

# IR and political violence

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War, peace, and political violence

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# Why did WWII break out?

DAILY HERALD, September 4, 1939.

**ON YOUR FEET FOR HOURS?**  
Then Don't Forget That  
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# Daily Herald

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No. 7349

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1939

ONE PENNY

# WAR DECLARED BY BRITAIN AND FRANCE

*We Have Resolved To Finish It*—PRIME MINISTER

**G**REAT BRITAIN DECLARED WAR ON GERMANY AT 11 O'CLOCK YESTERDAY MORNING.

Six hours later, at 5 p.m., France declared war.

Britain's resolution to defend Poland against Nazi aggression was described by the newly-formed Ministry of Information in one of its first announcements, as follows:—

"At 11.15 this morning (Sunday) Mr. R. Dunbar, Head of the Treaty Department of the Foreign Office, went to the German Embassy, where he was received by Dr. Kordt, the Charge d'Affaires.

"Mr. Dunbar handed to Dr. Kordt a notification that a state of war existed between Great Britain and Germany as from 11 o'clock, B.S.T. this morning. This notification constituted the formal declaration of war."

**WAR CABINET OF**

**Unthinkable We Should Refuse The Challenge**

—THE KING

Broadcasting last evening from his study at Buckingham Palace, the King said:—  
"In this grave hour, perhaps the most fateful in our history, I need to every household of my people, both at home and overseas, this message, spoken with the same depth of feeling for each one of you as if I were able to cross your threshold and speak to you myself.  
On the evening then in the face of most of us we are at war.  
Over and over again we have tried to find a peaceful

**POLES SMASH WAY INTO E. PRUSSIA**

OFFICIALS in Warsaw stated late last night that the Polish army has smashed a way across the Northern border into East Prussia, after driving the Germans from several Polish towns in bitter fighting.

On the Northern Front the Poles are reported to have defeated the German effort to drive a barrier across the upper part of the Corridor. The Germans fell back behind their frontiers.

The Poles say they have broken through the German fortifications as far as the railway terminus of Deutsch Eylau.

One of the most important towns mentioned is stated to be Elzmann. Dispatches from the front state that furious fighting is going on at Choszczowa and Kaliszewo. German reports that they have captured Choszczowa are denied.

Warsaw was again raided yesterday by German aircraft.  
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**London Hears Its First Raid Warning**

LONDON was calm yesterday when it heard its first air raid warning.

This is the official statement issued by the Air Ministry:—  
At 11.20 a.m. yesterday an alarm was observed approaching the South Coast.  
As its identity could not be readily determined an air-raid warning was

**BLACK-OUT TIME TO-NIGHT-7.40**

# What is international relations?

- Explaining **cooperation** and **conflict** between states
- Traditionally, focus on **war**
- Why war and not other phenomena?

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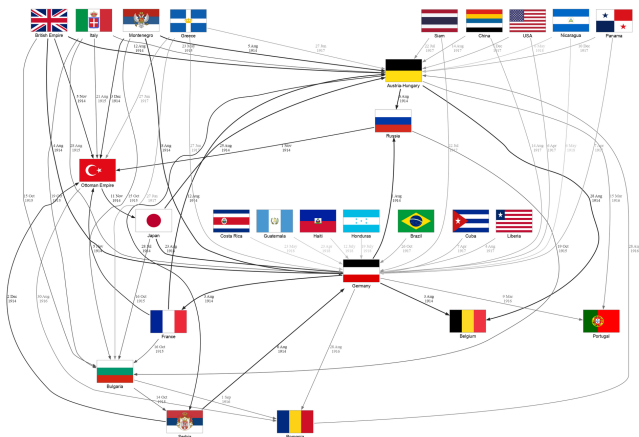
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 NATIONS STRUGGLE TO REMEMBER ALLIES



**DECLARATION OF AMERICAN NEUTRALITY**  
 The President has issued a proclamation of neutrality, forbidding the sale of arms and munitions to either of the warring nations. This is a significant step in the United States' policy of remaining neutral while supporting its allies.

**AREA DRUNKARD DECLARES WAR ON IRELAND**  
 A humorous reference to the political situation in Ireland, where various factions were vying for power.

