ECON 33240.01. Economics of War and Peace
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Office Hours: M W, 10:30 to 11.30 AM, Tues 2:00 to 3.00 PM or by appointment
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Course description:
This course examines economic issues concerning war and peace, including new types of conflict such as civil wars and terrorism. It discusses:

- War, violence and conflict: definitions, measurement and types.
- Theoretical approaches to the analysis of conflict, emphasizing game theoretic and other methods.
- Economic and other causes of wars, focusing on economic imperialism, economic grievances, resources and environmental problems, poverty, underdevelopment and international issues including globalization.
- Economic and related consequences of wars, both for people in the regions, for their neighbors, and for the world as a whole.
- Economic measures for ending and preventing wars, and for maintaining peace.

Prerequisites:

Some background in economics and statistics is useful, but not essential.

Grading:
Since this is a writing intensive course, the course grade will be based on two papers. Each will contribute to 45% of the final course grade. One paper is due on November 1, and the other by the last class day. Each paper must be between 15 and 18 pages long. One paper must be on a general theme about economics and war, and the other must select a particular war and discuss the relevance of the some issues covered in the class (where appropriate) to that war (for instance, exploring causes, consequences or policies. Topics must be cleared with the instructor, and the student must show at least one draft of each paper to the instructor prior to the submission of the final draft. Students are required to present the papers in class. 10% of the grade will be based on class participation and paper presentations.

Course plan:
This is a rough guide to enable you to read ahead. We may not be able to adhere strictly to this plan.

Economics of War and Peace
25-Aug Introduction
30-Aug War
1-Sep Game theory
6-Sep Game theory
8-Sep Game theory
13-Sep Conflict theory
Readings:

Readings marked * refer to books on reserve; those with ** are selections available on electronic reserve; those with *** are readings available on concourse.

The main texts for this course are:


** SYLLABUS AND READING LIST **

I. WAR

II. GAME THEORY, COOPERATION AND CONFLICT


III. ECONOMIC CAUSES OF WAR

A. Non-economic and economic causes of wars


**B. Imperialism and the Military industrial complex**


C. Inequality, grievance and greed


D. Resources and the Environment


E. Poverty and Underdevelopment


F. Global issues


IV. THE WAR ECONOMY

A. Military Expenditures


B. Military Labor


C. Arms Trade


V. CONSEQUENCES OF WAR

A. Military spending, the economy and economic growth


** B. Economic consequences wars


C. Global issues


VI. ECONOMICS OF PEACE AND RECONSTRUCTION

A. Policies for peace


B. International issues


VII. SPECIAL TOPICS

A. Terrorism


** B. Nuclear and other Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation
