

POSC 4631
World Conflict and Security
Spring 2011

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Office Hours:

February 15 Humanitarian Intervention (con't)

Reading:

1. WSR: chapter 7
2. Additional background readings on Rwanda and Somalia may be assigned

February 17

Catch up and Discussion

February 22

HOURLY EXAM #1

February 24 WMD and Nuclear Proliferation (begin)

Reading:

1. Collins, chapter 19
2. WSR, chapter 4 WSR, # 2 ¶ %

1. Collins, chapter 20

March 10 Terrorism: History and Examples

(March 15 & 17 = spring break)

March 22

9/11

From the perpetrator's side: Why did they do it?

Reading:

1. Peter Bergen, "What were the causes of 9/11" New America Foundation
Available at <http://www.prospectmagazine.co.uk/2006/09/whatwerethecausesof911/>
2. Additional short

1. Robert Jervis, "Reports, Politics, and Intelligence Failures: The Case of Iraq," *Journal of Strategic Studies*, vol. 29, no. 1, 3-52, February 2006

April

2. "The Great Debate" *The National Interest*, March/April 2010 Available at http://nationalinterest.org/greatdebate/debating_afghanistan_3795 (please make sure to click on all four sections; 2 from pillar and 2 from Nagl)
3. Press reports
 - a. See overview of drones in NYT times topics, available at http://topics.nytimes.com/top/reference/timestopics/subjects/u/unmanned_aerial_vehicles/index.html?scp=1&sq=drones%20times%20topics&st=cse
 - b. "Lethal Force Under Law," *The New York Times*, October 9, 2010
 - c. C. Christine Fair, "Drone Wars," *Foreign Policy Magazine*, 5/28/2010.
 - d. Mark Mazzetti and Eric Schmidt, "C.I.A. Steps up drone attacks on Taliban in Pakistan," *The New York Times*, September 27, 2010.

April 19

What is threat posed by transnational Terrorism?

What is a viable counterterror strategy?

Reading:

1. John Mueller, "Is there still a terrorist threat," *Foreign Affairs* 85, no. 5 (Spet. Oct. 2006)
2. Jeevan Vasagar, "Life After Terror," *The Guardian (London)*, September 10, 2004.
3. Bruce Hoffman, "A Counterterrorism Strategy for the Obama Administration," *Terrorism and Political Violence* 21, no. 3 (2009), 359-377

April 21

Easter break (no class)

April 26

Catch up and Discussion

April 28

Hourly Exam #2

May 3

Library/Bibliography Exercise (details to be discussed in class)

May 5

Paper Discussion and Presentations

May 13

Final Paper Due at beginning of scheduled exam time.