Political violence varies in origins, form, and scale. It ranges from assassination and suicide-delivered massacre to civil war, state-led repression, genocide, and inter-state aggression. This course explores the problem of political violence from a theoretical perspective but also pays close attention to the Latin American experience.

The course is organized logically and thematically. Part I introduces the relevant working concepts. Part II surveys various types of violence and their political dimension. Part III examines the origins and production of violence in Latin America.

Students are expected to keep up with the assigned readings as lectures proceed. Both the mid-term and final assignments will be take-home exams. The mid-term accounts for 40% of the grade, the final exam for the remainder.

Session 1: INTRODUCTION, HOUSEKEEPING
No assigned readings

I. WORKING CONCEPTS

OVERVIEW

COLLECTIVE ACTION
Sessions 3, 4, 5.

REVOLUTION
Sessions 6, 7, 8.

CIVIL WAR
Sessions 9, 10, 11, 12.
-- Stathis Kalyvas, “The Ontology of Political Violence: Action and Identity in Civil Wars,” 1:3 (September 2003), 475-486. ******* KEEP?

ETHNICITY, NATIONALISM, THE OTHER
Sessions 13,14

STATE-MAKING
Sessions 15, 16.

III. LATIN AMERICA

Sessions 17-20.


-- Fernando Lopez-Alves, *State Formation and Democracy in Latin America*, 15-139.

**Session 21-24.**


**Session 25: Conclusion**