The objective of this course is to make the student familiar with theoretical as well as empirical research on causes of internal political violence. A secondary objective is to provide practical training in systematic search for literature and data and in conducting independent empirical study. Data sets are made available for the student’s own analysis.

The lectures are in the order they will be given in, with the caveat that there might be some changes.

Time frame
Mon 0915-1100, Tue 1315-1500, Fri 1115-1300

Lectures

1 Conflict: Types and Trends

This lecture will introduce the students to the central issue and problems connected to how one defines and measures conflict. 1 lecture, Håvard Strand

- Lacina, Russett and Gleditsch (2006), 8 pages
- Gat (2013), 9 pages
- Themnér and Wallensteen (2013), 11 pages
- Gleditsch et al. (2002), 22 pages
- Sambanis (2004), 43 pages
- Eck and Hultman (2007), 13 pages
2 Bargaining and Conflict

This section will introduce the students to the most important theories from the literature on bargaining theory and conflict. 1 lectures, lecturer: Håvard M. Nygaard

- Walter (2009), 19 pages
- Cunningham (2006), 17 pages
- Cunningham (2013), 14 pages
- Nygård and Weintraub (2014), 20 pages
- Fearon (1995), 20 pages
- Gartzke (1999), 30 pages

3 Development and Conflict

This section will introduce students to central issues concerning the link between development and conflict. 1 lecture, Helge Holtermann

- Collier and Hoeffler (2004), 30 pages
- Fearon and Laitin (2003), 20 pages
- Humphreys and Weinstein (2008), 20 pages
- Kalyvas and Balcelles (2010), 17 pages

4 Non Violent Conflict

This section will introduce students to recent theoretical and empirical work on non-violent conflict. 1 lecture, Erica Chenoweth

- Chenoweth and Stephan (2011) (the whole book), 229 pages

5 Ethnicity, Cleavages and Conflict

This section will introduce students to central issues concerning the link between economic inequality and ethnic cleavages and conflict. 1 lecture, Tore Wig

- Cederman, Weidmann and Gleditsch (2011), 17 pages
- Cederman, Wimmer and Min (2010), 32 pages
- Denny and Walter (2014), 10 pages
- Lyall (2010), 16 pages
- Weidmann (2011), 12 pages
6 Regimes and Conflict
This section will introduce students to central issues concerning regime types and internal conflict. 1 lecture, Havard Strand

- Hegre et al. (2001), 15 pages
- Vreeland (2008), 20 pages
- Cederman, Hug and Wenger (2008), 15 pages
- Gleditsch, Hegre and Strand (2009), 20 pages

7 Institutional Design, Quality and Conflict
This section will cover specific institutional design-features, the quality of institutions and their effect on civil conflict. 1 lecture, Tore Wig

- Hartzell and Hoddie (2003), 13 pages
- Hegre and Nygard (2014), 26 pages
- Cammett and Malesky (2012), 26 pages
- North, Weingast and Wallis (2009), 10 pages
- Eck (2014), 16 pages

8 Recruitment to Conflict
This section will discuss the microfoundations of conflict related to recruitment. How groups recruit and retain soldiers will be covered. 1 lecture, Scott Gates

- Kuran (1989), 32 pages
- Wood (2003, chapter 1), 30 pages
- Kalyvas and Kocher (2007), 14 pages
- Gates (2002), 19 pages
- Humphreys and Weinstein (2008), 19 pages
- Gates and Reich (2010, Chapters 1,5,8,14)
- Gates and Reich (2009)
9  Non-state violence

This lecture will discuss warfare that does not involve a government directly as an actor. 1 lecture, Håvard Strand.

• Bakke, Cunningham and Seymour (2012), 18 pages
• Fjelde and Nilsson (2012), 25 pages
• Kahl (1998), 39 pages
• Kimenyi and Ndung’u (2005), 33 pages
• Posner (2004), 15 pages

10  Geography and Conflict

This section will introduce students to the growing scholarship on geographic and environmental issues connected to civil war. The section will also consider the recent debate on climate change and conflict 1 lectures, Halvard Buhaug.

• Buhaug and Rød (2006), 20 pages
• Miguel, Satyanath and Serengeti (2004), 28 pages
• Lujala (2010), 15 pages
• Theisen, Holtermann and Buhaug (2011/12), 15 pages
• Gleditsch and Weidmann (2012), 21 pages
• Raleigh and Hegre (2009), 14 pages

11  Summary

Summary and Review of class. 1 lecture, Håvard Strand and Tore Wig
References


Nygård, Havard Mokleiv and Michael Weintraub. 2014. “Bargaining Between Rebel Groups and the Outside Option of Violence.” *online* Department of Government Georgetown University, Department of Political Science University of Oslo, Peace Research Institute Oslo.


