

WAR



Discussion

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- If you want peace, understand war
- Definitions of war
 - Wright: Violent contact of distinct but similar entities
 - Clausewitz: Act of force intended to compel our enemy to do our will
 - Bull: Organized violence carried on by political units against each other

War and the state

- Integrally connected
 - War has organizing effects even as it creates disorder
 - War makes states, and states make war
 - Modern nation state arose out of war

Evolution of War

- Napoleon: Harnessed the French masses to war
- Modern war: Industrialized, nationalistic, and rules
 - Jus ad bellum
 - Jus in bello

Post-Modern war

- Decline in national identity
- Weakening of the state
- Increased role of media
- Outsourcing of war
- Post-heroic warfare
- Revolution in Military Affairs
- Covert action*

Discussion

- Do you agree: “if you want peace, understand war”?

New Wars

- End of Cold War = outbreak of violence
- Processes of integration and fragmentation, homogenization and diversification, globalization and localization create pressures in society
- Struggle for control of the state
- Breakdown in class and ideology
- Sub-state rather than interstate

IR Theory and War

- (Neo)Realism: War is perpetual
 - Neoliberalism: War is constant, but there are ways to reduce it
 - Liberalism: War can be eliminated
 - Marxism: Capitalism causes war
 - Constructivism: Nothing inevitable about war
 - Standpoint Feminism: War is a product of male domination
 - Liberal Feminism: Women excluded from the centres of power
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