A Threat to National Security?

*Fiona B. Adamson. "Crossing Borders: International Migration and National Security." International Security, Summer 2006, Vol. 31, No. 1,

*Idean Salehyan and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, "Refugees and the Spread of Civil War," International Organization, vol. 60, no. 2, April 2006

Discussion 3-Emerging Security Concerns in Western Europe

Week 7

Migration—A Consequence of the Failures of National Security?

*Davenport, Christian A., Will H. Moore, and Steven C. Poe (2003). Sometimes you just have to leave: Domestic threats and refugee movements, 1964–1989. International Interactions, 29(1), 27-55.

*Will H. Moore and Stephen M. Shellman. Fear of Persecution: Forced Migration, 1952-1995. Journal of Conflict Resolution, Oct 2004; 48: 723-745.

*Will Moore and Steve Shellman. "Refugee or Internally Displaced Person?: To Where Should One Flee?" Comparative Political Studies.2006; 39: 599-622

Discussion 4-The Refugee Crisis in Sierra Leone

Week 8

*****MIDTERM EXAM*****

Week 9

Understanding the Role Conflict Plays in State Collapse and the Security Threats that are Created as a Result

*Rotberg, Robert I. "Failed States in a World of Terror." *Foreign Affairs* 81, no. 4 (July / August 2002): 127-140.

* Tiffany Howard. "Revisiting State Failure: Developing a Causal Model of State Failure Based Upon Theoretical Insight." *Civil Wars*, 10(2), pp. 125-146.

Discussion 5-What We Learned from the Collapse of the Horn of Africa

Week 10

Exploring the Relationship Between the Economy and International Security

*Collier, Paul (1999) 'Economic Causes of Civil Conflict and their Implications for Policy', *World Bank*, June 15, 2000. <http://www.worldbank.org/research/conflict/papers/civilconflict.pdf>

*Massey, Douglas, "Economic Development and International Migration in Comparative Perspective," *Population and Development Review* vol. 14, no. 3, Sept. 1988 (WEBCT)

*Film 2- Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers

Week 11

Understanding Racism, Ethnic Discrimination and How Marginalized Groups Threaten International Security

*Nolutshungu, Chapters 1, 2, and 4

*Film 3-In The Tall Grass

Week 12

An Unlikely Pair-The Environment and International Security

*Nina Graeger, "Environmental Security?," Journal of Peace Research, vol. 33, no. 1, Feb. 1996

*Thomas F. Homer-Dixon, "Environmental Scarcities and Violent Conflict: Evidence from Cases," International Security, vol. 19, no. 1, Summer 1994

**Discussion 6-Conflict and Scarcity in Haiti*

Week 13

Human Trafficking, Child Labor and Forced Prostitution—The Lasting Social Implications of Conflict and Security

*Film 4- Dying to Leave

Week 14- NO CLASS-THANKSGIVING BREAK

Week 15-Review for Final Exam, Course Evaluations

FINAL EXAM DATE-TBA