

The Islamic State and Modern Insurgency
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This Week's Plan

- Implications
 - Within the states
 - Regional concerns
 - Global concerns
- Interventions
 - Types
 - Effects
- What has happened so far?
- How do terrorist groups and rebel groups end?
- Questions and discussion

Supplemental Reading

This list, as well as the web-links for easy clicking, are available on my website, www.michaelallen.com under the Islamic State tab or you can go there directly by typing in www.michaelallen.com/IslamicState. If you have trouble accessing the material, email me.

Online Materials

- Fisher, Max. 2015. "Watch: a 5 minute history of Syria's war and the rise of ISIS." *Vox*. <http://www.vox.com/2015/11/14/9735102/syria-isis-history-video>
- Ramani, Samuel. 2015. "When he bombs Syria, Putin is sending these four messages to the world." *The Monkey Cage*. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2015/10/21/when-he-bombs-syria-putin-is-sending-these-four-messages-to-the-world/>

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- Schrad, Mark Lawrence. 2014. “Ukraine and ISIS are not justifications of a ‘clash of civilizations’”. *The Monkey Cage*. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2014/09/22/ukraine-and-isis-are-not-justifications-of-a-clash-of-civilizations/>

Relevant Books

- Kilcullen, David. 2010. *Counterinsurgency*. New York: Oxford University Press.
A book written as a guide for various militaries, especially the United States, as how to conduct effective counter-insurgency. Kilcullen served in the Australian army in counter-insurgency and peacekeeping operations in Southeast Asia and the Middle East as well as worked as the Chief Strategist in the Office of the Coordinator for Counterterrorism at the US State Department.
- Regan, Patrick M. 2002. *Civil wars and foreign powers: Outside intervention in intrastate conflict*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.
This is an academic and quantitative treatment of how interventions affect civil war. This may be a dense reading, but it is one of the early, comprehensive studies that examines the real consequences of outside intervention on civil war duration. This is a generalist approach, but provides foundation to thinking about US and other states’ interventions globally.