

Readings

Books (available at the GMU Bookstore):

Vamik Volkan, Bloodlines: From Ethnic Pride to Ethnic Terrorism
Peter Kivisto, Social Theory: Roots and Branches (2nd Edition).

Articles and Book Chapters (available, with full citations, through E-Reserve):

Arjun Appadurai, "Disjuncture and Difference in the Global Cultural Economy"
Kevin Avruch & Peter W. Black, "A Generic Theory of Conflict Resolution: A Critique"
Kevin Avruch & Peter W. Black, "The Culture Question and Conflict Resolution"
Peter W. Black, "Identities"
John W. Burton, Chapter 3 from Deviance, Terrorism, and War
J. Dougherty & R. Pfaltzgraff, Ch. 7 from Contending Theories of International Relations
Amitai Etzioni, "Basic Human Needs, Alienation, and Inauthenticity"
John Galtung, "Cultural Violence"
Ted Robert Gurr, Chapter 2 from Why Men Rebel
Samuel Huntington, "Clash of Civilization"
Stuart Kaufman, Chapter 2 from Modern Hatreds: The Symbolic Politics of Ethnic War
Michael T. Klare, "The New Geography of Conflict"
Roger N. Lancaster, "Skin Color, Race, and Racism in Nicaragua"
Ian F. Haney Lopez, "The Social Construction of Race"
John J. Mearsheimer and Stephen M. Walt, "An Unnecessary War"
Hans Morgenthau, Chapter 1 from Politics Among Nations
Richard E. Rubenstein, "Analyzing and Resolving Class Conflict"
Anthony Smith, "The Ethnic Sources of Nationalism"
Anita Taylor & J.B. Miller, "The Necessity of Seeing Gender in Conflict"

Course Program, Schedule, and Assignments

Week 1 (1/27): Course Orientation.

What is "doing theory?" Why bother doing it?

Week 2 (2/3): Rational Choice and Exchange Theory

Kivisto readings no. 46, 47, 48, 49.

Week 3 (2/10): Realism and Neo-Realism

Morgenthau, Chap.1; Huntington, "Clash of Civilizations"; Mearsheimer and Walt, "An Unnecessary War."

Week 4 (2/17): Social Functionalism

Kivisto readings no. 18, 30, 31, 34, 33

Week 5 (2/24): Aggression, Relative Deprivation, and Revolt

Gurr, chap. 2; Dougherty and Pfaltzgraf, ch. 7

Week 6 (3/3): Basic Human Needs and Deep Rooted Conflict

Burton, chap. 3; Kivisto reading no. 23, Etzioni, "Basic Human Needs, Alienation, and Inauthenticity"; Avruch & Black, "A Generic Theory of Conflict Resolution: A Critique"

Week 7 (3/10): Psychology and Intergroup Conflict

First Exam Distributed in Class

Volkan, Bloodlines.

Week 8 (3/17): Spring Break

Week 9 (3/24): Film – Battle of Algiers

First Exam Due at the Beginning of Class

Week 10 (3/31): Marx and Class Struggle

Kivisto readings no. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and Rubenstein "Analyzing and Resolving Class Conflict."

Week 11 (4/7): Culture, Ethnicity, and Identity Conflicts

Avruch & Black, "The Culture Question..."; Galtung, "Cultural Violence"; Black, "Identities"; Smith, "The Ethnic Sources of Nationalism"; Kaufman, chap. 2.

Week 12 (4/14): Race, Gender, and Conflict

Second Exam Distributed in Class

Kivisto readings no. 54, 51, 52; Lopez, "The Social Construction of Race"; Lancaster, "Skin Color, Race, and Racism in Nicaragua"; Taylor & Miller, "The Necessity of Seeing Gender in Conflict"

Week 13 (4/21): Modernization and Globalization

Kivisto readings no. 65, 67, 69; Appadurai, "Disjuncture and Difference in the Global Cultural Economy"; Klare, "The New Geography of Conflict."

Week 14 (4/28): Critical Theory

Kivisto readings no. 11, 35, 55, 56, 57

Second Exam Due at Beginning of Class

Week 15 (5/5): Postmodernism

Final Exam Distributed in Class

Kivisto readings no. 60, 61, 62

Final exam distributed; final exam due by 4:30 pm 5/12/04