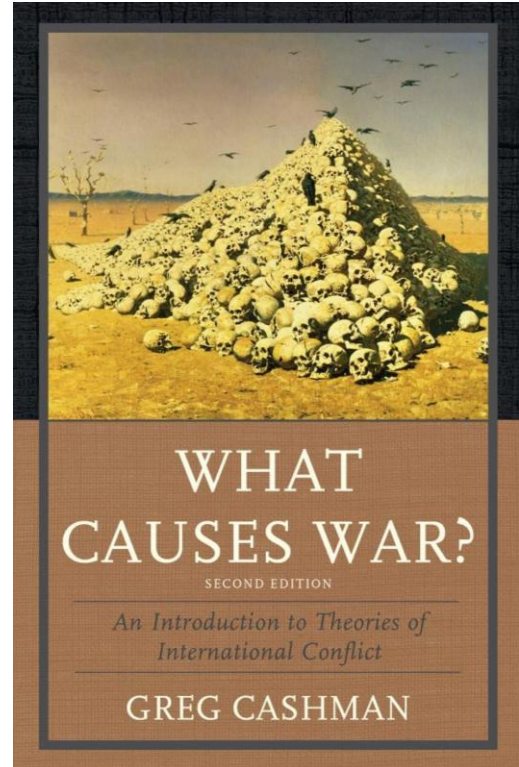


PO5013 – Conflict Analysis

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Aims and Objectives

This module undertakes a comprehensive review of the literature on armed conflict in the international and domestic arenas. Much of this literature is from the field of political science but this module also draws upon insights from other disciplines. Students analyse leading and critical theories of armed conflict, their variables, their causal claims, and, of central importance, their ability to explain contemporary and historical cases of conflict and predict possible future conflicts. This survey of the literature on this topic utilizes scholarship employing both qualitative and quantitative methodologies. This module is designed primarily for postgraduate students who seek to understand (and, though their own scholarship, contribute to) the literature on armed conflict.



Contents

Defining War and Other Forms of Armed Conflict; Levels of Analysis; Individual Level Theories of Armed Conflict; Group Level Theories of Armed Conflict; State Level Theories of Armed Conflict; Systemic Level Theories of Armed Conflict; Environmental Theories of Armed Conflict; Theories of Genocide and The Motivations for Humanitarian Interventions; The Future of Wars and Other Armed Conflicts

Core Readings

In order to keep up to date with developments in the study of conflict analysis, most of the module readings are drawn from academic journals.