POLI 7941: International Human Rights

Fall 2015 Thursdays, 2:00-4:50pm 210 Stubbs Hall

Instructor

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Office Hours: by appointment

A note on office hours please email me ahead of time to let me know what you would like to discuss during office hours so that I can prepare to assist in the best way possible.

Course Description: This course is directed towards filling gaps within the empirical literature on human rights violation/state repression.

As with the paper, you are not expected to have analytical results at this stage. But you should have a research design that includes a discussion of the data and identification strategy. This is a chance to receive feedback from peers in the course as well as encourage inter-project dialogue.

Final Paper

The final seminar paper should be a preliminary draft article up to and including the research design section. The topic of the research is the student s choice (discussed with the professor). Primarily the student should seek to extend the existing literature or take the area in a new direction. The paper should not exceed 30 pages in text (including notes, tables, references and so forth).

As the scientific study of human right relatively underdeveloped this task should not be that difficult. The paper is open to geographic location, time period, and methodological technique (i.e., econometrics, computer simulation, case studies, or some combination), as long as the one(s) selected is(are) appropriate for the particular research question put forth. Throughout the course we shall be going over all of these differences in some detail, so if you do not feel comfortable with one, you will be.

To assist in the development of the project, a two page proposal is due in class on Thursday, October 22^{nd} . The proposal will present your research question, a summary of your preliminary argument and research design, and include as much detail as possible on the data you will use to test the argument. I also strongly encourage you to come in to discuss your paper ideas with me prior to October 22^{nd} .

Final papers are due by noon on December 10.

Grading Policy: The grading breakdown is as follows:

Class Participation: 20%, Two Discussant Presentations: 2x 5%, Data Presentation: 10%, Research Presentation: 10%, Final Paper: 50%

 $\begin{array}{l} A+=97\text{-}100\%\\ A=94\text{-}96\%\\ A-=90\text{-}93\%\\ B+=87\text{-}89\%\\ B=84\text{-}86\%\\ B-=80\text{-}83\%\\ C+=77\text{-}79\%\\ C=74\text{-}76\%\\ C=70\text{-}73\%\\ D+=67\text{-}69\%\\ D=64\text{-}66\%\\ D-=60\text{-}63\%\\ F=59\% \text{ or below} \end{array}$

-, denotes distinguished mastery of the course material.

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letter grade C, including C+ and C-, denotes acceptable mastery of the course material.

-, denotes minimally acceptable achievement.

Late Papers

Students requiring special accommodationLouisiana State University is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities. Any student with a documented disability needing academic adjustments is requested to speak with the Disability Services and the instructor, as early in the semester as possible. All discussions will remain confidential. This publication/material is available in alternative formats upon request. Please contact the Disability Services, 115 Johnston Hall, (225) 578-5919.

Week 1 August 27th

- Introduction and Discussion What are Human Rights and What Are Human Rights Violations?

Supplemental Reading

Science 10: 1-23.

Science 10: 1-25

- Davenport, C.,

Annual Review of Political

- Goldstein, Robert Justin. 1978. *Political repression in modern America from 1870 to the present*. Boston: GK Hall.
- Foucault, Michel. 1977. *Discipline & punish: The birth of the prison*. New York: Vintage.
- Ted Robert Gurr. 1993. *Minorities at Risk*, Washington: United States Institute of Peace
- Martin, Andrew W., John D. McCarthy, and Clark McPhail. "Why targets matter: Toward a more inclusive model of collective violence." *American Sociological Review* 74.5 (2009): 821-841.
- Walter, Eugene Victor. 1969. *Terror and resistance: A study of political violence with case studies of some primitive african communities*. Vol. 1. New York: Oxford University Press.

Week 3 September 10th

- Threat-Response Models
 - Poe, Steven C., and C. Neal Tate. 1994. "Repression of human rights to personal integrity in the 1980s: a global analysis." *American Political Science Review* 88(4): 853-872.
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 - Journal of Political Science 39(3): 683-713.

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The non-Journal of Peace Research 33(3): 273-287.