**ALL-BOUSE FEELS FALL IN AS ALLIES**  
 A pun on the word 'bottle' and 'bottle up', referring to the military and political actions of the Allies.

**THE UNITED STATES**  
 The United States has declared war on Germany, following the sinking of the Lusitania and the unrestricted submarine warfare. This marks the entry of the United States into World War I.

**THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE**  
 The Ottoman Empire has declared war on the Allies, joining the Central Powers. This decision was influenced by the German ambassador in Constantinople.

**THE BALKAN STATES**  
 The Balkan states, including Serbia, Montenegro, and Bulgaria, have been drawn into the conflict. Serbia's refusal to accept German demands led to the outbreak of war.

**THE MIDDLE EAST**  
 The conflict has spread to the Middle East, with the Ottoman Empire fighting against the British and French forces.

**THE PACIFIC OCEAN**  
 The war has also reached the Pacific, with Japan declaring war on Germany and the United States.



# Why the focus on war?

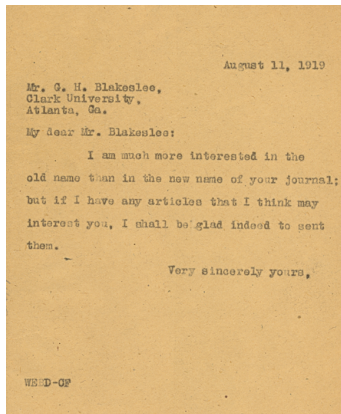
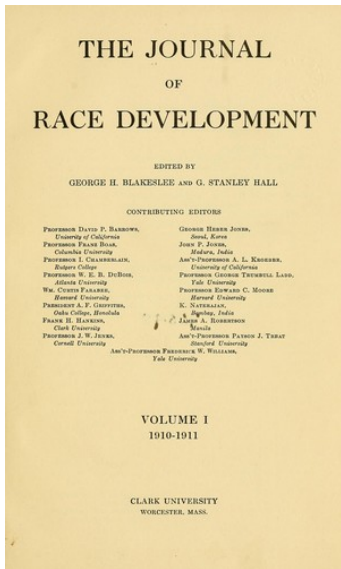


First meeting of the League of Nations, 1920

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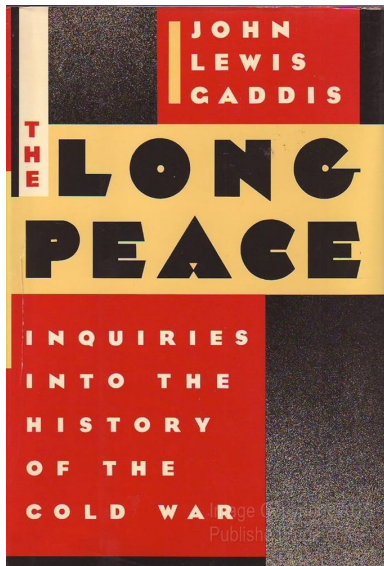
- Efforts to achieve peace in Europe, role of Germany, etc
- IR before WWI: focus on colonialism and race, and on international law
- After the war, more interest and more funding for IR
  - **1919**, Paris Peace Conference and the IR institute and the first IR dept in Aber
  - Goal of IR: create peace after the Great War through the scientific study of the relationships between nations

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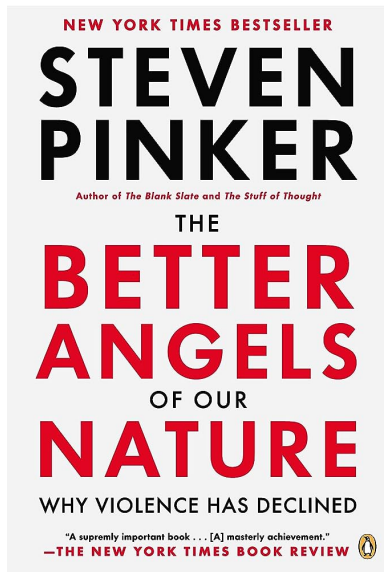
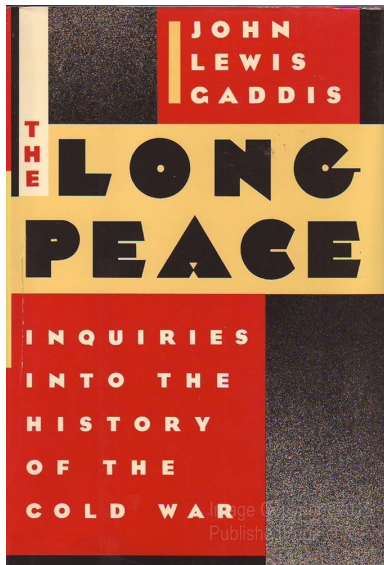


