This seminar will focus on a topic that has recently acquired considerable academic interest and international attention, the subject of peacebuilding. Long after the military struggle of a civil war has ended and a peace settlement has been negotiated (or imposed), there remains the difficult task of rebuilding the war-torn society. The purpose of this seminar is to explore what this term means; how peace is restored, by whom and for what ends; and the many obstacles that arise to slow down and in some cases to disrupt the peace process. Throughout the seminar we will apply theories of peacebuilding to real-world cases.

REQUIREMENTS

1. The success of any seminar depends on the willingness of students to participate in the weekly discussions. Marks (20%) will be awarded to students on the basis of their general participation in the seminars and their individual presentation/leadership of a week’s readings.

2. A critical review of one of the following books (2500 words), to be handed in by October 9, 2018 (30% of the final grade).

Chris Alden, Monika Thakur and Matthew Arnold, *Militias and the Challenges of Post-Conflict Peace: Silencing the Guns*

S. Autesserre, *The Trouble with the Congo: Local Violence and the Failure of International Peacebuilding*

__________, *Peaceland: Conflict Resolution and the Everyday Politics of International Intervention*


M.R. Berdal and A. Wennmann, *Ending Wars, Consolidating Peace: Economic Perspectives*

C. Call and V. Wyeth, *Building States to Build Peace*

Nicolas Coghlan, *Collapse of a Country: A Diplomat’s Memoir of South Sudan*

Paul Collier, *Wars, Guns, and Votes: Democracy in Dangerous Places*

Romeo Dallaire, *They Fight like Soldiers, They Die like Children*

Antonio Donini, Noral Niland and Karen Wermester, eds., *Nation-Building Unraveled? Aid, Peace and Justice in Afghanistan*

Mark Duffield, *Global Governance and the New Wars*

Craig Etcheson, *After the Killing Field*

Fen Osler Hampson, *Nurturing Peace: Why Peace Settlements Succeed or Fail*
K. Guttieri and J. Piombo, *Interim Governments: Institutional Bridges to Peace and Democracy?*
Jean Hatzfeld, *Machete Season: The Killers in Rwanda Speak*
Pamina Firchow and Harry Anastasiou, eds., *Practical Approaches to Peacebuilding: Putting Theory to Work*
A. Jarstad and T. D. Sisk, *From War to Democracy: Dilemmas of Peacebuilding*
Bruce Jones, *Peacemaking in Rwanda: The Dynamics of Failure.*
Tom Keating and Andy Knight, eds., *Building Sustainable Peace*
Michael Kelly and Catherine Baker, Interpreting the Peace: Peace Operations, Conflict and Language in Bosnia-Herzegovina
Elisabeth King, *From Classroom to Conflict in Rwanda*
John Paul Lederach, *Building Peace*
________________________, *The Moral Imagination: The Art and Soul of Building Peace*
Roy Licklider, ed., *Stopping the Killing: How Civil Wars End*
Desmond Molloy, *Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration: Theory and Practice*
Rama Mani, *Beyond Retribution: Seeking Justice in the Shadows of War*
Gearoid Millar, *An Ethnographic Approach to Peacebuilding: Understanding Local Experiences in Transitional States*
Desmond Molloy, *Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration*
Edward Newman and Albrecht Schnabel, eds., *Recovering from Civil Conflict: Reconciliation, Peace and Development*
Paula M. Pickering, *Peacebuilding in the Balkans: The View from the Ground Floor*
Elisabeth Porter, *Connecting Peace, Justice, and Reconciliation*
Michael Pugh, ed., *Regeneration of War-Torn Societies*
Michael Pugh and Neil Cooper, *War Economies in a Regional Context*
O.P. Richmond & J. Franks, *Liberal Peace Transitions: Between Statebuilding and Peacebuilding*
Richard Sandbrook, *Reinventing the Left in the Global South: The Politics of the Possible*
Lisa Schirch, *Ritual and Symbol in Peacebuilding*
Ian S. Spears, *Civil Wars in African States: the Search for Security*
M.D. Toft, *Securing Peace: The Durable Settlements of Civil Wars*
Craig Zelizer & Robert Rubinstein, *Building Peace: Political Reflections in the Field.*

3. A research paper on an individual civil war, focusing on its causes and consequences, and especially on the responses to the civil war. Papers should be 6000 words in length and handed in no later than the last class (April 3) (50%). The following list is not exclusive: Afghanistan, Angola, Cambodia, Colombia, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Iraq, Ireland, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Mali, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Syria, Uganda, Yugoslavia, Zaire (or Congo) and Zimbabwe.

**WEEKLY READINGS**
I. Introduction (September 11)

II. Peacebuilding: What is it? And why do we need it? (September 18)


Elizabeth Cousins and Chetan Kumar (2001), eds., *Peacebuilding as Politics* (Boulder; Lynne Rienner), pp. 5-16.


III. Components I - Security (September 25)


IV. Components II - Political Arrangements (October 2)


Terrence Lyons, “The Role of Post-Settlement Elections,” in Stephen Stedman, Donald Rothchild & Elizabeth Cousins, eds., *Ending Civil Wars*, Boulder: Lynne Rienner


V. Component III - Economic Development (October 9)


VI. Component IV - Justice and Reconciliation (October 16)


Ho-Won Jeong & Charles Lerche, “Reconciliation: Context and Consequences” in Approaches to Peacebuilding, edited by Ho-Wong Jeong.

Elisabeth King (2014), From Classroom to Conflict in Rwanda (Cambridge University Press), chapter 5.


VII. Peacebuilding: An Ideological Project? (October 23)

Amy Chua, World on Fire, Introduction and chapter 12.

Richard Sandbrook, Reinventing the Left in the Global South, chp. 2 (Alternative Visions: Leftist versus Neoliberal Paradigms)


VIII. Parties to Peacebuilding: The Role of the International Community (October 30)


IX. **Peacebuilding from the Bottom-Up: The Role of Civil Society** (November 13)


Swanee Hunt and Cristina Posa, “Women Waging Peace”, *Foreign Policy* (May/June 200


John Prendergast and Emily Plumb, “Building Local Capacity: From Implementation to Peacebuilding, in Stephen Stedman, D. Rothchild and Elizabeth Cousens, eds., *Ending Civil Wars*.

X. **The Regional Context** (November 20)


Gil Loescher, James Milner, Edward Newman, and Gary Troeller, “Protracted refugee


**XI. Case Study: Sudan** (November 27)


Nicolas Coghlan (2017), *Collapse of a Country: A Diplomat’s Memoir of South Sudan* Montreal, McGill-Queen’s University Press, pp. 245-52,


**XII. A Peacebuilding Strategy** (December 4)

Taisier Ali and Robert O. Matthews, “The Long and Difficult Road to Peace”, in Ali and Matthews, eds., *Durable Peace*


Francis Fukuyama, “Guidelines for Future Nation-Building” in Fukuyama, ed., *Nation Building: Beyond Afghanistan and Iraq*


Stephen Stedman, Donald Rothchild and Elizabeth Cousins, eds., *Ending Civil Wars*, chps. 2, 22.