

GLBL 603: Terrorism and Global Development

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Course Description

This course explores the interaction of two central global challenges: terrorism and development. It interrogates the causal cycle of development and terrorism. Are political and economic underdevelopment a “root cause” of terrorism? And under what conditions does terrorism cause or further underdevelopment? The course considers whether international development policy can improve security outcomes, and vice versa. Topics include foreign aid, democracy promotion, failed states, and civil war. A focus of the course is the production of an original research paper.

Course Objectives

- Define terrorism and underdevelopment and understand theories of their causes
- Explore the relationship between development and security
- Learn how to use empirical research to weigh policy alternatives
- *To be continued...*

We will study empirical research to explore the pathologies undermining international efforts in development and counterterrorism. We will explore how states and international organizations can pursue counterterrorism in tandem with political and economic development.

Class Schedule

Week 1: Perspectives on Conflict and Development

- William Easterly, “The War on Terror vs. the War on Poverty,” *The New York Review of Books*, November 24, 2016
- Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson, *Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity, and Poverty* (New York: Crown Publishers, 2012), chap. 3
- Gary A. Haugen and Victor Boutros, *The Locust Effect: Why the End of Poverty Requires the End of Violence* (Oxford University Press, March 17, 2015), chap. 3

Week 2: Terrorism – Concepts and Frameworks

- Bruce Hoffman, *Inside Terrorism*, Rev. and expanded ed (New York: Columbia University Press, 2006), chap. 1
- Martha Crenshaw, *Explaining Terrorism: Causes, Processes, and Consequences* (London; New York: Routledge, 2011), chap. 2
- David D. Laitin and Jacob N. Shapiro, “The Political, Economic, and Organizational Sources of Terrorism,” in *Terrorism, Economic Development, and Political Openness*, ed. P. Keefer and N. Loayza (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008), 209–32

Supplementary

- Luis de la Calle and Ignacio Sánchez-Cuenca, “What We Talk About When We Talk About Terrorism,” *Politics & Society* 39, no. 3 (2011): 451–72
- L. Sjoberg, “Feminist Interrogations of Terrorism/Terrorism Studies,” *International Relations* 23, no. 1 (2009): 69–74

Week 3: How to Study Terrorism

- Barbara Geddes, “How the Cases You Choose Affect the Answers You Get: Selection Bias in Comparative Politics,” *Political Analysis* 2, no. 1 (1990): 131–50
- Joseph K Young and Michael G Findley, “Promise and Pitfalls of Terrorism Research,” *International Studies Review* 13, no. 3 (2011): 411–31
- Ignacio Sánchez-Cuenca and Luis de la Calle, “Domestic Terrorism: The Hidden Side of Political Violence,” *Annual Review of Political Science* 12, no. 1 (2009): 31–49

Supplementary

- James D. Fearon, “Counterfactuals and Hypothesis Testing in Political Science,” *World Politics* 43, no. 2 (1991): 169–95
- A. Silke, “The Devil You Know: Continuing Problems with Research on Terrorism,” *Terrorism and Political Violence* 13, no. 4 (2001): 1–14

Week 4: Societal Causes – Poverty

- James A. Piazza, “Rooted in Poverty?: Terrorism, Poor Economic Development, and Social Cleavages,” *Terrorism and Political Violence* 18, no. 1 (2006): 159–77
- Alberto Abadie, “Poverty, Political Freedom, and the Roots of Terrorism,” *American Economic Review* 96, no. 2 (2006): 50–56
- Paul Collier and Anke Hoefler, “Greed and Grievance in Civil War,” *Oxford Economic Papers* 56, no. 4 (2004): 563–95
- Kim Cragin and Peter Chalk, *Terrorism & Development: Using Social and Economic Development to Inhibit a Resurgence of Terrorism* (Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation, 2003)

Week 5: Societal Causes – War & State Weakness

- Jessica A. Stanton, “Terrorism in the Context of Civil War,” *The Journal of Politics* 75, no. 4 (2013): 1009–22

- Bridget Coggins, “Does State Failure Cause Terrorism? An Empirical Analysis,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 59, no. 3 (2015): 455–83
- Cullen S. Hendrix and Joseph K. Young, “State Capacity and Terrorism: A Two-Dimensional Approach,” *Security Studies* 23 (2014): 329–63
- Brian Blankenship, “When Do States Take the Bait? State Capacity and the Provocation Logic of Terrorism,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 62, no. 2 (2018): 381–409

Supplementary

- Ariel Merari, “Terrorism as a Strategy of Insurgency,” *Terrorism and Political Violence* 5, no. 4 (1993): 213–51
- Michael G. Findley and Joseph K. Young, “Terrorism, Spoiling, and the Resolution of Civil Wars,” *The Journal of Politics* 77, no. 4 (2015): 1115–28

Week 6: International Policy – Democracy Promotion

- Erica Chenoweth, “Democratic Competition and Terrorist Activity,” *Journal of Politics* 72, no. 1 (2010): 16–30
- Katerina Dalacoura, “Islamist Terrorism and the Middle East Democratic Deficit: Political Exclusion, Repression and the Causes of Extremism,” *Democratization* 13, no. 3 (2006): 508–25
- Deniz Aksoy, David B. Carter, and Joseph Wright, “Terrorism in Dictatorships,” *Journal of Politics* 67, no. 3 (2012)
- Richard K. Morgan and Michael A. Rubin, “Regime Type and Terrorism Revisited: The Institutional Determinants of Terrorism” (Working Paper, August 10, 2018)

