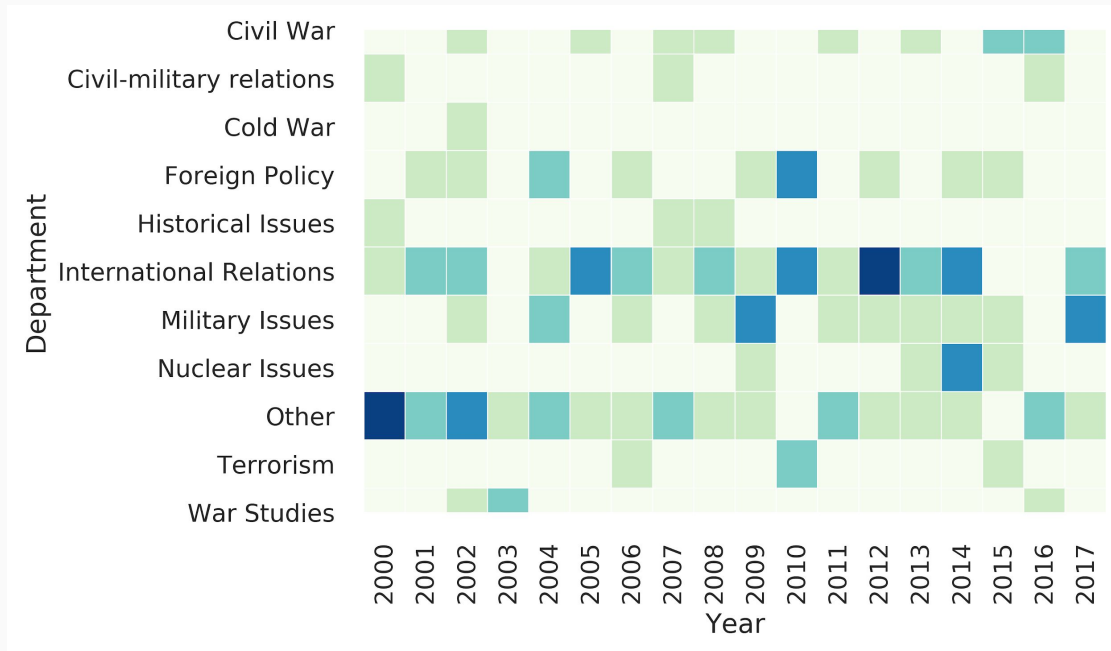# New Faces Alumni 2000-2018 REPORT
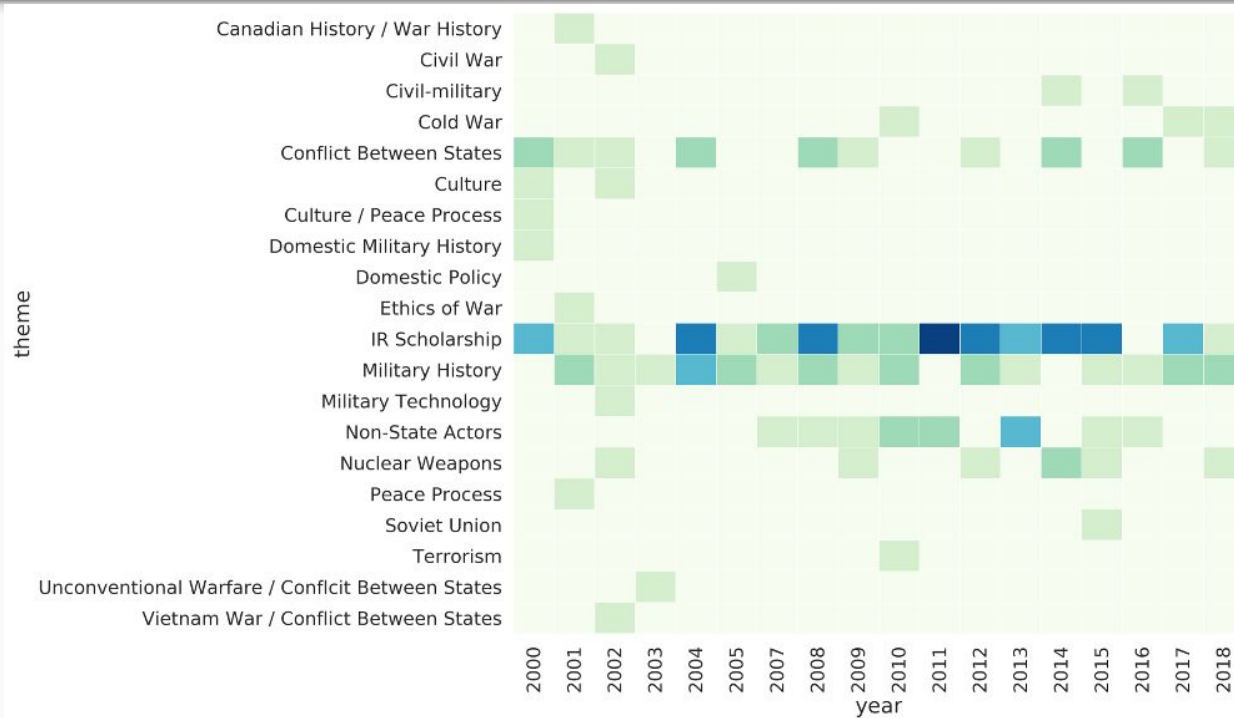
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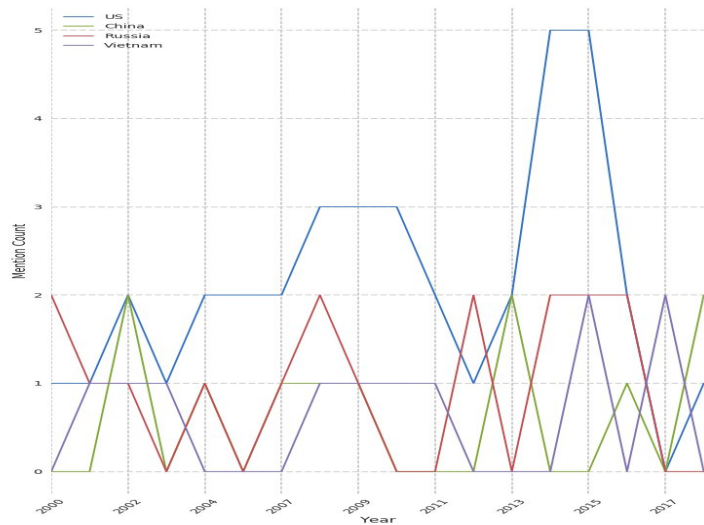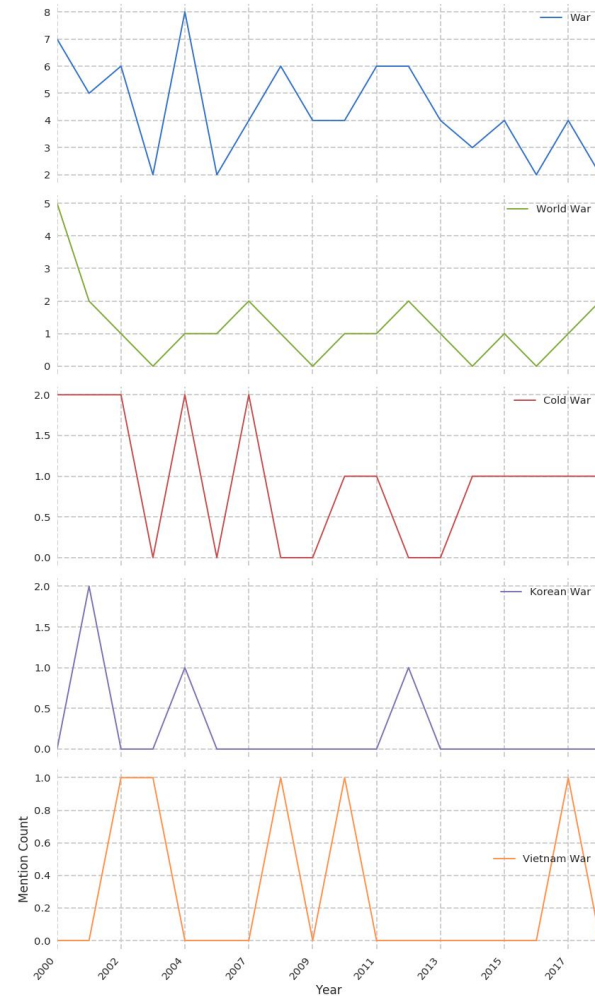
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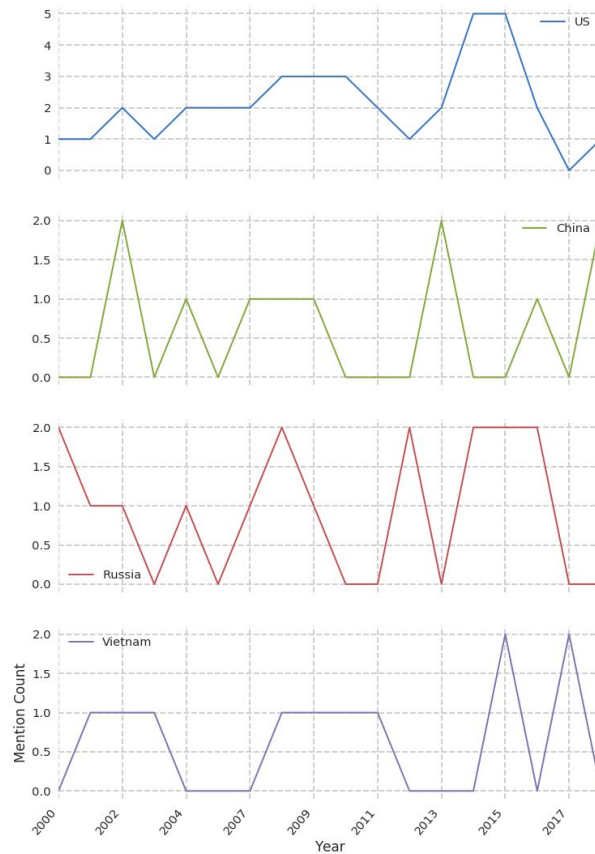
