

Week 16 Concepts:

O'Loughlin – “The political geography of conflict”

Preponderance of civil war (compared to interstate war) in number and devastation

2 developments and 1 corollary

Preemption clause of the National Security Strategy document

Role of ethnicity in causing civil wars – not as simple as it looks

Role of poverty in causing civil wars – how to break the cycle?

Role of the presence of natural resources in causing civil war

Role of physical geography (terrain) in causing civil war

Role of democracy – is the Kantian peace hypothesis accurate?

Role of religion – is Islam more warlike?

Trendlines for conflict in OECD and nonOECD countries

Geographic concentrations of conflict 1946-2001 (and UN HDI correlation)

US military spending trends (compared to other countries)

The Jacksonian tradition in US foreign policy

Kagan's "Hobbesian and Kantian" model for the US and Europe

"risk-transfer war" – have events in Iraq since March 2003 undermined the argument?

US cooperation and conflict in the 1990s – is the attempt to "close the gap" (Barnett) evident?

Is the US an "empire"? If yes, by design, invitation, accident or largesse?