

**Geog 4712**  
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**Recitation 15**

**Kolstoe – Quasi-states**

What are the differences between a “failed state” and a “quasi-state”?

Where absolutely (geography) and relatively (in international relations terms) are quasi-states found?

What factors in a quasi-state are conducive to criminality?

What is the preferred solution (according to Kolstoe) of the international community for the quasistates?

Why have most quasi-states established about 1990-1992 not collapsed? (p. 729 ff)

**O'Loughlin:**

What are the two big developments and one corollary in the post Cold War conflict scene?

Define the "garrison state" (Lasswell)

Define the "Bush Doctrine"

In the debate about civil wars, which of the main explanations (greed – economic or grievance – ethnic) has more statistical supporting evidence?

What are the special problems of states with two large ethnic groups? Why are wars here so intractable?

Examples of these states.

What is the primordialist version of nationalism?

What are the complicated connections between natural resources and the occurrence of civil wars?

What is a "failed state?"

What is the connection between state failure and US military intervention?

Two myths: democracies are not more peaceful and Islamic states are not more warlike.

What are the trends in rich (OECD) and non-OECD countries in the probability of armed conflict?

What does figure 5.2 show? What is the major conclusion from it?

What is the Powell Doctrine?

What are the Jacksonian, Wilsonian, Jeffersonian and Hamiltonian traditions in American foreign policy?

Why is the Bush Doctrine firmly in the Jacksonian tradition?

Explain the Kagan contrast of Europe and the US global visions

Does the Shaw argument about the asymmetry of war casualties due to “risk-transfer war technologies” hold for the current Iraq war? (remember it was developed before March 2003).

What explains the map on Fig. 5.4 of US cooperation and conflict in the 1990s? Any obvious trends?

Updated Mackinder maxim:

“Whoever rules the Persian Gulf/Caspian sea region commands the world’s oil

Whoever rules the world’s oil commands the world economy

Whoever rules the world economy commands the world” - true or false?