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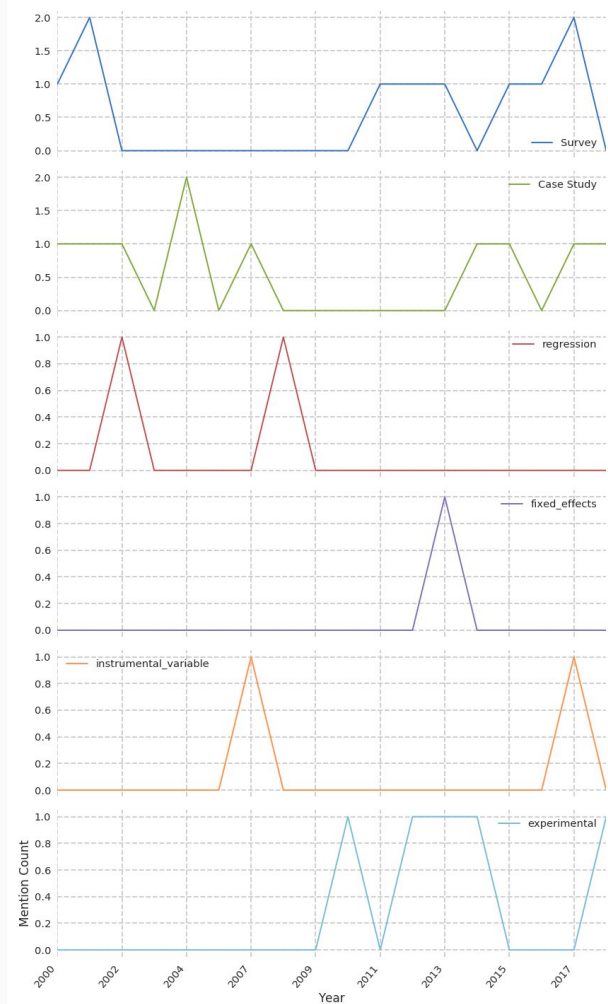# Topic word mentions in abstracts
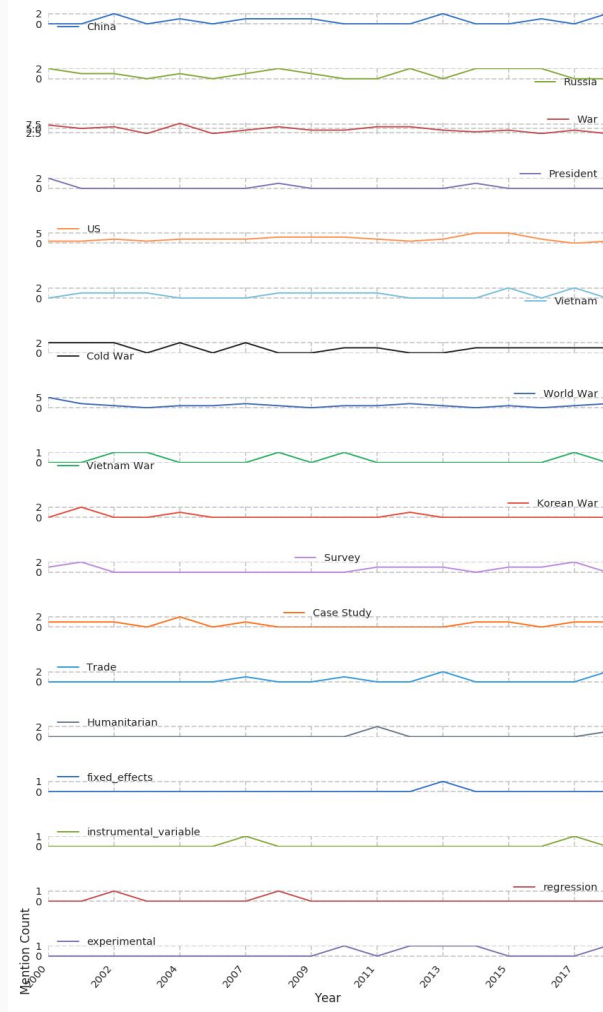
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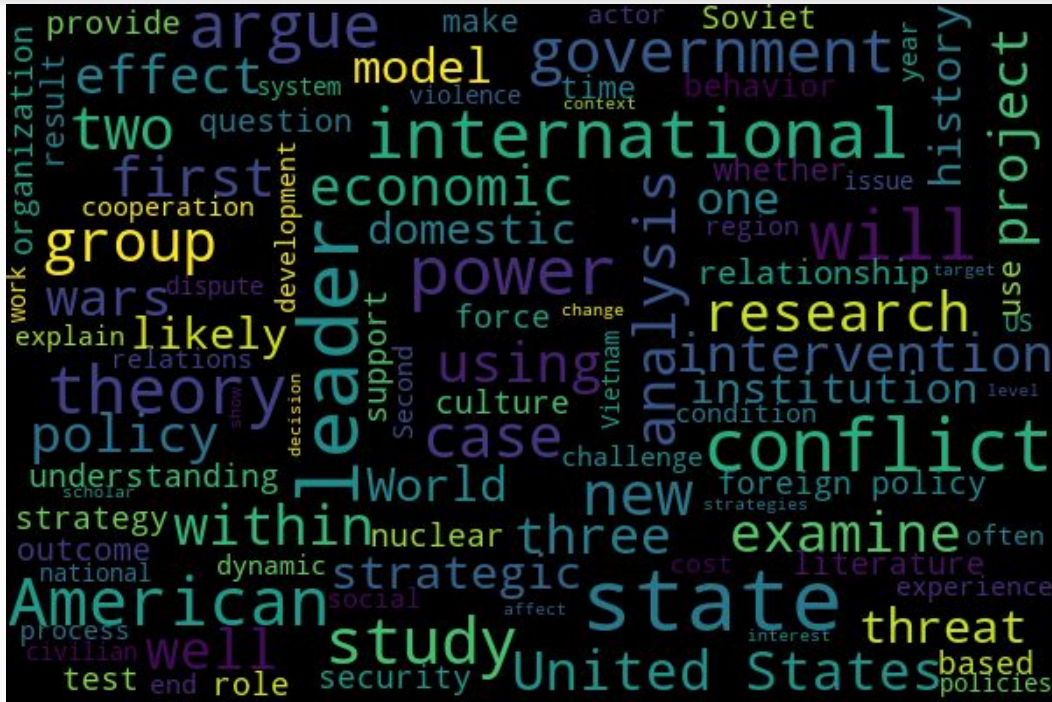
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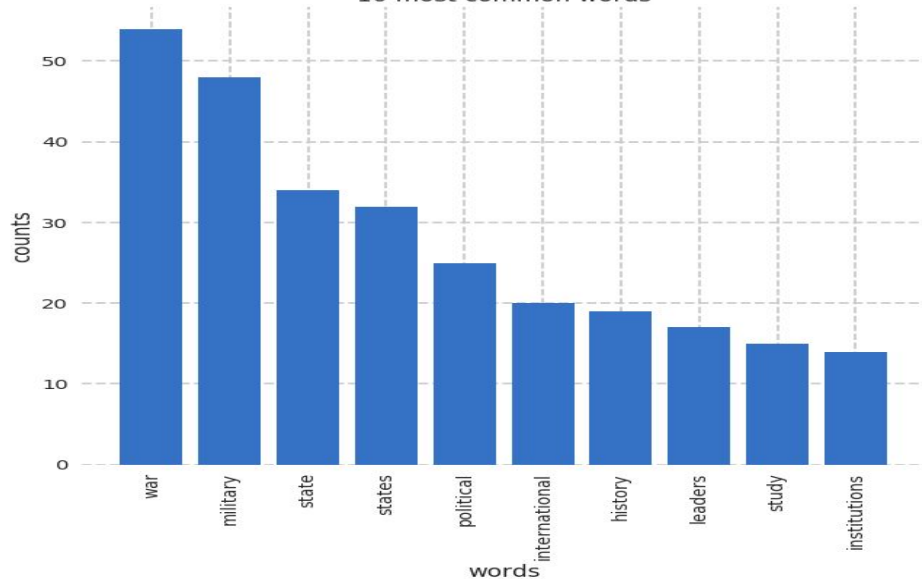
