PLS 688: The Politics of Human Rights

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Introduction

This seminar introduces graduate students to the study of human rights, repression, and contentious politics, focusing on the causes and consequences of state sponsored violence and human rights violations. We will begin the course with an overview of the reasons for state sponsored violence. That is, why do states develop the capacity to behave violently in the first place? What strategic purpose does violence serve? We will also consider how individuals within a state behave and how the emergence of human rights sometimes occurs in the context of the violent and non-violent interaction between the state and individual. We will then consider various conceptualizations of rights and how such conceptualizations are related to the capacity for violence in the state and individual. How do human rights emerge given the propensity for states and individuals to sometimes act violently? This is the core conceptual consideration of the course.

As we work on addressing these fundamental questions, students will also begin to learn how to empirically assess differences in the level of respect for human rights across time and place, how human rights practices have changed globally and locally, and how grass roots activism and different types of legal institutions can be successfully leveraged to modify state behaviors. Throughout the course, students will learn how to identify and critically evaluate human rights issues as they arise in different time periods and settings around the world. Course material will draw from the diverse research methodologies that have been applied to the study of human rights and repression.

Acknowledgment

Steve, thanks for lighting the way. We miss you.

Schedule of Readings

Week 1: Background

Required:

1. Beitz, Charles R. 2001. "Human Rights as a Common Concern" *American Political Science Review* 95(2):269-282.

Suggested:

2. Lake, David A. 2013. "Theory is Dead, Long Live Theory: The End of the Great Debates and the Rise of Eclecticism in International Relations" *European Journal of International Relations* 19(3):567-587.

3. Poe, Steven C. 1990. "Human Rights and US Foreign Aid: A Review of Quantitative Studies and Suggestions for Future Research" *Human Rights Quarterly* 12(4):499-512.

4. Poe, Steven C. 1991. "U.S. Economic Aid Allocation: The Quest for Cumulation" *International Interactions* 16(4):295-316.

5. 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.

6. Poe, Steven C., C. Neal Tate and Linda Camp Keith. 1999. "Repression of the Human Right to Personal Integrity Revisited: A Global Cross-National Study Covering the Years 1976-1993" *International Studies Quarterly* 43(2):291-313.

7. Slaughter, Anne-Marie. 2005. "A Brave New Judicial World", In *American Exceptionalism and Human Rights*. edited by Michael Ignatieff. Princeton: Princeton University Press

8. Zinnes, Dina A. 1976. "The Problem of Cumulation" *In Search of Global Patterns*, edited by J. M. Rosenau. New York: Free Press.

9. Zinnes, Dina A. 1980. "Three Puzzles in Search of a Researcher: Presidential Address." *International Studies Quarterly* 24(3):315-342.

Week 2: Human Rights Concepts and Conceptual Debates

Required:

1. Dancy, Geoff and Christopher J. Fariss. 2018. "From Hollow Hopes to Human Rights at Work: A Constitutive Approach to Human Rights in Global Society" *Law & Contemporary Problems* 81(4):773-100.

2. Fariss, Christopher J. and Geoff Dancy. 2017. "Measuring the Impact of Human Rights: Conceptual and Methodological Debates" *Annual Review of Law and Social Science* 13:273-294.

3. Moore, Will H. 2015. "Tilting at windmill? The conceptual program in contemporary peace science" *Conflict Management and Peace Sciences* 32(4): 356-369.

Suggested:

4. Davenport, Christian. "Repression with Synonyms: A Call to Unify the Study of Domestic Spying, Bans, Protest Policing, Torture, Leadership Decapitation, Exclusions and Genocide" *Working Paper*.

5. Dancy, Geoff and Christopher J. Fariss. 2017. "Rescuing a Constitutive Model of Human Rights Law from New Criticism of International Legalism" *Human Rights Quarterly* 39(1):1-36.

6. Landman, Todd. 2005. "The Political Science of Human Rights" *British Journal of Political Science* 35 (3):549-572.

7. Poe, Steven C. 2004. "The Decision to Repress: An Integrative Theoretical Approach to the Research on Human Rights and Repression." In *Understanding Human Rights Violations: New Systematic Studies*, eds. S. Carey and S. Poe. Aldershott: Ashgate, 16-42.

Week 3: Linking Concepts to Measurements (part 1)

Required:

1. Clark, Ann Marie and Kathryn Sikkink. 2013. "Information Effects and Human Rights Data: Is the Good News about Increased Human Rights Information Bad News for Human Rights Measures?" *Human Rights Quarterly* 35(3):539-568.

2. Fariss, Christopher J. 2014. "Respect for Human Rights has Improved Over Time: Modeling the Changing Standard of Accountability" *American Political Science Review* 108(2):297-318.

3. Cingranelli, David, and Mikhail Filippov. 2018. "Are Human Rights Practices Improving?" *American Political Science Review* 112(4):1083-1089.

