

Introduction

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War, peace, and political violence

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Is Russia Committing Genocide in Ukraine?

Ukrainian Prosecutor General Andriy Kostin says there is growing evidence of genocide being committed by Russian forces.

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European Parliament declares Russia to be a state sponsor of terrorism

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Course logistics

- Lecture (Thu)
 - Main concepts and debates
 - Reading not mandatory
- Seminar (Fri)
 - We'll discuss a lighter reading (*mandatory*)
 - Group presentation
- All readings in *Aula Global*
- All slides in franvillamil.github.io/wp_polvio/

Evaluation

- Attendance & participation in seminars (10%)
- Presentation (15%)
- Reading memos (15%)
- Final exam (60%): 2 options

Group presentation

- Groups of 3-4 people
- Choose a week of the course (first come, first served) and choose a related topic (ask me)
- 15-minute presentation
- Last week: extra presentations with penalty

Reading memos

- Half-page comment on the seminar readings (no summary)
- Up to three, choose any week except the ones you present on
- Send it by email (or hand it in) **before class** on Fridays

Two options for the final exam

1. Take-home exam, 24h to complete it

2 open questions, one short and one long (500 and 1000 words max)

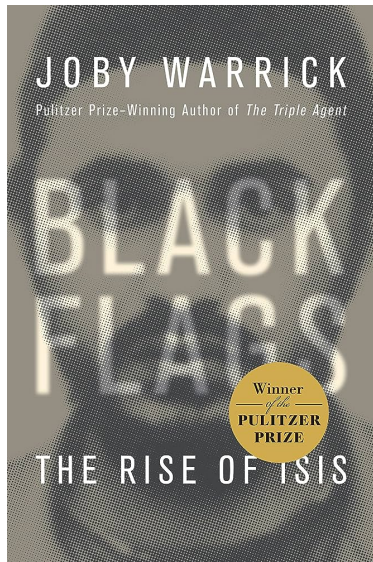
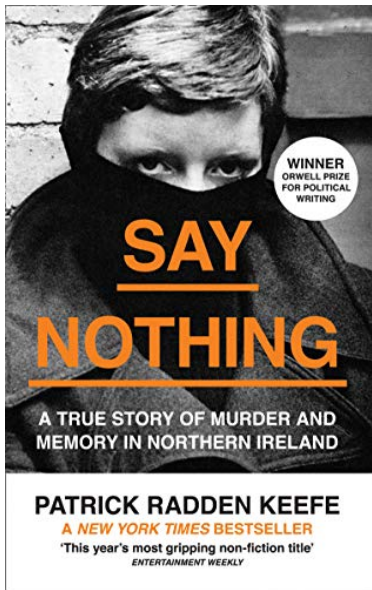
2. Read a book and write a review

Max 2,500 words, due on exam day

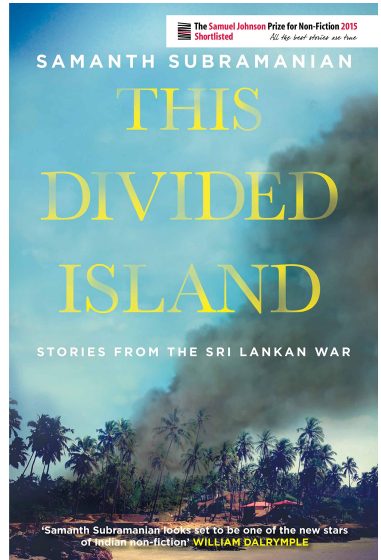
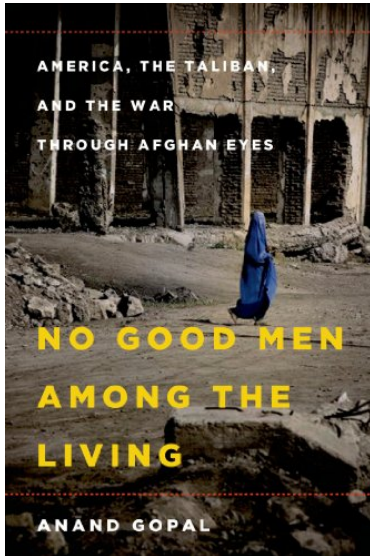
Not a summary, but a commentary linking it to what we discussed in class (including readings)

A few pre-approved options

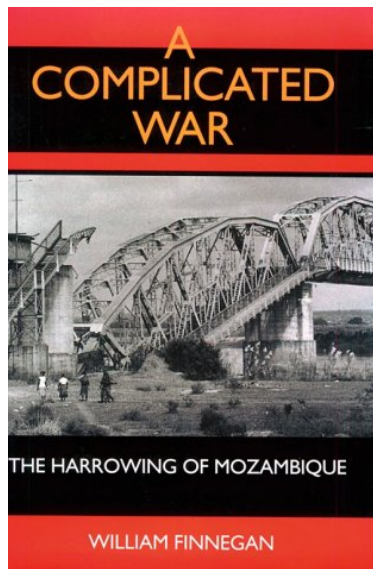
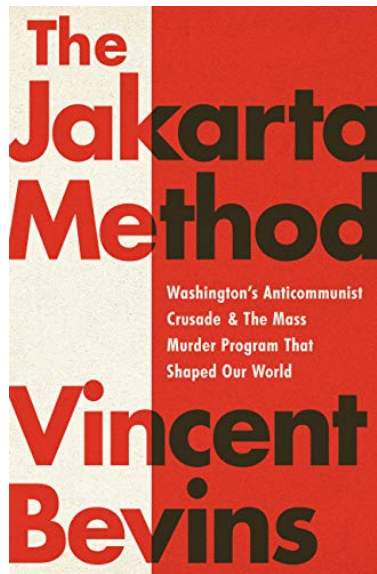
Book review ideas



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- **No class tomorrow (Sept 8)**
 - use the time to form groups and choose week
- Questions?