

# PhD lecture series in advanced macroeconomics in Post-Keynesian, institutionalist, and Marxian political economy

## Political Economy of Conflict

Queen Anne Building Room 020, University of Greenwich

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### Course outline:

This course aims to examine the socioeconomic reasons behind conflict and conflict's impact on economic development. We will first discuss which countries are more likely to experience armed conflict/civil war. We will investigate the political tensions that might be created by ethnic diversity and abundance of natural resources. Next, we will discuss the socioeconomic consequences of civil war/armed conflict. We will focus on civil war/armed conflict's effect on growth, education, health and public infrastructure. Possible positive effects of civil war/armed conflict will also be discussed in this section.

The last section of the lecture will be on revolutions and military interventions. We first will discuss the economic conditions that might have led to revolutions (and counter-revolutions) and the possible impact of class conflict on revolutions. Last, we will examine the imperialist interventions in the developing economies. Economic consequences of coups backed by imperialist states will be discussed.

### Suggested readings:

Acemoglu, D., & Robinson, J. A. (2000). Why did the West extend the franchise? Democracy, inequality, and growth in historical perspective. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 115(4), 1167-1199.

Berger, D., Easterly, W., Nunn, N., & Satyanath, S. (2013). Commercial imperialism? Political influence and trade during the Cold War. *American Economic Review*, 103(2), 863-896.

Buvinic, M., Gupta, M. D., & Shemyakina, O. (2014). Armed conflict, gender and schooling. *World Bank Economic Review*, 28(02), 311-319.

Collier, P., Elliot, V. L., Heger, H., Hoeffler, A., Reynal-Querol, M. and Sambanis, N. (2003). *Breaking the Conflict Trap: Civil War and Development Policy*. Washington, DC: World Bank and Oxford University Press. Chapters 1-2

Available at:

<https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/bitstream/handle/10986/13938/567930PUB0br ea10Box353739B01PUBLIC1.pdf>

Collier, P., & Hoeffler, A. (2004). Greed and grievance in civil war. *Oxford Economic Papers*, 56(4), 563-595.

Available at:

<https://www.econ.nyu.edu/user/debraj/Courses/Readings/CollierHoeffler.pdf>

Collier, P. (2008). *The bottom billion: Why the poorest countries are failing and what can be done about it*. Oxford University Press, USA. Chapter 2

Dube, A., Kaplan, E., & Naidu, S. (2011). Coups, corporations, and classified information. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 126(3), 1375-1409. (Main text + Online appendix)

Easterly, W., & Levine, R. (1997). Africa's growth tragedy: policies and ethnic divisions. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 112(4), 1203-1250.

Moore, B. (1966). *Social origins of democracy and dictatorship*. Boston: Beacon. Chapters 1-3.

Oyvat, C., & Tekgüç, H. (2017). Double squeeze on educational development: land inequality and ethnic conflict in Southeastern Turkey. *Greenwich Papers in Political Economy* No. 49

Available at:

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