4. Fariss, Christopher J. 2019. "Yes, Human Rights Practices Are Improving Over Time" *American Political Science Review* (in press).

Suggested:

5. Armstrong, David A. 2011. "Stability and Change in the Freedom House Political Rights and Civil Liberties" *Journal of Peace Research* 48(5):653-662.

6. Cingranelli, David L., and David L. Richards. 1999. "Measuring the Level, Pattern, and Sequence of Government Respect for Physical Integrity Rights" *International Studies Quarterly* 43(2):407-417.

7. Cingranelli, David L. and David L. Richards. 2010. "The Cingranelli and Richards (CIRI) Human Rights Data Project" *Human Rights Quarterly* 32(2):401-424.

8. Conrad, Courtenay R., Jillienne Haglund and Will H. Moore. 2013. "Disaggregating Torture Allegations: Introducing the Ill-Treatment and Torture (ITT) Country-Year Data" *International Studies Perspectives* 14(2):199-220.

9. Eck, Kristine. 2012. "In Data We Trust? A Comparison of UCDP GED and ACLED Conflict Events Datasets" *Cooperation and Conflict* 47(1):124-141.

10. Eck, Kristine and Lisa Hultman. 2007. "Violence Against Civilians in War" *Journal of Peace Research* 44(2):233-246.

11. Fariss, Christopher J., Kevin Reuning, and Michael R. Kenwick. 2019. "Measurement Models", in *SAGE Handbook of Research Methods is Political Science & International Relations*, edited by Luigi Curini and Robert J. Franzese, Jr., SAGE Press (*in press*).

12. Harff, Barbara. 2003. "No Lessons Learned from the Holocaust? Assessing Risks of Genocide and Political Mass Murder since 1955" *American Political Science Review* 97(1):57-73.

13. Harff, Barbara, and Ted Robert Gurr. 1988. "Toward Empirical Theory of Genocides and Politicides: Identification and Measurement of Cases since 1945" *International Studies Quarterly* 32(3):359-371.

14. Jabine, Thomas B., and Richard P. Claude, editors. 1992. *Human Rights and Statistics: Getting the Record Straight*. Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press.

15. Landman, Todd. 2004. "Measuring Human Rights: Principle, Practice, and Policy" *Human Rights Quarterly* 26(4):906-931.

16. Landman, Todd and Marco Larizza. 2009. "Inequality and Human Rights: Who Controls What, When, and How" *International Studies Quarterly* 53(3):715-736.

17. Poe, Steven C., Sabine C. Carey, and Tanya C. Vazquez. 2001. "How are These Pictures Different? A Quantitative Comparison of the US State Department and Amnesty International Human Rights Reports, 19761995." *Human Rights Quarterly* 23(3):650-677.

18. Reuning, Kevin, Michael R. Kenwick, and Christopher J. Fariss. Forthcoming. "Exploring the Dynamics of Latent Variable Models" *Political Analysis*.

19. Schnakenberg, Keith E. and Christopher J. Fariss "Dynamic Patterns of Human Rights Practices." *Political Science Research and Methods* 2(1):1-31.

20. Wood, Reed M., and Mark Gibney. 2010. "The Political Terror Scale (PTS): A Re-introduction and Comparison" *Human Rights Quarterly* 32(2):367-400.

Week 5a: Linking Concepts to Measurements (part 2)

Required:

1. Brysk, Allison. 1994. "The Politics of Measurement: The Contested Count of the Disappearance in Argentina" *Human Rights Quarterly*, 16(4):676-692.

2. Creamer, Cosette D. and Beth A. Simmons. 2015. "Ratification, Reporting, and Rights: Quality of Participation in the Convention against Torture" *Human Rights Quarterly* 37(3):579-608.

3. Hill, Daniel W. 2016. "Democracy and the Concept of Personal Integrity Rights" *Journal of Politics* 78(3):822-835.

4. Kelley, Judith G. and Beth A. Simmons. 2014. "Politics by Number: Indicators as Social Pressure in International Relations" *American Journal of Political Science* 59(1):55-70.

Suggested:

5. Earl, Jennifer, Andrew Martin, John D. McCarthy and Sarah A. Soule. 2004. "The Use of Newspaper Data in the Study of Collective Action" *Annual Review of Sociology* 30:65-80.

6. Fariss, Christopher J. 2018. "The Changing Standard of Accountability and the Positive Relationship between Human Rights Treaty Ratification and Compliance" 48(1):239-272.

7. Fariss, Christopher J. 2018. "Are Things Really Getting Better?: How To Validate Latent Variable Models of Human Rights" *British Journal of Political Science* 48(1):275-282.

8. Goodman, Ryan, and Derek Jinks. 2003. "Measuring the Effects of Human Rights Treaties" *European Journal of International Law* 14(1):171-183.

9. Hafner-Burton, Emilie M., and Kiyoteru Tsutsui. 2005. "Human Rights in a Globalizing World: The Paradox of Empty Promises" *American Journal of Sociology* 110(5):1373-1411.

