

POLS 440 CURRENT ISSUES IN WORLD POLITICS
Global Politics of Technology, Security, War
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Overview

How do new technologies re-cast international politics, ethics and laws of war and insecurity? How do they intersect/overlap with politics of gender, race and class? Could drone warfare be considered more humane? What challenges does war in space and/or cyberspace pose for international law? How does biometrics redefine politics of borders and politics of security? In this course, we will gapple with questions such as these (among others) and study the interactions between technology, war and (in)security in international politics. We will explore the international political, ethical, legal challenges new technologies pose and how these challenges might be addressed, resolved, overturned.

Grading

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| Attendance and Participation | % 5 |
| Three Reading Quizzes (5 pts each) | % 15 |
| Mid Term Exam | % 35 |
| Final Exam | % 45 |

Attendance, Participation

All students are expected to attend the lectures and actively participate. Cameras are expected to be open at all times during the lectures. Three days of unjustified absences will amount to an F from this course.

Reading Quizzes

There will be short reading quizzes conducted during class hours. They will be open book and will comprise questions that require short responses. Optional readings will not be included in the quizzes.

Weekly Schedule

Week 1: Technology in World Politics: Introduction
Week 2: IT and IR
Week 3: Technology and Geopolitics
Week 4: Revolution in Military Affairs
Week 5: Global Capital, Infrastructers, Logistics
Week 6: AI Capitalism, CyberProletariat
Week 7: Biometrics, Borders, Algorithmic Subjects of Security
Week 8: Data's Empire: PostColonial Data Politics
Week 9: Cybersecurity, Governing Cyberspace
Week 10: International Law and Human Rights in the Age of AI
Week 11: Digital Humanitarianism
Week 12: Cloud Ethics