Supplementary

- Quan Li, “Does Democracy Promote or Reduce Transnational Terrorist Incidents?,” *The Journal of Conflict Resolution* 49, no. 2 (2005): 278–97
- B. Savun and B. J. Phillips, “Democracy, Foreign Policy, and Terrorism,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 53, no. 6 (2009): 878–904
- Matthew C. Wilson and James A. Piazza, “Autocracies and Terrorism: Conditioning Effects of Authoritarian Regime Type on Terrorist Attacks,” *American Journal of Political Science* 57, no. 4 (2013): 941–55
- Belgin San-Akca, “Democracy and Vulnerability: An Exploitation Theory of Democracies by Terrorists,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 58, no. 7 (2014): 1285–310

Week 7: International Policy – Foreign Aid

- Christoph Zurcher, “What Do We (Not) Know About Development Aid and Violence? A Systematic Review,” *World Development* 98 (October 2017): 506–22
- Andrew Beath, Fotini Christia, and Ruben Enikolopov, “Can Development Programs Counter Insurgencies? Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan” (Working Paper, 2017)
- Eli Berman, Jacob N. Shapiro, and Joseph H. Felter, “Can Hearts and Minds Be Bought? The Economics of Counterinsurgency in Iraq,” *Journal of Political Economy* 119, no. 4 (2011): 766–819
- Jason Lyall, Yang-Yang Zhou, and Kosuke Imai, *Can Economic Assistance Shape Combatant Support in Wartime? Experimental Evidence from Afghanistan*, SSRN Scholarly Paper ID 3026531

(Rochester, NY: Social Science Research Network, April 3, 2018)

Supplementary

- Oeindrila Dube and Suresh Naidu, “Bases, Bullets, and Ballots: The Effect of U.S. Military Aid on Political Conflict in Colombia,” *The Journal of Politics* 77, no. 1 (2015): 249–67
- Benjamin Crost, Joseph Felter, and Patrick Johnston, “Conditional Cash Transfers,” *Civil Conflict and Insurgent Influence: Experimental Evidence from the Philippines*, 2016, 171–82

Week 8: Individual Motives – Economic

- J. Kavanagh, “Selection, Availability, and Opportunity: The Conditional Effect of Poverty on Terrorist Group Participation,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 55, no. 1 (2011): 106–32
- Alexander Lee, “Who Becomes a Terrorist? Poverty, Education, and the Origins of Political Violence,” *World Politics* 63, no. 2 (2011): 203–45
- Michael Mousseau, “Urban Poverty and Support for Islamist Terror: Survey Results of Muslims in Fourteen Countries,” *Journal of Peace Research* 48 (2011): 35–47
- Graeme Blair et al., “Poverty and Support for Militant Politics: Evidence from Pakistan,” *American Journal of Political Science* 57, no. 1 (2012): 30–48

Supplementary

- Raul Caruso and Friedrich Schneider, “The Socio-Economic Determinants of Terrorism and Political Violence in Western Europe (1994-2007),” *European Journal of Political Economy* 27 (2011): S37–S49
- Benjamin W. Bahney et al., “Insurgent Compensation: Evidence from Iraq” (2013)

Week 9 (10/30): Individual Motives – Radicalization

- John Horgan, “From Profiles to Pathways and Roots to Routes: Perspectives from Psychology on Radicalization into Terrorism,” *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 618 (2008): 80–94
- Jessica Stern, “Radicalization to Extremism and Mobilization to Violence: What Have We Learned and What Can We Do about It?,” *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 668, no. 1 (2016): 102–17
- Linda Schlegel and Till Baaken, “Fishermen or Swarm Dynamics? Should We Understand Jihadist Online-Radicalization as a Top-Down or Bottom-Up Process?,” *Journal for Deradicalization* 13 (2017)
- C. McCauley, “Toward a Psychology of Humiliation in Asymmetric Conflict,” *American Psychologist* 72, no. 3 (2017): 255–65

Supplementary

- A. W. Kruglanski et al., “The Psychology of Radicalization and Deradicalization: How Significance Quest Impacts Violent Extremism,” *Political Psychology* 35 (2014): 69–93
- Tamar Mitts, “From Isolation to Radicalization: Anti-Muslim Hostility and Support for ISIS in the West,” *American Political Science Review* 113, no. 1 (2019): 173–94

Week 11: Terrorism as a Development Problem

- Sanjeev Gupta et al., “Fiscal Consequences of Armed Conflict and Terrorism in Low and Middle-Income Countries,” *European Journal of Political Economy* 20, no. 2 (2004): 403–21
- Eric Neumayer, “The Impact of Political Violence on Tourism: Dynamic Cross-National Estimation,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 48, no. 2 (2004): 259–81
- D. Meierrieks and T. Gries, “Causality between Terrorism and Economic Growth,” *Journal of Peace Research* 50, no. 1 (2013): 91–104
- Michael Gilligan, Benjamin Pasquale, and Cyrus Samii, “Civil War and Social Cohesion: Lab-in-the-Field Evidence from Nepal,” *American Journal of Political Science* 58, no. 3 (2014): 604–19

Supplementary

- Volker Nitsch and Dieter Schumacher, “Terrorism and International Trade: An Empirical Investigation,” *European Journal of Political Economy* 20, no. 2 (2004): 423–33
- Jacobus Cilliers, Oeindrila Dube, and Bilal Siddiqi, “Reconciling after Civil Conflict Increases Social Capital but Decreases Individual Well-Being,” *Science* 13 (May 2016): 787–94

Weeks 12 & 13: Student Presentations