**Opening Up the Black Box of War**

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* What factors influence victory or defeat in war?
  + **Realist approaches to IR**, with their emphasis on system structure: Ken Woltz, 1979 Theory of international politics, Random House
    - Wartime decisions and behaviour are largely unimportant in determining the nature of politics during and after a conflict.
    - View war as a scale that balances bundles of pre-war capabilities.
  + **Dominance of realist approach for the last 40 years:**
    - Analyses focused on the initiation of war, rather than behaviour within war.
    - Siverson and Starr(1991,The diffusion of war: a study of opportunity and willingness ), Licklider (1993, Stop the killing: how civil wars end)
    - Cold war: focus was on how to avoid conflict initiation or deterrence,
    - CoW data set of interstate wars treats each war as an exclusive, single observation. (Small and Singer, 1982)
  + Democracies don’t fight literature, fail to examine wartime behaviour.

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* **A New wave of research:** 
  + Wartime decisions influence;
    - War’s outcome: Ray and wang, 1994
    - Duration: Benneth and Stam, 1996
    - How is conducted: Gartner in press
  + Wartime factors influence domestic politics: during, Downs and Rocke, 1994, after, Bueno de Mesquita and Siverson, 1995
  + Domestic politics influences the conduct of war: Avant, 1993
  + These studies suggests that politics does not stop with war onset.
  + How war and politics jointly interact.
* **Why a new wave now?**