10. Hathaway, Oona A. 2002. "Do human rights treaties make a difference?" *Yale Law Journal* 111(8):1935-2042.

11. Hill Jr., Daniel W., Will H. Moore and Bumba Mukherjee. 2013. "Information Politics v Organizational Incentives: When are Amnesty International's "Naming and Shaming" Reports Biased?" *International Studies Quarterly* 57(2):219-232.

Week 5b: Repression and Dissent

Required:

1. Conrad, Courtenay R., and Emily Hencken Ritter. 2016. "Preventing and Responding to Dissent: The Observational Challenges of Explaining Strategic Repression" *American Political Science Review* 110(1):85-99.
2. Moore, Will H. 1998. "Repression and Dissent: Substitution, Context, and Timing" *American Journal of Political Science* 42(3):851-873.
3. Ritter, Emily Hencken. 2014. "Policy Disputes, Political Survival, and the Onset and Severity of State Repression" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 58(1):143-168
4. Tyson, Scott. 2016. "The Agency Problem Underlying Repression" *Journal of Politics* 80(4):1297-1310.

Suggested:

5. Carey, Sabine. 2006. "The Dynamic Relationship between Protest and Repression" *Political Research Quarterly* 59(1):1-11.
6. Davenport, Christian. 1995. "Multidimensional Threat Perception and State Repression" *American Journal of Political Science* 39(3):683-713.
7. Davenport, Christian. 2007. "State repression and political order" *Annual Review of Political Science* 10:1-23.
8. Francisco, Ronald. 1995. "The Relationship Between Coercion and Protest: An Empirical Evaluation of Three Coercive States" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 39(2):263-282.
9. Kuran, Timur. 1989. "Sparks and Prairie Fires: A Theory of Unanticipated Political Revolution" *Public Choice* 61(1):41-74.
10. Lichbach, Mark. 1987. "Deterrence or Escalation? The Puzzle of Aggregate Studies of Repression and Dissent" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 31(2).
11. Lichbach, Mark. 1994. "What Makes Rational Peasants Revolutionary? Dilemma, Paradox, and Irony in Peasant Collective Action" *World Politics* 46(3).
12. Mason, T. David and Krane. 1989. "The Political Economy of Death Squads: Toward a Theory of the Impact of State-Sanctioned Terror." *International Studies Quarterly* 33(2):175-198.
13. Moore, Will H. 1995. "Rational Rebels: Overcoming the Free-Rider Problem" *Political Research Quarterly* 48(2):417-454.
14. Moore, Will H. 1995. "Action-Reaction or Rational Expectations? Reciprocity and the Domestic-International Conflict Nexus During the Rhodesia Problem" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 39(1):129-167.
15. Moore, Will H. 2000. "The Repression of Dissent: A Substitution Model of Government Coercion" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 44(1):107-127.
16. Nordås, Ragnhild and Christian Davenport. 2013. "Fight the Youth: Youth Bulges and State Repression" *American Journal of Political Science* 57(4):926-940.
17. Pierskalla, Jan Henryk. 2010. "Protest, deterrence, and escalation: The strategic calculus of government repression" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 54(1):117-145.
18. Rasler, Karen. 1996. "Concessions, Repression and Political Protest in the Iranian Revolution" *American Sociological Review* 61(1):132-152.
19. Staniland, Paul. 2010. "Cities on Fire: Social Mobilization, State Policy, and Urban Insurgency" *Comparative Political Studies* 43(12):1623-1649.
20. Tyson, Scott, and Alastair Smith 2018. "Dual-Layered Coordination and Political Instability: Repression, Cooptation, and the Role of Information" *The Journal of Politics* 80(1):44-58.

Week 6a: Varieties and Origins of Rights part 1

Required:

1. Cmiel, Kenneth. 2004. "The Recent History of Human Rights" *The American Historical Review* 109(1):117-135.
2. Donnelly, Jack, and Rhoda E. Howard. 1988. "Assessing National Human Rights Performance: A Theoretical Framework" *Human Rights Quarterly* 10(2):214-248.
3. Fariss, Christopher J. and Keith E. Schnakenberg. 2014. "Measuring Mutual Dependence Between State Repressive Actions." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 58(6):1003-1032.
4. Waltz, Susan Eileen. 2001. "Universalizing Human Rights: The Role of Small States in the Construction of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights" *Human Rights Quarterly* 23(1):44-72.