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Supplemental Reading

- Richards, David L., Alyssa Webb, and K. Chad Clay. Forthcoming. "Respect for Physical Integrity Rights in the 21st Century: Evaluating Poe & Tate's Model 20 Years Later." *Journal of Human Rights*
- Political Studies 58(1): 167-186.
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- Ritter, Emily Hencken. "Policy Disputes, Political Survival, and the Onset and Severity of State Repression." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 58.1 (2014): 143-168.
- Davenport, Christian, Sarah A. Soule, and David A. Armstrong. 2011. "Protesting while black? The differential policing of American activism, 1960 to 1990." *American Sociological Review* 76, no. 1: 152-178.

Week 4 September 17th

- Varieties of Repression
 - o Davenport, Christian.

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Supplemental Readings

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Effects of Covert Forms of Social Control on Social Movements." *Sociology of Crime Law and Deviance* 10: 175-197.

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- Sullivan, Christopher M., Cyanne E. Loyle, and Christian Davenport. "The Coercive Weight of the Past: Temporal Dependence and the Conflict-Repression Nexus in the *International Interactions* 38.4 (2012): 426-442.
- Goldstone, Jack A., and Charles Tilly. 2001. "Threat (and opportunity): Popular action and state response in the dynamics of contentious action." In Ronald

- Wood, Reed M. and Mark Gibney. A Re-367-400
 Human Rights Quarterly 32:
- Cingranelli, David L., and David L. Richards. 2010. "The Cingranelli and Richards (CIRI) human rights data project." *Human Rights Quarterly* 32(2): 401-

Supplemental Reading

- Weidmann, Nils B. forthcoming "A closer look at reporting bias in conflict event data." *American Journal of Political Science* (2015).

Journal of Peace

- Research January 2015 52: 105-109,
- Madhav Joshi, Jason Michael Quinn, and Patrick M Regan. Forthcoming. Annualized implementation data on comprehensive intrastate peace accords, 1989 2012 *Journal of Peace Research*
- Eck, Kristine. "In data we trust? A comparison of UCDP GED and ACLED conflict events datasets." *Cooperation and Conflict* 47.1 (2012): 124-141.
- Binningsbø, Helga Malmin, et al. "Armed conflict and post-conflict justice, 1946 2006 A dataset." *Journal of Peace Research* 49.5 (2012): 731-740.
- Schrodt, Philip A. "Precedents, progress, and prospects in political event data." *International Interactions* 38.4 (2012): 546-569.
- Sullivan, Christopher M. forthcoming. "Undermining Resistance Mobilization, Repression, and the Enforcement of Political Order." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*
- Day, Joel, Jonathan Pinckney, and Erica Chenoweth. Forthcoming. "Collecting data on nonviolent action Lessons learned and ways forward." *Journal of Peace Research* (2014):
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- Bond, Doug, J. Craig Jenkins, Charles L. Taylor and Kurt Schock. "Mapping Mass Political Conflict and Civil Society: The Automated Development of Event Data." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 41.4 (1997): 553-579.
- Lyall, Jason, Graeme Blaie, and Kosume Imai. "Explaining Support for Combatants during Wartime: A Survey Experiment in Afghanistan." *American Political Science Review* 107.4 (2013).
- Therése Pettersson and Peter Wallensteen. 2015. Armed conflicts, 1946 2014. *Journal of Peace Research* 52: 536-550,

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- Stanley, William. 2010. *The Protection Racket State: Elite Politics, Military Extortion, and Civil War in El Salvador*. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press.

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- Jeremy Weinstein, 2007. Inside Rebellion. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Leiby, Michele L. "Wartime Sexual Violence in Guatemala and Peru*." *International Studies Quarterly* 53.2 (2009): 445-468.
- Week 10 October 29th
 - Fall Break
- Week 11 November 5th
 - International Law

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- Young, Joseph K. "Repression, dissent, and the onset of civil war." *Political Research Quarterly* (2012): 1065912912452485.
- provision and political violence in the Syrian civil war." *Journal of Peace Research* 52.1 (2015): 91-104
 - Journal of Conflict Resolution 58(1): 143-168.
- Finkel, Evgeny. 2015. The Phoenix Effect of State Repression: Jewish Resistance during the Holocaust. *American Political Science Review*, 109(02), 339-353.
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