

## POLS303033 Environment, Human Security, and Conflict

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### WEEK 7 WORKSHOP, 2022

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#### *Logistical notes*

#### **Mid-semester feedback**

Thank you for providing feedback to both my survey and the course representatives. Your answers to my survey were heartening, reassuring, and helpful for the second half of the semester.

#### **Literature reviews**

I am still marking the last few essays before turning to marking the combined reviews and proposals submitted on Monday. I will update this workshop document with some thoughts and summary statistics about the literature reviews when I am done marking.

#### **Consultation hours**

As the first half of the course I am available for meeting with students on Fridays between or after workshops. I am also happy to schedule ad hoc Zoom meetings if you are unable to make the in-person workshops. All you have to do is email me and suggest a time.

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#### *Breakout groups*

#### **Part 1—Reverse engineer a research proposal**

Step	Task	Response
1.	Choose one of the three articles we read this week.	
2.	<i>What</i> literature are they contributing to and <i>why</i> should we care?	
3.	What is the research <i>question</i> ?	
4.	What is their proposed <i>answer</i> to this question?	
5.	What sort of <i>evidence</i> do they use?	

#### **Part 2—Answer the following three questions as a group**

6. What do you think upstream countries owe downstream countries?
7. How can any possible agreements based on your answer to question 6 be enforced?

8. What cases or academic evidence can you find to support your answers to questions 6 and 7?

**Part 3—Moving from reading to writing**

*To complete if you (if doing this solo) or your group (if doing this as a group) has the time.*

9. What is the most difficult part of the writing and research for this course?

10. What questions do you have about the assignments that I can answer?

11. What is the greatest stumbling block have you found in writing (or starting to write) a great research proposal?

12. What is the greatest source of confusion regarding the research proposal?

13. In what ways was the literature review useful in preparing the research proposal?

14. In what ways was the literature review not useful in preparing the research proposal?