Suggested:

5. Forsythe, David P. 2016. "International Human Rights at 70: Has the Enlightenment Project run Aground?" In Anthony Chase, ed., *Routledge Handbook on Human Rights in the Middle East and North Africa* (Forthcoming).
6. Reus-Smit, Christian. 2011. "Struggles for Individual Rights and the Expansion of the International System" *International Organization* 65(2):207-242.
7. Shestack, Jerome J. 1998. "The Philosophic Foundations of Human Rights" *Human Rights Quarterly* 20:201-234.
8. Waltz, Susan Eileen. 2002. "Reclaiming and rebuilding the history of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights" *Third World Quarterly* 23(3):437-448.
9. Wright-Carozza, Paolo. 2003. "From Conquest to Constitutions: Retrieving a Latin American Tradition of the Idea of Human Rights" *Human Rights Quarterly* 25(2):281-313.

Week 6b: Varieties and Origins of Rights part 2

Required:

1. Barry, Colin M., K. Chad Clay, Michael E. Flynn, and Gregory Robinson. 2014. "Freedom of Foreign Movement, Economic Opportunities Abroad, and Protest in Non-Democratic Regimes." *Journal of Peace Research* 51(5):574-588.
2. Greenhill, Brian, Layna Mosley and Aseem Prakash. 2009. "Trade-based Diffusion of Labor Rights: A Panel Study, 1986-2002." *American Political Science Review* 103(4):169-190.
3. Robertson, Graeme B. and Emmanuel Teitelbaum. 2011. "Foreign Direct Investment, Regime Type, and Labor Protest in Developing Countries" *American Journal of Political Science* 55(3):665-677.
4. Spilker, Gabriele and Tobias Böhmelt. 2013. "The impact of preferential trade agreements on governmental repression revisited" *Review of International Organizations* 8(3):343-361.

Suggested:

5. Abouharb, M. Rodwan and David L. Cingranelli. 2006. "The human rights effects of world bank structural adjustment, 1981-2000" *International Studies Quarterly* 50(2):233-262.
6. Berliner, Daniel and Aseem Prakash. 2012. "From norms to programs: The United Nations Global Compact and global governance" *Regulation and Governance* 6(2):149-166.
7. Cao, Xun, Brian Greenhill and Aseem Prakash. 2013. "Where is the Tipping Point? Bilateral Trade and the Diffusion of Human Rights, 1982-2004" *British Journal of Political Science* 43(1):133-156.

8. Clay, K. Chad, and Matthew DiGiuseppe. Forthcoming. "The Physical Consequences of Fiscal Flexibility: Sovereign Credit & Physical Integrity Rights" *British Journal of Political Science*.

9. Demeritt, Jacqueline H.R. and Joseph K. Young. 2013. "A Political Economy of Human Rights: Oil, Natural Gas, and State Incentives to Repress" *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 30(2):99-120.

10. Hafner-Burton, Emilie M. 2005. "Trading Human Rights: How Preferential Trade Agreements Influence Government Repression" *International Organization* 59(3): 593-629.

11. Richards, David L., Ronald D. Gelleny, and David H. Sacko. 2001. "Money with a Mean Streak? Foreign Economic Penetration and Government Respect for Human Rights in Developing Countries." *International Studies Quarterly* 45(2):219-239.

12. Wood, Reed M. 2008. "'A Hand Upon the Throat of the Nation': Economic Sanctions and State Repression, 1976-2001" *International Studies Quarterly* 52 (3): 489513.

Week 7: Norms and Socialization

Required:

1. Finnemore, Martha and Kathryn Sikkink. 1998. "International norm dynamics and political change" *International Organization* 52(4):887-917.

2. Greenhill, Brian. 2010. "The Company You Keep: International Socialization and the Diffusion of Human Rights Norms" *International Studies Quarterly* 54:127-145.

3. Smeulers, Alette. 2004. "What Transforms Ordinary People into Gross Human Rights Violators." In Sabine C. Carey and Steven C. Poe. *Understanding Human Rights Violations*. London: Ashgate.

4. Mackie, Gerry 1996. "Ending Footbinding and Infibulation: A Convention Account." *American Sociological Review* 61(6):999-1017.

Suggested:

5. Goodliffe, Jay and Darren G. Hawkins. 2006. "Explaining Commitment: States and the Convention against Torture" *Journal of Politics* 68(2):358-371.

6. Gray, Mark M., Miki Caul Kittilson and Wayne Sandholtz. 2006. "Women and Globalization: A Study of 180 Countries, 1975-2000" *International Organization* 60(2):293-333.

7. Guthrey, Holly L. "Local norms and truth-telling: Identifying experienced incompatibilities within truth commissions of Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste" *The Contemporary Pacific*18(1).

8. Hawkins, Darren. 2004. "Explaining Costly International Institutions: Persuasion and Enforceable Human Rights Norms" *International Studies Quarterly* 48(4):779-804.

9. Krain, Matthew. "J'accuse! Does Naming and Shaming Perpetrators Reduce the Severity of Genocides or Politicides?" *International Studies Quarterly* 56(3):574-589.

10. McGann, Anthony and Wayne Sandholtz. 2012. "Patterns of Death Penalty Abolition, 1960-2005: Domestic and International Factors" *International Studies Quarterly* 56(2):275-289.

