

# IR and political violence

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War, peace, and political violence

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# Why did WWII break out?

DAILY HERALD September 4, 1939.

ON YOUR FEET  
FOR HOURS?  
Then Don't Forget That  
**ZAM-BUK**  
Kensore Pain, Soreness & Cramps

No. 7349

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1939

ONE PENNY

# Daily Herald

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BETTER WITH  
H-P SAUCE

# WAR DECLARED BY BRITAIN AND FRANCE

*We Have Resolved  
To Finish It*—PRIME  
MINISTER

**G**REAT BRITAIN DECLARED WAR ON  
GERMANY AT 11 O'CLOCK YESTERDAY  
MORNING.

Six hours later, at 5 p.m., France declared war.

Britain's resolution to defend Poland against Nazi aggression was described by the newly-formed Ministry of Information in one of its first announcements, as follows:

"At 11.15 this morning (Sunday) Mr. R. Dunbar, Head of the Treaty Department of the Foreign Office, went to the German Embassy, where he was received by Dr. Kordt, the Charge d'Affaires.

"Mr. Dunbar handed to Dr. Kordt a notification that a state of war existed between Great Britain and Germany as from 11 o'clock B.S.T. this morning. This notification constituted the formal declaration of war."

**WAR  
CABINET  
OF**

Unthinkable  
We Should  
Refuse The  
Challenge

—THE KING  
Broadcasting last evening from his study at Buckingham Palace, the King said:—  
"IN this grave hour, perhaps the most fatal in our history, I send to every household of my people, both at home and overseas, the message I have spoken with the same depth of feeling for each one of you as if I were able to cross the room and speak to you myself.

For the second time in the lives of most of us we are at war."

Over and over again we have tried to find a peaceful

## POLES SMASH WAY INTO E. PRUSSIA

OFFICIALS in Warsaw stated late last night that the Polish army has smashed a way across the Northern border into East Prussia, after driving the Germans from several Polish towns in bitter fighting.

## London Hears Its First Raid Warning

LONDON was calm yesterday when it heard its first air raid warning.

This is the official statement issued by the Air Ministry—

At 11.30 a.m. yesterday an aircraft was observed approaching the South Coast.

As its identity could not be readily determined an air-raid warning was

On the Northern Front the Poles are reported to have defeated the German effort to drive a barrier across the upper part of the Corridor. The Germans fell back behind their frontiers.

The Poles say they have broken through the German fortifications as far as the railway terminus of Deutsch Eylau.

One of the most important towns recaptured is stated to be Zbąszyń. Recaptured from the troops still the furious fighting is continuing at Czestochowa and Katowice. German reports that they have captured Katowice are not confirmed.

Warsaw was again raided yesterday by German aircraft. (Continued on Page 2; Earlier

**BLACK-OUT TIME  
TO-NIGHT—7.40**

# What is international relations?

- Explaining **cooperation** and **conflict** between states
- Traditionally, focus on **war**
- Why war and not other phenomena?

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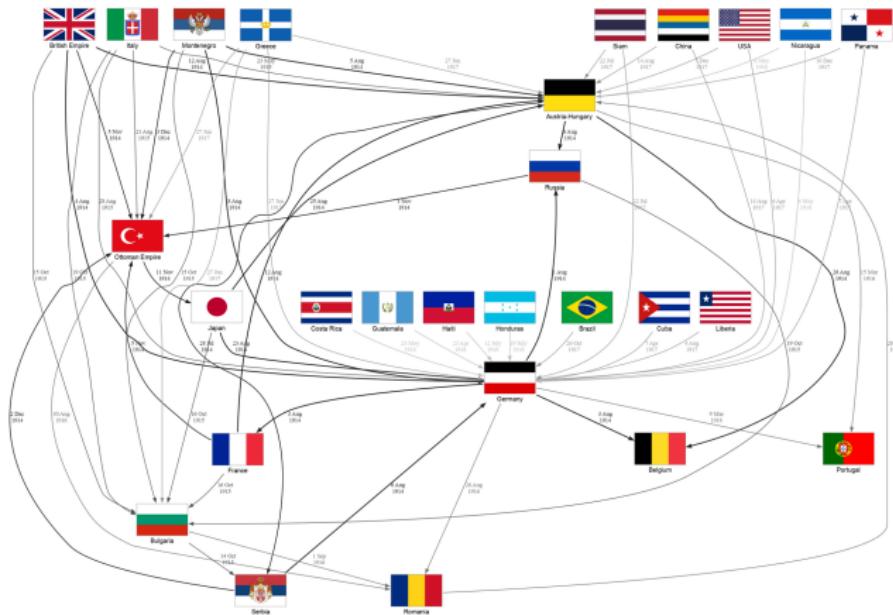
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## WAR DECLARED BY ALL

