

CONF 695 – Section 003
THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF CIVIL WAR

Semester: Spring 2005
Class Time: Tuesdays, 7:20-10:00 pm
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Welcome to the course. This course explores the relationship between resources (political and economic) and conflict with particular reference to contemporary civil wars.

This course will be run as a seminar with an emphasis on discussion and class participation. It is therefore imperative that students read the assigned material prior to class. Active participation in class discussions will be expected.

The class does not presume any advanced prior knowledge of political economy, but CONF 501 or 801 is a prerequisite.

Requirements:

In addition to regular participation, grades will be based on two papers, each worth 50 percent of the final grade. Students, in consultation with the professor, will write these papers to integrate the broader themes of the class and to apply this knowledge to specific cases. The papers will be approximately 20-25 pages long and will entail reading and research beyond class assignments. The first paper will build on the topic of economic causes and consequences of conflict and will be due on 22 March. The second paper will cover humanitarianism, globalization, and civil war and will be due 10 May. All papers must be handed in on the day specified on the syllabus. Late papers will not be accepted except under extraordinary, unavoidable circumstances.

Readings:

The following books are available for purchase at the Arlington bookstore. A number of articles are on e-reserve, as indicated.

Karen Ballentine and Jake Sherman, ed., *The Political Economy of Armed Conflict: Beyond Greed and Grievance* (Boulder, Colo.: Lynne Rienner, 2003).

Paul Collier et al., *Breaking the Conflict Trap: Civil War and Development Policy* (Washington, D.C.: The World Bank, 2003).

Michael T. Klare, *Resource Wars: The New Landscape of Global Conflict* (New York: Metropolitan Books, 2001).

Mats Berdal and David M. Malone, *Greed and Grievance: Economic Agendas in Civil Wars* (Boulder, Colo.: Lynne Rienner, 2000).

Mary B. Anderson, *Do No Harm: How Aid Can Support Peace—or War* (Lynne Rienner, 1999).

Joanna Macrae, *Aiding Recovery? The Crisis of Aid in Chronic Political Emergencies* (London: Zed Books, 2001).

Mark Duffield, *Global Governance and the New Wars: The Merging of Development and Security* (London: Zed, 2001).

Frances Stewart and Valpy Fitzgerald, eds., *War and Underdevelopment, Volume 1, The Economic and Social Consequences of Conflict* (Oxford University Press 2001).

Michael Pugh and Neil Cooper, eds., *War Economies in a Regional Context: Challenges of Transformation* (Lynne Rienner, 2004).

Ian Bannon and Paul Collier, eds., *Natural Resources and Violent Conflict: Options and Actions* (Washington, D.C.: The World Bank, 2003).

1. Introduction (25 January)

This week will include self-introductions, a discussion of the syllabus, course requirements, and expectations for the course.

I. The Economic Causes and Consequences of Civil War

2. War and Underdevelopment I (1 February)

Frances Stewart and Valpy Fitzgerald, eds., *War and Underdevelopment, Volume 1, The Economic and Social Consequences of Conflict* (Oxford University Press 2001). The entire book is worth reading but emphasize chapters 1, 3, 4, 8, and 9.

Dietrich Jung, “A Political Economy of Intra-State War: Confronting a Paradox,” in Dietrich Jung, ed., *Shadow Globalization, Ethnic Conflicts and New Wars: A Political Economy of Intra-State War* (New York: Routledge, 2003), pp. 9-26.

3. Greed and Grievance I (8 February)

Paul Collier and Anke Hoeffler, “Greed and Grievance in Civil Wars” found at <http://econ.worldbank.org/programs/conflict/topic/13190/library/doc?id=12205>

Mats Berdal and David M. Malone, *Greed and Grievance: Economic Agendas in Civil Wars* (Boulder, Colo.: Lynne Rienner, 2000), chapters 1-5.

Roger Mac Ginty, "Looting in the Context of Violent Conflict: A Conceptualisation and Typology," *Third World Quarterly* 25:5 (2004): 857-870.

4. Greed and Grievance II (15 February)

Paul Collier et al., *Breaking the Conflict Trap: Civil War and Development Policy* (Oxford University Press and the World Bank, 2003), chapters 1-4.

Karen Ballentine and Jake Sherman, ed., *The Political Economy of Armed Conflict: Beyond Greed and Grievance* (Boulder, Colo.: Lynne Rienner, 2003), chapters 1-3, 10.