11. Risse, Thomas and Stephen C. Ropp. 2013. "Introduction and overview", *The Persistent Power of Human Rights from Commitment to Compliance*, editors Thomas Risse, Stephen C. Ropp, and Kathryn Sikkink. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

12. Rosenblum, Marc R., and Idean Salehyan. 2004. "Norms and Interests in US Asylum Enforcement" *Journal of Peace Research* 41(6): 677-697.

13. Sandholtz, Wayne. 2008. "Dynamics of international norm change: Rules against wartime plunder" *European Journal of International Relations* 14(1):101-131.

Week 8: Compliance part 1

Required:

1. Chayes, Abram, and Antonia Handler Chayes. 1993. "On Compliance." *International Organization* 47(2):175-205.
2. Dancy, Geoff and Kathryn Sikkink. 2012. "Ratification and Human Rights Prosecutions: Toward a Transnational Theory of Treaty Compliance" *NYU Journal of International Law and Politics* 44(3):751-790.
3. Downs, George W., David M. Rocke, and Peter N. Barsoom. 1996. "Is the Good News about Compliance Good News about Cooperation?" *International Organization* 50(3):379-406.
4. Moravcsik, Andrew. 2000. "The Origins of Human Rights Regimes: Democratic Delegation in Postwar Europe" *International Organization* 54:217-252.

Suggested:

5. Grewal, Sharanbir and Erik Voeten. 2015. "Are New Democracies Better Human Rights Compliers?" *International Organization* (doi:10.1017/ S0020818314000435).
6. Hafner-Burton, Emilie, Laurence R. Helfer, and Christopher J. Fariss. 2011. "Emergency and Escape: Explaining Why States Derogate from Human Rights Treaties during National Emergencies" *International Organization* 65(4):673-707.
7. Hill Jr., Daniel W. 2010. "Estimating the Effects of Human Rights Treaties on State Behavior" *Journal of Politics* 72(4):1161-1174.
8. Hollyer, James R., and B. Peter Rosendorff. 2011. "Why Do Authoritarian Regimes Sign the Convention Against Torture? Signaling, Domestic Politics and Non-Compliance" *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 6:275-327.
9. Neumayer, Eric. 2005. "Do International Human Rights Treaties Improve Respect for Human Rights?" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 49(6):925-953.

Week 9: Compliance part 2

Required:

1. Dancy, Geoff and Verónica Michel. "Human Rights Enforcement from Below: Private Actors and Prosecutorial Momentum in Latin America and Europe" *International Studies Quarterly* (doi: 10.1111/isqu.12209).
2. Dragu, Tiberiu and Yonatan Lupu. "How Does Human Rights Law Work? Institutions, Norms, and Focal Factors" *Comparative Political Studies*.
3. Lupu, Yonatan. 2013. "Best evidence: the role of information in domestic judicial enforcement of international human rights agreements" *International Organization* 67(3):469-503.
4. Lupu, Yonatan and Geoffrey P.R.Wallace. 2019. "Violence, Non-Violence, and the Effects of International Human Rights Law". *American Journal of Political Science* (2019).

Suggested:

5. Conrad, Courtenay R. and Emily Hencken Ritter. 2013. "Treaties, Tenure, and Torture: The Conflicting Domestic Effects of International Law" *Journal of Politics* 75(2):397-409.

6. Conrad, Courtenay R. 2014. "Divergent Incentives for Dictators Domestic Institutions and (International Promises Not to) Torture" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 58(1):34-67.

7. Davenport, Christian. 1996. "Constitutional Promises and Repressive Reality: A Cross-National Time-Series Investigation of Why Political and Civil Liberties are Suppressed" *Journal of Politics* 58(3):627-654.

8. Dragu, Tiberiu and Mattias Polborn. 2013. The Administrative Foundation of the Rule of Law. *Journal of Politics* 75(4):1038-1050.

9. Greenhill, Brian and Michael Strausz. 2013. "Explaining Nonratification of the Genocide Convention: A Nested Analysis" *Foreign Policy Analysis* 10(4):371-391.

10. Hill, Jr, Daniel W. Forthcoming. "Avoiding Obligation: Reservations to Human Rights Treaties" *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

11. Keith, Linda Camp. 1999. "The United Nations international covenant on civil and political rights: Does it make a difference in human rights behavior?" *Journal of Peace Research* 36(1):95-118.

12. Keith, Linda Camp. 2002. "Constitutional provisions for individual human rights (1977-1996): Are they more than mere "window dressing?"" *Political Research Quarterly* 55(1):111-143.

13. Keith, Linda Camp and Steven C. Poe. 2004. "Are Constitutional State of Emergency Clauses Effective?An Empirical Exploration" *Human Rights Quarterly* 26(4):1071-1097.

14. Kelley, Judith. 2004. "Does Domestic Politics Limit the Influence of External Actors on Domestic Politics?" *Human Rights Review* 5(3):34-54.

