

# Final Paper Proposal Guidelines

## War & Power in International Politics

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### 1 Introduction

Students are expected, before they write their final paper, to submit a research paper proposal. This proposal will be no less than 2 pages in length (double space, 12pt font, 1 inch margins, Times New Roman). Include a separate page for citations (see citation style below). Base your proposal on the following:

- Discuss the research question that drives your paper.
- Discuss the specific case you are using as a way to evaluate some of the theoretical arguments we will explore in the class.
- Discuss where the case in your paper fits in the literature you have read for this class. What is your contribution to the existing literature?
- Discuss the broader merit of this research project—why is this paper topic important? It's *important* to know why your research paper is *important*. If you can't answer this question, the paper will be hard to write (I know this from experience).

Students will be notified if the paper topic they have chosen is appropriate by January 14<sup>th</sup>. I will respond with comments and advice.

### 2 Paper Topics

Since the duration of this course is short, please contact me early if you have any questions about a paper topic that you may want to explore.

## 3 Citations

Students will be expected to cite sources when taking material from other readings. Plagiarism will receive severe punishments, and will result in *at least* a grade of **0** for the paper, if not worse (see the syllabus). You will be expected to use in-text citations and have a reference page that follows the style described below. I will give examples for articles, books, and chapters in what follows (please ask me for further citation styles if necessary):

### 3.1 In-Text Citation

- **Article:** (Fearon 1995) or Fearon (1995)
- **Book:** (Powell 1999) or Powell (1999)
- **Chapter in Edited Book:** (Frieden & Lake 2000) or Frieden & Lake (2000)

## References

Fearon, James D. 1995. "Rationalist Explanations for War." *International Organization* 49:379–414.

Frieden, Jeffrey A. & David A. Lake. 2000. "Introduction: International Politics and International Economics." In *International Political Economy: Perspectives on Global Power*, ed. Jeffrey A. Frieden & David A. Lake. 4th ed. New York: W.W. Norton and Company Chapter 1, pp. 1–16.

Powell, Robert. 1999. *In the Shadow of Power: States and Strategies in International Politics*. Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press.