5. Greed and Grievance III – Case Studies (22 February)

Philippe, Le Billon (2001), "The Political Ecology of War: Natural Resources and Armed Conflicts," *Political Geography* 20:5 (2001): 561-584. Available through e-journals.

Dena Montague, "Stolen Goods: Coltan and Conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo" *SAIS Review* 22:1 (Winter-Spring 2002): 103-118. Available through e-journals.

Peter Andreas, "The Clandestine Political Economy of War and Peace in Bosnia," *International Studies Quarterly* 48 (2004): 29-51. Available through e-journals.

Ballentine and Sherman, case studies on Colombia, Nepal, Bougainville, Kosovo, Sri Lanka, and Burma.

Sabrina Grosse-Kettler, *External Actors in Stateless Somalia: A War Economy and its Promoters* (Bonn International Center for Conversion Paper no. 39, 2004) available <http://www.bicc.de/publications/papers/paper39/content.html>

6. Resources and Conflict I (1 March)

Michael T. Klare, *Resource Wars: The New Landscape of Global Conflict* (New York: Metropolitan Books, 2001), chapters 1-7, 9.

Colin H. Kahl, "Population Growth, Environmental Degradation, and State-Sponsored Violence: The Case of Kenya, 1991-93," *International Security* 23:2 (Fall 1998): 80-120. Available through GMU library, Expanded Academic ASAP database.

7. Resources and Conflict II (8 March)

Michael T. Klare, *Resource Wars: The New Landscape of Global Conflict* (New York: Metropolitan Books, 2001), chapter 8.

Scott Pegg, "Globalization and Natural Resource Conflicts," *Naval War College Review*, 56:4 (Autumn 2003): 82-95. Available through e-journals

NOTE NO CLASS 15 MARCH – ENJOY YOUR BREAK

II. Humanitarianism, Globalization and Civil War

8. Humanitarianism and War (22 March)

FIRST PAPER DUE

Mary B. Anderson, *Do No Harm: How Aid Can Support Peace—or War* (Lynne Rienner, 1999). Part I (pp. 1-76).

David Shearer, “Aiding or Abetting? Humanitarian Aid and Its Economic Role in Civil War,” in Mats Berdal and David M. Malone, *Greed and Grievance: Economic Agendas in Civil Wars* (Boulder, Colo.: Lynne Rienner, 2000), pp. 189-203.

Dietrich Jung, ed., *Shadow Globalization, Ethnic Conflicts and New Wars: The Political Economy of Intra-State War* (New York: Routledge, 2003). Chapter 8.

9. Globalization and New Wars I (29 March)

Mark Duffield, *Global Governance and the New Wars: The Merging of Development and Security* (London: Zed, 2001). Chapters 1-7, 10.

Mary Kaldor, *New and Old Wars: Organized Violence in a Global Era* (Stanford University Press, 1999). Ch. 3, pp. 31-68, Ch. 5, pp. 90-111.

10. Globalization and New Wars II (5 April)

Dietrich Jung, ed., *Shadow Globalization, Ethnic Conflicts and New Wars: The Political Economy of Intra-State War* (New York: Routledge, 2003). Chapters 1, 2, 5, and 9

11. Regional War Economies (12 April)

Michael Pugh and Neil Cooper, eds., *War Economies in a Regional Context: Challenges of Transformation* (Lynne Rienner, 2004). All read chapters 1, 2, 6, and 7 and choose one of the case studies (Afghanistan, Sierra Leone, Bosnia and Herzegovina).

12. Policy Implications: The Political Economy of Peace? I (19 April)

James K. Boyce and Manuel Pastor, Jr., “Aid for Peace: Can International Financial Institutions Help Prevent Conflict?” *World Policy Journal* 15:2 (Summer 1998): 42-50. Available through GMU library, Expanded Academic ASAP database.

Paul Collier et al., *Breaking the Conflict Trap: Civil War and Development Policy* (Oxford University Press and the World Bank, 2003), chapters 5-6.

Ian Bannon and Paul Collier, eds., *Natural Resources and Violent Conflict: Options and Actions* (Washington, D.C.: The World Bank, 2003).

13. Policy Implications: The Political Economy of Peace? II (26 April)

List of readings will be handed out in advance.

14. Review (3 May)

SECOND PAPER DUE 10 MAY