Letter by WEBB DuBois after it changed its name (would later become *Foreign Affairs*)

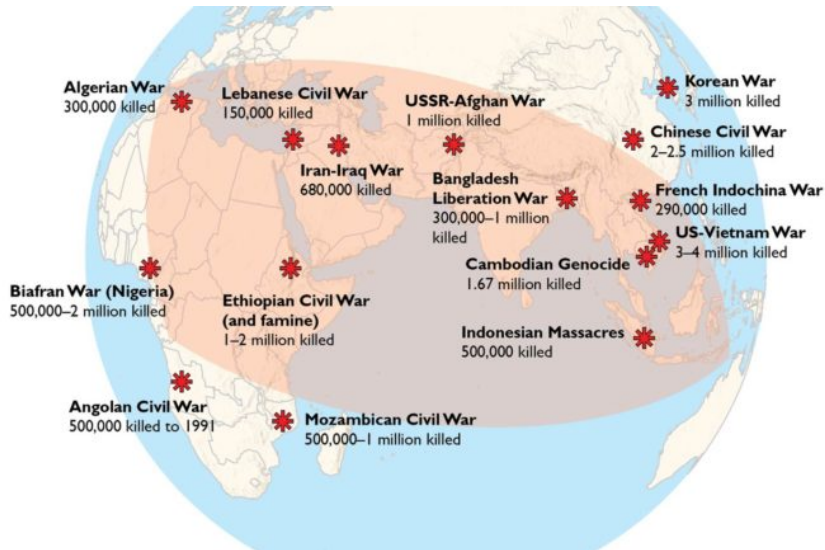
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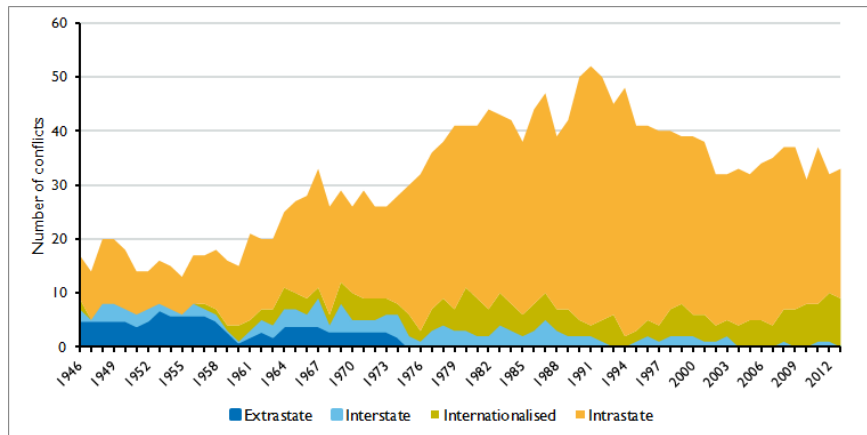
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- Again, usually applied to wars but can also explain many other things, e.g.
  - European integration
  - Spread of Human Rights
- And actually some are better suited for this things

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- Classics: think Machiavelli's Prince (also Thucydides, Hobbes)
- More modern ones: E. H. Carr, Morgenthau (*animus dominandi*), Niebuhr (*sinful nature*), etc

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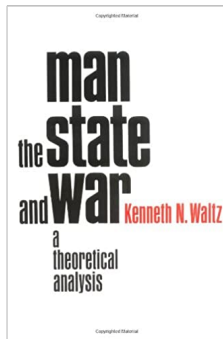
- Also called **liberal idealism**
- Basic idea is that war is **not inevitable** as long as liberal political principles are also present in the international system
- Explains the League of Nations, but also Wilson's Fourteen Points
  - open int'l treaties, open trade, settle colonial struggles, association of nation-states...