15. Linzer, Drew A and Jeffrey K Staton. 2015. "Global Measure of Judicial Independence, 1948- 2012" *Journal of Law and Courts* 3(2):223-256.

16. Lupu, Yonatan. 2015. "Legislative Veto Players and the Effects of International Human Rights Agreements" *American Journal of Political Science*.

17. Neumayer, Eric. 2013. "Do governments mean business when they derogate?: human rights violations during notified states of emergency" *The Review of International Organizations* 8(1):1-31.

18. Powell, Emilia Justyna and Jeffrey K. Staton. 2009. "Domestic Judicial Institutions and Human Rights Treaty Violation" *International Studies Quarterly* 53:149-174.

19. Rottman, Andy J., Christopher J. Fariss, and Steven C. Poe. 2009. "The Path to Asylum in the US and the Determinants for Who gets in and Why" *International Migration Review* 43(1): 3-33.

20. Salehyan, Idean, and Marc Rosenblum. 2008. International Relations, Domestic Politics, and Asylum Admissions in the United States. *Political Research Quarterly* 61(1):104-121.

Week 10: Domestic Courts, Regional Courts, and International Courts

Required:

1. Alter, Karen J., Laurence R. Helfer, and Jacqueline R. McAllister. "A New International Human Rights Court for West Africa: The Ecowas Community Court of Justice" *American Journal of International Law* 107(4):737-779.

2. Helfer, Laurence R. and Erik Voeten. 2014. "International Courts as Agents of Legal Change: Evidence from LGBT Rights in Europe" *International Organization* 68(1):77-110.

3. Lupu, Yonatan, Pierre-Hugues Verdier and Mila Versteeg. 2019. "The Strength of Weak Review: National Courts, Interpretive Canons, and Human Rights Treaties". *International Studies Quarterly* (2019).

4. Milli Lake 2014. "Organizing Hypocrisy: External Actors and Building Rule of Law in Fragile States" *International Studies Quarterly* 58(3):515-526.

Suggested:

5. Dancy, Geoff. 2018. "Deals with the Devil? Conflict Amnesties, Civil War, and Sustainable Peace" *International Organization* 72(2):387-342.

6. Escribà-Folch, Abel and Joseph Wright. 2015. "Human Rights Prosecutions and Autocratic Survival" *International Organization*.

7. Gibson, James L., Jeffrey Sonis, and Sokhom Hean. 2010. "Cambodians' Support for the Rule of Law on the Eve of the Khmer Rouge Trials" *International Journal of Transitional Justice* 4(3):377-339.

8. Jo, Hyeran and Beth A. Simmons."Can the International Criminal Court Deter Atrocity?" http://ssrn.com/abstract=2552820.

9. Lupu, Yonatan and Erik Voeten. 2012. "Precedent in International Courts: A Network Analysis of Case Citations by the European Court of Human Rights" *British Journal of Political Science* 42:413-439.

10. Keith, Linda Camp, C. Neal Tate and Steven C. Poe. 2009. "Is The Law A Mere Parchment Barrier To Human Rights Abuse?" *Journal of Politics* 71(1):644-660.

11. King, Kimi, James Meernik, and Geoff Dancy. 2005. "Judicial Decision Making and International Tribunals: Assessing the Impact of Individual, National and International Factors" *Social Science Quarterly* 86(3): 683-703.

12. Meernik, James D. 2003. "Victor's Justice or the Law: Judging and Punishing at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 47(2):140-162.

13. Meernik, James D. 2004. "Reaching Inside the State: International Law and Superior Liability" *International Studies Perspectives* 5:356-377.

14. Meernik, James D. 2014. "Explaining public opinion on international criminal justice" *European Political Science Review* (dx.doi.org/10.1017/S1755773914000332).

15. Meernik, James and Rosa Aloisi. 2008. "Is Justice Delayed at the International Criminal Tribunals" *Judicature* 91(6):276-287.

16. Sandholtz, Wayne. 2012. "Treaties, Constitutions, Courts, and Human Rights" *Journal of Human Rights* 11(1):17-32.

17. Snyder, Jack and Leslie Vinjamuri. 2003/4. "Trials and Errors: Principle and Pragmatism in Strategies of International Justice" *International Security* 28(3):5-44.

Week 11: Human Rights Activism and Humanism part 1

Required:

1. Bob, Clifford. 2007. "'Dalit Rights are Human Rights": Caste Discrimination, International Activism, and the Construction of a New Human Rights Issue" *Human Rights Quarterly* 29(1):167-193.

2. Dancy, Geoff. 2016. "Human rights pragmatism: Belief, inquiry, and action" *European Journal of International Relations* 22(3):512-535.

3. Hendrix, Cullen S. and Wendy H. Wong. 2014. "Knowing your audience: How the structure of international relations and organizational choices affect amnesty international's advocacy" *The Review of International Organizations* 9(1):29-58.

