I. Types and Agendas of Violent Civil Conflicts
II. Strategies of Civil Conflicts
III. Causes/Origins of Civil Conflicts
IV. Dynamics and Processes of Civil Conflicts
V. Outcomes and Solutions of Civil Conflicts

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Participation. Please come prepared to contribute to each week’s discussion by reading as much as possible.

Writing Assignment. You should complete four synopses and two literature reviews throughout the quarter. Write these to inform and share with your colleagues who might want to use these in preparing for comprehensive exams or planning future research.

Datasets. Widely used and cited datasets on political violence, state failures, terrorism, and civil wars include the following:

- Global Terrorism Database. http://www.start.umd.edu/gtd
- UCDP/PRIO Armed Conflict Dataset (1946-2010) http://www.pcr.uu.se/research/ucdp/datasets/ucdp_prio_armed_conflict_dataset/

Also see:

- Sambanis, Nicholas. Civil war data (1945-1999). http://pantheon.yale.edu/~ns237/index/research.html#Civil
Week 1. Introductory Meeting

Week 2. Types and Agendas of Violent Civil Conflict


Kalyvas, Stathis N.. 2001. “‘New’ and ‘Old’ Civil Wars: A Valid Distinction?” World Politics 54 (October), 99-118.


Studies of specific types of conflicts


**Week 3. Strategies of Civil Conflicts**


**Commentaries and assessments:**


**Week 4. Causes/Origins—Sociological and psychological explanations**

**The debate over ethnic violence**


Beliefs


Emotions

Week 5. Causes/Origins—Economic explanations


Week 6. Causes/Origins—Tactical opportunities (state failure, terrain)


Political institutions


**International system**


**Weeks 7-8. Dynamics and processes**


Organization and organizational maintenance


Week 9. Outcomes


Tactics and their effectiveness


Week 10. Solutions


