GOVT 731-001
Revolutions
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PREVIEW

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           (Many more articles and other readings will also be assigned)

Overview: This seminar discusses different theories about the causes of revolution, reviews different types of revolution, examines the international relations of revolution, and discusses other aspects of contemporary revolution.

Course Requirements:

Students are required to arrive to attend all class sessions, and to arrive on time.

Students are expected to have read the assigned readings before the start of each class session, and be prepared to discuss them.

All students must write four short paper (5-10 pages) assignments  [PROVISIONAL—EXACT ASSIGNMENTS MAY CHANGE]

1) Write an analysis and critique of Goodwin, No Other Way Out.
2) Write an analysis and critique of Foran, Taking Power.
3) Read Katz, Revolution: International Dimensions, parts I-IV. Referring to some of the readings in this book, write a paper analyzing the international relations of any ongoing revolutionary situation.
4) Write an analysis and critique of Barany, How Armies Respond to Revolutions and Why.

Ph.D. students must write and present in class a research paper (20-25 pages, plus notes) applying one or more of the concepts studied in this course to one or more cases of contemporary revolution.

All non-Ph.D. students must write a short paper (5-10) pages analyzing the prospects for revolution in any country of their choice OR discussing American foreign policy options toward any revolutionary situation or revolutionary regime of their choice.

All Ph.D. students must undertake this assignment in addition to the four short papers listed above. Other students may undertake this assignment, with permission from the professor, in lieu of one of these four papers.

Grading:

Non-Ph.D. Students--
Class participation: 20%
Four short papers: 80% (20% each)

Ph.D. Students—
Class participation: 20%
Four short papers: 60% (15% each)
Research paper: 20%