Suggested:

4. Bosco, Fernando J. 2006. "The Madres de Plaza de Mayo and Three Decades of Human Rights' Activism: Embeddedness, Emotions, and Social Movements" *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 96(2):342-365.

5. Ron, James, Howard Ramos, and Kathleen Rodgers. 2005. "Transnational Information Politics: NGO Human Rights Reporting, 19862000" *International Studies Quarterly* 49(3):557-587.

Week 12: Human Rights Activism and Humanism part 2

Required:

1. Adhikhari, Prakash, Wendy L. Hansen, and Kathy L. Powers. 2012. "The Demand for Reparations: Determinants of Transitional Justice in the Aftermath of the Nepali Civil War" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 56(2)183-205.

2. Michel, Veraónica and Kathryn Sikkink. 2013. "Human Rights Prosecutions and the Participation Rights of Victims in Latin America" *Law & Society Review* 47(4):873-907.

3. Snyder, Sarah B. 2012."Exporting Amnesty International to the United States: Transatlantic Human Rights Activism in the 1960s" *Human Rights Quarterly* 34(3):779-799.

Suggested:

4. Arat, Zehra F. Kabasakal. 2006. "Forging a Global Culture of Human Rights: Origins and Prospects of the International Bill of Rights." *Human Rights Quarterly* 28(2):416-37.

5. Krain, Matthew, and Anne M. Nurse. 2004. "Teaching Human Rights through Service Learning." *Human Rights Quarterly* 26(1)189-207.

Week 13: Rights under the Surveillance State

Required:

1. Pierskalla, Jan Henryk and Florian Hollenbach. 2013. "Technology and Collective Action: The Effect of Cell Phone Coverage on Political Violence in Africa" *American Political Science Review* 107(2):207-224.

Suggested:

2. Davenport, Christian and Sarah Soule, and David A. Armstrong. 2011. "Protesting While Black? The Differential Policing of American Activism, 1960 to 1990" *American Sociological Review* 76(1):152-176.

Week 14: Designing studies of human rights

Required:

1. Bracic, Ana. "EU Accession, Membership and Human Rights: Discrimination Against the Roma in Slovenia and Croatia" *American Political Science Review*.

2. Davenport, Christian and Patrick Ball. 2002. "Views to a Kill Exploring the Implications of Source Selection in the Case of Guatemalan State Terror, 1977-1995" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 46(3):427-450.

3. McEntire, Kyla Jo, and Michele Leiby, and Matthew Krain. 2015. "Human Rights Organizations as Agents of Change: An Experimental Examination of Framing and Micromobilization" *American Political Science Review* 109(3):407-426.

4. Hill Jr., Daniel W., and Zachary M. Jones. 2014. "An Empirical Evaluation of Explanations for State Repression" *American Political Science Review* 108(3):661-687.

Suggested:

5. Goldsmith, Benjamin E., Charles R. Butcher, Dimitri Semenovich, and Arcot Sowmya "Forecasting the onset of genocide and politicide: Annual out-of-sample forecasts on a global dataset, 1988-2003' *Journal of Peace Research* 50(4):437-452.

6. Gohdes, Anita and Megan Price. 2013. "First Things First: Assessing Data Quality before Model Quality" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 57(6):1090-1108.

7. Price, Megan, Anita Gohdes, and Patrick Ball. 2015. "Documents of war: Understanding the Syrian conflict" *Significance* 12(2): 14-19.

Week 15: New Human Rights Data Initiatives

Required:

1. Elliott, Michael A. "The institutional expansion of human rights, 1863-2003: A comprehensive dataset of international instruments" *Journal of Peace Research* 48(4):537-546.

2. Fariss, Christopher J., Zachary M. Jones, Fridolin Linder, Charles Crabtree, Megan A. Biek, Ana-Sophia M. Ross, Taranamol Kaur, and Michael Tsai. "Human Rights Texts: Converting Human Rights Primary Source Documents into Data" *Working Paper*.

3. Murdie, Amanda and Dursun Peksen. Forthcoming. "Women and Contentious Politics: A Global Event-Data Approach to Understanding Women-s Protest" *Political Research Quarterly*.

4. Sullivan, Christopher M., Cyanne Loyle and Christian Davenport. 2014. "The Northern Ireland Research Initiative: Data on the Troubles 1968-1998" *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 31(1): 94-106.

Suggested:

Additional Course Information

Student Mental Health and Wellbeing

University of Michigan is committed to advancing the mental health and wellbeing of its students. If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed, depressed, and/or in need of support, services are available.

For help, contact Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) at (734) 764-8312 and `https://caps.umich.edu/` during and after hours, on weekends and holidays, or through its counselors physically located in schools on both North and Central Campus.

You may also consult University Health Service (UHS) at (734) 764-8320 and `https://www.uhs.umich.edu/mentalhealthsvcs`, or for alcohol or drug concerns, see `www.uhs.umich.edu/aodresources`.

