This seminar examines issues related to armed conflict and transitions to peace. It introduces theoretical and empirical problems in research on civil war. The seminar presents case studies on the outbreak of war in Central Africa, the Balkans and Eurasia. It investigates risk factors related to constitutional design, democratization and inter-state dynamics. The course presents international security issues and case studies on Ukraine and Russia. It analyzes national, regional and international mechanisms to prevent and address conflict.

Outside speakers will include experts from international organizations such as the United Nations and Human Rights Watch.

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**Civil War**

**Spring 2019**

POL-GA 3501 Seminar in Comparative Politics

Section 01

Department of Politics

M.A. Program (GSAS)

**No prerequisites required**

Monday, 6:20-8:20

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Seminar Requirements:

- Research paper, 20-25 pages double-spaced (plus any tables and a bibliography), that develops and tests theories to explain variation across or within cases. **Due by email in the last class session** (70%).

- Proposal, two pages double-spaced, plus a select bibliography. **Due by email on 4 March** (Not graded, but requires approval).

- Participation in weekly seminar discussions (20%).

- Presentation on research for paper (10%)

**28 January**

Introduction

No reading assignment

**4 February**

Theoretical and Empirical Issues


11 February Armed Conflict


18 February No Class

25 February Constitutional Design


4 March Authoritarian Regimes


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11 March Civil Society and Human Rights

Margaret Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, Activists Beyond Borders: Advocacy Networks in International Politics (Cornell University Press, 1998), excerpts.


18 March Spring break

25 March Transitional Justice


1 April International Security


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8 April \hspace{1cm} Democracy Promotion


15 April \hspace{1cm} Sanctions


22 April \hspace{1cm} Regional and International Organizations


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29 April  International Military Intervention


6 May  Peacebuilding


13 May  Post-Conflict Elections