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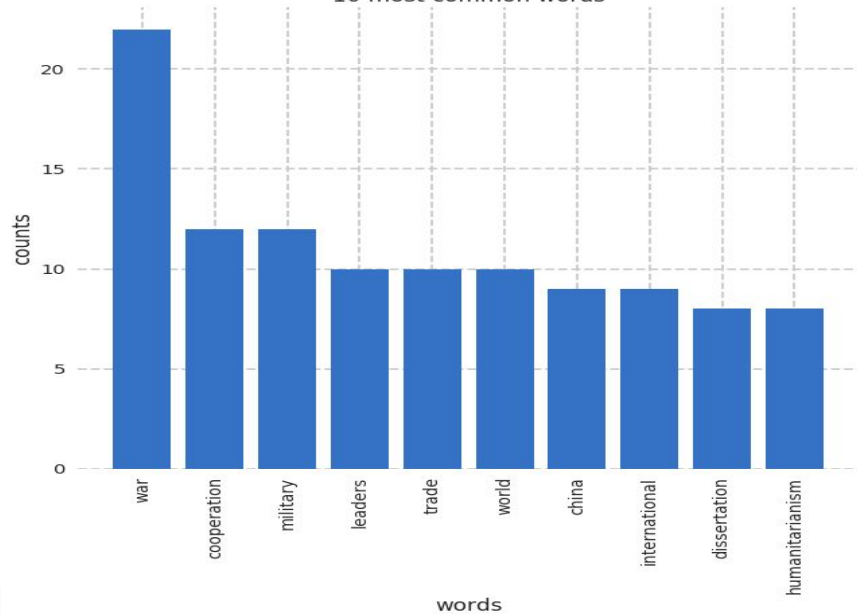
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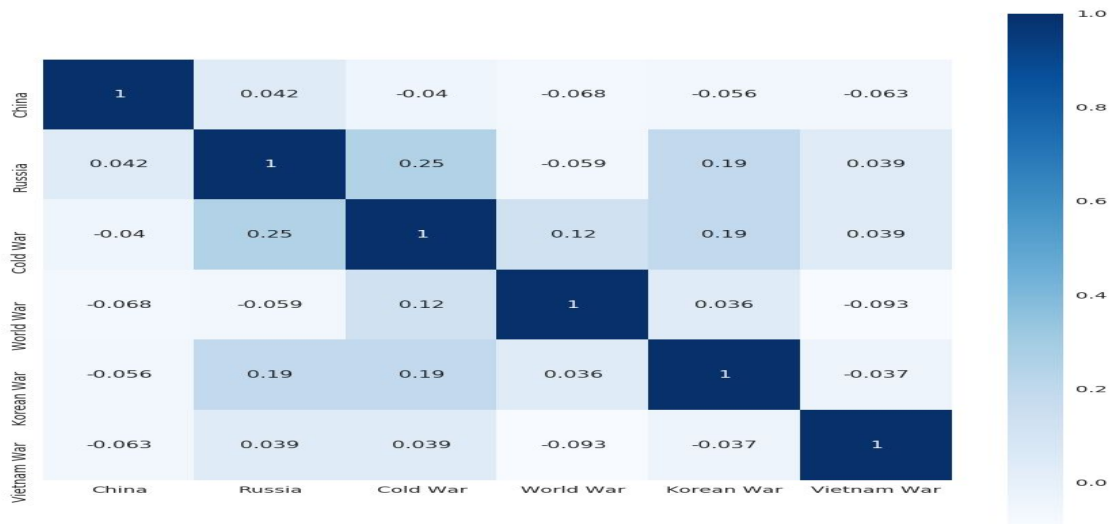
Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA) Topic Model

- **The use of military force, and the cessation of that use**
- **The Cold War and the struggle between Democracy and Communism**
- **State-to-State Relations/Sovereignty and its limits**
- **The US and Security Peace and Conflict**
- **Nuclear Weapons and International Security**

Three takeaways:

1. A growth of some topics and a decline in others.
2. An evolution in themes of interest over time.
3. LDA helps us understand the topics that are most important among new faces scholars and in the field in general.

Selection Effects and Broader Conclusions about the Field

Expansion of the Project

The code for the project is available on GitHub for those interested in building on the project.