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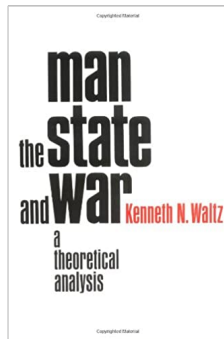
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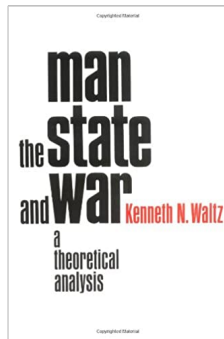
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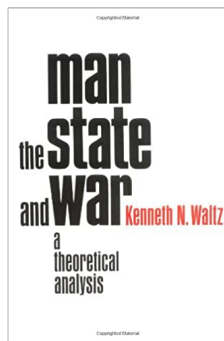


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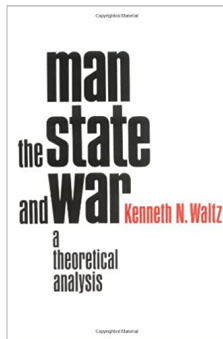
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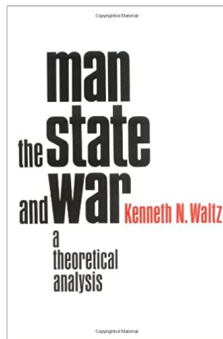
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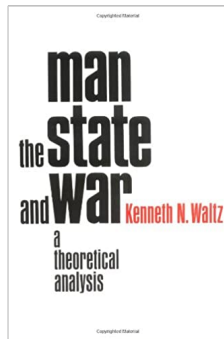
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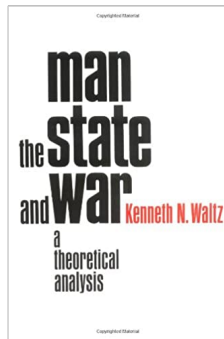
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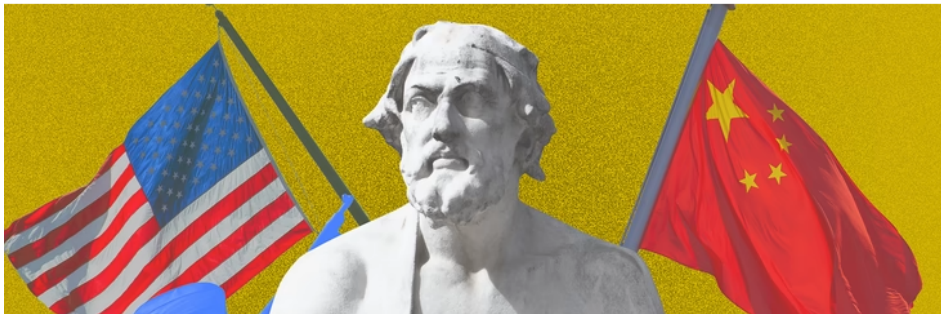
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- Others, such as **feminist** or **psychological** IR theories

# The Thucydides Trap: Are the U.S. and China Headed for War?

In 12 of 16 past cases in which a rising power has confronted a ruling power, the result has been bloodshed.

By Graham Allison



# European integration and consequences?



# International Human Rights?



Ríos Montt during trial

# Difference between IR and comparative politics

- Comparative politics and IR studying similar topics
- Just different perspectives, often overlapped
- Example of **democratization**
  - Evolution of Polity IV across time
- IR and different types of political violence



# Political violence more generally

	Target: State	Target: Non-State
Perpetrator: State	Interstate war	State repression Genocide Ethnic cleansing
Perpetrator: Non-State	Organized crime Mass protests (rebellion) Military coup Political assassination* Civil War Terrorism	Intercommunal violence