

POLS 326, Spring 2008
POLITICS BY OTHER MEANS II
Citizens, Soldiers, Revolutionaries

Room 03, Tuesdays, 2:00—4:45 pm

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War, democracy and revolution, though distinct concepts, have interesting continuities, not least of which can be found in the human beings who are at once subjects and objects of these experiences: citizens, soldiers, revolutionaries, and permutations thereof. These words can connote either discrete events with lessons to be learnt, or realities that never seem to have either beginnings or ends, depending on where we find ourselves on the terrain of class, race, gender, nationality, power, ideology and various other inexorable accidents of time and space. This course continues the inquiry into the ways in which human beings create politics that was begun in *Politics by Other Means: Social Movements and Political Action*. It seeks to explore the materialities of the wars we fight: by placing the strategic and empirical realities of wars in a framework of the calls of duty, obligation, love and death, to which we respond. What is the relation between war and politics, and how has it changed over time? What and who makes a war a war? What can a state demand of whom, and why? How are these demands made and received? Is what is worth living for, also worth dying for, also worth killing for? Is it even possible to be a subject of something without being subject to something? Readings drawn from politics, history, philosophy, literature and media will take us through various questions into the relation between war, democracy and revolution, and in what ways the subjectivities of citizen, soldier, revolutionary, rebel, terrorist, freedom-fighter have come to be over history and across the globe. There are three broad aspects of the course. The first involves a review of the literature on war from many different perspectives. The second is the close study, individually or in small groups, of a named historical war from these different perspectives, holding archival research to questions raised by the readings and class discussion. The third aspect will be addressing a current conflict in the world.

REQUIRED TEXTS (all other readings are excerpted and available on e-reserve)

Dionne, et al. *United We Serve: National Service and the Future of Citizenship*. Brookings Press, 2003
Foran, John. *Theorizing Revolutions*. Routledge, 1997
Le Sueur, James D. and Pierre Bourdieu. *Uncivil War: Intellectuals and Identity Politics During the Decolonization of Algeria*, Second Edition, U. of Nebraska, 2005
Malraux, Andre. *Man's Fate*. Any edition
Malraux, Andre. *Man's Hope*. Any edition
Nussbaum, Martha. *For Love of Country*. Beacon, 2002

SUPPLEMENTARY AND REFERENCE TEXTS

Arena and Arrigo. *The Terrorist Identity*. NYU Press, 2006
Beitz, Charles. *Political Theory and International Relations*. Princeton U. Press, 1999
Bessel and Schumann. *Life After Death: Approaches to a Cultural and Social History of Europe During the 1940s and 1950s*. Cambridge U. Press, 2003
Caplow and Hicks. *Systems of War and Peace*. University Press of America, 2002
DeFronzo, James. *Revolutions and Revolutionary Movements*. Westview Press, 2007
Ehrenreich, Barbara. *Blood Rites: Origins and History of the Passions of War*. Owl, 1998

Feraoun, Mouloud and James D. Le Sueur. *Journal, 1955-1962: Reflections on the French-Algerian War*. Bison Books, 2000

Flint, Colin. *The Geography of War and Peace: From Death Camps to Diplomats*. Oxford U. Press, 2004

Foucault, Michel. *Society Must be Defended*. Picador, 2003

Gambone, John. *The Greatest Generation Comes Home: The Veteran in American Society*. Texas A&M University Press, 2005

Harbury, Jennifer. *Bridge of Courage*. Common Courage Press, 1995

Jabri, Vivienne. *War and the Transformation of Global Politics*. Palgrave, 2007

Jordan, William. *Black Newspapers and America's War for Democracy, 1914-1920*. Scholarly Book Services, 2002

Junger, Ernst. *Storm of Steel*. any ed.

Keegan, John. *The Book of War*. Penguin, 2000

Keegan, John. *The Face of Battle*. Any ed.

Mettler, Suzanne. *Soldiers to Citizens: The G.I. Bill and the Making of the Greatest Generation*. Oxford U. Press, 2007

Neiberg, Michael. *Making Citizen-Soldiers and the Ideology of American Military Service*. Harvard U. Press, 2001

Reid, Julian. *The Biopolitics of the War on Terror*. Manchester U. Press, 2007

Riley and Inayatullah. *Interrogating Imperialism: Conversations on Gender, Race, and War*. Palgrave-Macmillan, 2006

Scarry, Elaine. *The Body in Pain*

Turpin, Jennifer. *The Women and War Reader*. NYU Press, 1998

Wickham-Crowley, Timothy. *Guerrillas and Revolution in Latin America*. Princeton 1993

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- i. active, thoughtful, and substantive class participation; (10%)
- ii. proposal for war analysis projects 3 and 4
- iii. fortnightly critical response applying reading to contemporary issues (30%)
- iv. fortnightly report on a historical war or revolution along the lines suggested by weekly readings. Use the checklist from Caplow and Hicks and augment it over time as questions evolve. (30%)
- v. final projects: compilation, with concluding analysis and statement, of 3 & 4. (20%)
- vi. Formal, oral presentation of one supplementary text, and written report. (10%)

CLASS SCHEDULE

The readings below are from the required texts that must be procured, or, if marked with an asterisk, are available on e-reserve.

