

POLS303033 Environment, Human Security, and Conflict

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WEEK 10 WORKSHOP

Part 1: Disasters and conflict

This first part is to give you an opportunity to connect conflicts to natural disasters of your choice and link it to one of the readings for this week.

Step	Task	Response
1	Chose a country of interest to your group that has experienced an ongoing conflict (not Pakistan or Indonesia)	Country name
2	Go to the Uppsala conflict data page (https://ucdp.uu.se/) and see what years there was ongoing violence in your country were.	Year range
3	Download EMDAT data from Wattle Week 10.	N/A
4	See if there was a substantial natural disaster during the ongoing conflict.	The year, location, type, killed, # affected, & estimated damage of natural disaster
5	Research links (using web or press sources) between a disaster and this conflict (if any)	Description of links
6	Any specific causal links Eastin (2016) highlights that apply to this case?	Specific Eastin causal link (include page # & brief descr.)
7	Describe links (or reason why there were not links)	Description of causal links to case (or why there were no links between disaster and conflict).

Part 2: COVID-19 and conflict

This second part is an opportunity to apply the links between natural disaster and conflict and apply them to our current pandemic and a current conflict or area of political instability.

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8	Decide if you are sticking with the same conflict country or choosing a new country	Name of selected country
9	Take a look at your country's COVID-19 cases, deaths, and trends using the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center website (https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html)	N/A
10	Country specific info is also available (https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data/new-cases)	N/A
11	Research your country's experience with the coronavirus using web or press sources	Brief description of your findings
12	Research any links with political violence and protest in your country using the ACLED COVID-19 Disorder Tracker (https://acleddata.com/analysis/covid-19-disorder-tracker/)	Description of your findings. Was there any COVID-related disorder in your (current or formerly) conflicted country in 2020-1? Why or why not?
13	To what extent do you think the government's or citizens' response to COVID-19 was shaped by state capacity, political institutions, or a history of conflict?	Your response
14	Were there any gender sensitive government policy responses identified by the UNDP (https://data.undp.org/gendertracker/)? Click on the "Policy Detail" tab (4 th from the left) then use the search bar to search for your country.	Your response
15	Any other theoretical links you can make to the course readings on conflict, natural disaster, etc.?	Your response