For a listing of other mental health resources available on and off campus, visit: `http://umich.edu/ mhealth/`.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

If you think you need an accommodation for a disability, please let me know at your earliest convenience. Some aspects of this course, the assignments, the in-class activities, and the way the course is usually taught may be modified to facilitate your participation and progress. As soon as you make me aware of your needs, we can work with the Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) office to help us determine appropriate academic accommodations. SSD (734-763-3000; `http://ssd.umich.edu`) typically recommends accommodations through a Verified Individualized Services and Accommodations (VISA) form. Any information you provide is private and confidential and will be treated as such.

Religious and Academic Conflicts

Although the University of Michigan, as an institution, does not observe religious holidays, it has long been the University's policy that every reasonable effort should be made to help students avoid negative academic consequences when their religious obligations conflict with academic requirements. Absence from classes or examinations for religious reasons does not relieve students from responsibility for any part of the course work required during the period of absence. Students who expect to miss classes, examinations, or other assignments as a consequence of their religious observance shall be provided with a reasonable alternative opportunity to complete such academic responsibilities.

It is the obligation of students to provide faculty with reasonable notice of the dates of religious holidays on which they will be absent. Such notice must be given by the drop/add deadline of the given term. Students who are absent on days of examinations or class assignments shall be offered an opportunity to make up the work, without penalty, unless it can be demonstrated that a make-up opportunity would interfere unreasonably with the delivery of the course. Should disagreement arise over any aspect of this policy, the parties involved should contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies/Director of Graduate Studies. Final appeals will be resolved by the Provost.

Students Representing the University of Michigan

There may be instances when students must miss class due to their commitment to officially represent the University. These students may be involved in the performing arts, scientific or artistic endeavors, or intercollegiate athletics. Absence from classes while representing the University does not relieve students from responsibility for any part of the course missed during the period of absence. Students should provide reasonable notice for dates of anticipated absences and submit an individualized class excuse form.

Academic Integrity

The LSA undergraduate academic community, like all communities, functions best when its members treat one another with honesty, fairness, respect, and trust. The College holds all members of its community to high standards of scholarship and integrity. To accomplish its mission of providing an optimal educational environment and developing leaders of society, the College promotes the assumption of personal responsibility and integrity and prohibits all forms of academic dishonesty and

misconduct. Academic dishonesty may be understood as any action or attempted action that may result in creating an unfair academic advantage for oneself or an unfair academic advantage or disadvantage for any other member or members of the academic community. Conduct, without regard to motive, that violates the academic integrity and ethical standards of the College community cannot be tolerated. The College seeks vigorously to achieve compliance with its community standards of academic integrity. Violations of the standards will not be tolerated and will result in serious consequences and disciplinary action.

Grade Grievances

If you believe a grade you have received is unfair or in error, you will need to do the following:
Wait 24 hours after receiving the grade before approaching your instructor. Provide an explanation in writing for why the grade you received was unfair or in error. If you believe the instructors response fails to address your claim of unfairness or error, you may petition the departments Director of Undergraduate Studies at the latest within the first five weeks of classes following the completion of the course. You must convey in writing the basis for the complaint, with specific evidence in support of the argument that the grade either was given in error or was unfairly determined. This formal complaint also should summarize the outcome of the initial inquiry to the course instructor, indicating which aspects are in dispute. Within three weeks of the receipt of the petition, the DUS will determine whether to convene the Undergraduate Affairs Committee, the student, and the instructor(s) for a formal hearing. Further details on this process are included on the department website under Advising $>$ Contesting a Grade.

Late Assignments

I will deduct one letter grade from an assignment for each week it is past due.

Resources for Harassment

Title IX makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender, including violence and harassment based on sexual orientation, are a Civil Rights offense subject to the same kinds of accountability and the same kinds of support applied to offenses against other protected categories such as race, national origin, etc. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you can find the appropriate resources here: www.bw.edu/resources/hr/harass/policy.pdf

Language and Gender

"Language is gender-inclusive and non-sexist when we use words that affirm and respect how people describe, express, and experience their gender. Just as sexist language excludes womens experiences, non-gender-inclusive language excludes the experiences of individuals whose identities may not fit the gender binary, and/or who may not identify with the sex they were assigned at birth. Identities including trans, intersex, and genderqueer reflect personal descriptions, expressions, and experiences. Gender-inclusive/non-sexist language acknowledges people of any gender (for example, first year student versus freshman, chair versus chairman, humankind versus mankind, etc.). It also affirms non-binary gender identifications, and recognizes the difference between biological sex and gender expression. Teachers and students should use gender-inclusive words and language whenever possible in the classroom and in writing. *Students, faculty, and staff may share their preferred pronouns and names, either to the class or privately to the professor, and these gender identities and gender expressions should be honored.*." For more information:
www.wstudies.pitt.edu/faculty/gender-inclusivenon-sexist-language-syllabi-statement.