Week I—22 January: Introduction

*Thucydides. "The Funeral Oration" and "The Melian Dialogue" from *History of the Peloponnesian War*

*Lincoln, Abraham. "Gettysburg Address"

*Ehrenreich, Barbara. *Blood Rites*, Chapter 1

Week II—29 January: Approaches to War I

*Caplow and Hicks. *Systems of War and Peace*. pp. 1-62

*Brodie, Bernard. Selection from *War and Politics*

*Keegan, John "The Somme," from *The Face of Battle*

*Beitz, Charles. Selection from *Political Theory and International Relations*

Supplementary Text

Ehrenreich, Barbara. *Blood Rites*

Week III—5 February: Approaches to War II

*Jabri, Vivienne. Selection from *War and the Transformation of Global Politics*

*Held, David et al., "The Expanding Reach of Organized Violence" in *Global Transformations*

*Black, Jeremy. "Geographies of War" from Flint. *The Geography of War and Peace*

*Tilly, Charles. "War Making and State Making as Organized Crime" from Evans, Rueschmeyer & Skocpol eds.. *Bringing the State Back In*

Supplementary Texts

Jabri, Vivienne. *War and the Transformation of Global Politics*

Week IV—12 February: Citizens as Soldiers, Soldiers as Citizens

Nussbaum, Martha. Selections from *For Love of Country*.

*Kerber, Linda. "May all our Citizens be Soldiers, and all our Soldiers Citizens': The Ambiguities of Female Citizenship in the New Nation" in Challinor and Beisma eds. *Arms at Rest*, 1987

*Cohen, Eliot. "Twilight of the Citizen-Soldier"

*Bickersteth, J.B. "Soldiers and Citizens," *The Public Opinion Quarterly*, Vol. 8, No. 1 (Spring, 1944), pp. 10-16

Dionne, et al. Selections from *United We Serve*

Supplementary Texts

Dionne, et al. *United We Serve*

Nussbaum, Martha. *For Love of Country*

Week V—19 February: Creating Citizens, Creating Soldiers

*Neiberg, Michael. *Making Citizen-Soldiers*. pp. 1-31

*Mettler, Suzanne. *Soldiers to Citizens*. pp. 1-40

*Bergner, Daniel. "The Other Army"

Dionne, et al. Selection from *United We Serve*

*The VMI Decision

Case: US Military Schools (group A)

Private Militias (group B)

Supplementary Texts

Neiberg, Michael. *Making Citizen-Soldiers*

Mettler, Suzanne. *Soldiers to Citizens*

WINTER BREAK

Week VI—4 March: Wars Within and Without I

- *Stump, Roger. "Religion and the Geographies of War"
 - * van Melis, Damian. "Strengthened and Purified by Ordeal of Fire"
 - *Bourke, Joanna. "'Going Home'—Personal Adjustment of American and British Servicemen"
 - * Herzog, Dagmar. "Desperately Seeking Normality"
 - *Dowler, Lorraine. "Amazonian Landscapes"
 - *Katznelson, Ira. Selection from *When Affirmative Action Was White*
- Film, *Don't Wave at the WAC*

Case: Jessica Lynch (internet materials) [group A]

Supplementary Text

Foucault, Michel. Selection from *Society Must be Defended*

Week VII—11 March: Wars Within and Without II

- *Bessel and Schumann. "Violence, Normality and the Construction of Postwar Europe"
- *Forster and Beck. "Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and WWII"
- *Williams, Patricia. "Death and Discourse"
- * Sloyan, Patrick. "War Without Death"
- *Cohen, Carol. "Sex and Death in the Rational World of Defense Intellectuals"

Case: *Veterans and Homicide (contents of named subfolder on e-reserve) [group B]

Supplementary Text

Gambone, John. *The Greatest Generation Comes Home*

Week VIII—25 March: Wars with a Twist

- *Dijkink, Gertjan. "Soldiers and Nationalism"
- *Korstad and Leloudis, "Citizen Soldiers: The North Carolina Volunteers and the War on Poverty"
- *Lenin, V.I. "War and Revolution"
- *Kracauer, Siegfried. "Caligari"
- *Juenger, Ernst, "Total Mobilization" and other excerpts (see subfolder on e-reserves)
- *Presner, Todd. "The End of Sex and the Last Man"
- *"Ernst Juenger and the First World War: History and the Crisis of Theory and Language"
- *Scarry, Elaine. Selection from *The Body in Pain*

Supplementary Text

Scarry, Elaine. *The Body in Pain*

Week IX—18 March: Wars Producing Cultures Producing War

- *O'Loughlin, John. "The Political Geography of Conflict"
- *Jordan, William. *Black Newspapers and America's War for Democracy*, pp. 1-9, 134-162, 163-178
- *The cultural world of the Spanish Civil War—research/readings (check subfolder on e-reserves page)

SPRING BREAK

Week X—8 April: War or Revolution?

Malraux. *Man's Fate* (group A)

Malraux. *Man's Hope* (group B)

Foran, John. *Theorizing Revolutions* (selections TBA)

Supplementary Text

Negri and Hardt, "War" from *Multitude*

Week XI—15 April: Colonialism and Bulimia

Foran, John. *Theorizing Revolutions* (selections TBA)

Le Sueur. *Uncivil War* (selections TBA)

Film, *Battle of Algiers*

Feraoun, Mouloud. *Journals* (selections TBA)

Supplementary Text

Riley & Inayatullah. *Interrogating Imperialism*

Week XII—22 April: Them Terrorists

*Arena and Arrigo. Selections from *The Terrorist Identity*

Supplementary Text

Seigel, Jerrold. *The Mind of the Terrorist*

Week XIII—29 April: Guerrilla Movements

*Gott, Richard. "Appendices" from *Guerrilla Movements in Latin America*

*Wickham-Crowley, Timothy. *Guerrillas and Revolutions in Latin America*, Chs. 1-3

Supplementary Text

Harbury, Jennifer. *Bridge of Courage*

Week XIV—6 May: Bringing it Home

Presentations

Responses to: Zizek, Slavoj. *Iraq, the Borrowed Kettle* (group A) 0

Reid, Julian. *The Biopolitics of the War on Terror* (group B)

FINAL PAPERS DUE—Wednesday, 14 May