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### OTTOMAN EMPIRE ALMOST DECLARES WAR ON ITSELF NATIONS STRUGGLE TO REMEMBER ALLIES

From the London Daily Mail and the Washington Post  
After weeks of clandestine negotiations between the leaders of the two countries, the Ottoman Empire has decided to declare war on Serbia. The decision comes as a result of the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, in Sarajevo, Bosnia, and the subsequent mobilization of the Serbian army. The Ottomans, who have been supporting the Central Powers, are reportedly considering a declaration of war on Serbia to prevent it from becoming a strong ally of the Allies. The decision has been met with mixed reactions, with some Ottomans supporting the move and others fearing it could lead to a wider conflict. The Ottomans are also reportedly considering a declaration of war on Russia, which has been supporting the Allies. The decision has been met with mixed reactions, with some Ottomans supporting the move and others fearing it could lead to a wider conflict.

**AREA DRUNKARD DECLARES WAR ON IRELAND**

From the Liverpool Daily Post and the New York Times  
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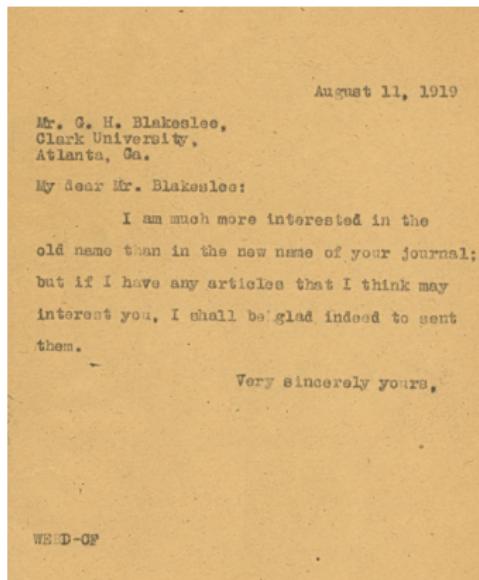


First meeting of the League of Nations, 1920

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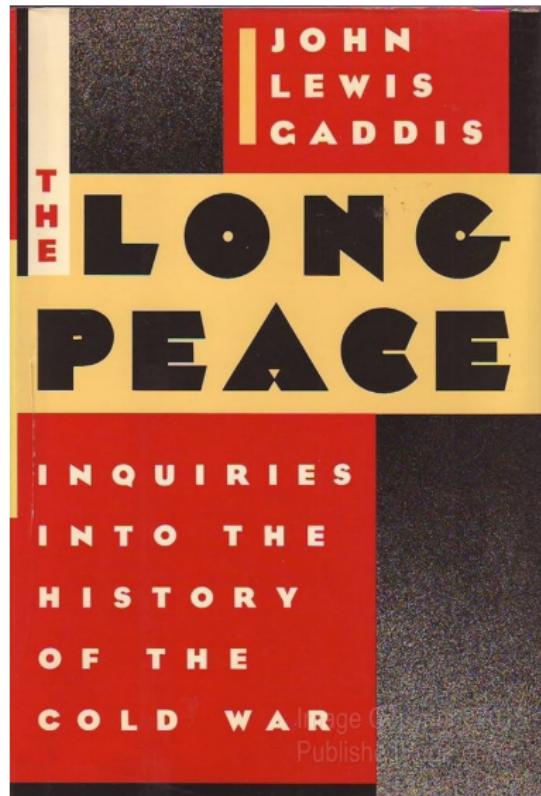
- Efforts to achieve peace in Europe, role of Germany, etc
- IR before WWI: focus on colonialism and race, and on international law
- After the war, more interest and more funding for IR
  - **1919**, Paris Peace Conference and the IR institute and the first IR dept in Aber
  - Goal of IR: create peace after the Great War through the scientific study of the relationships between nations

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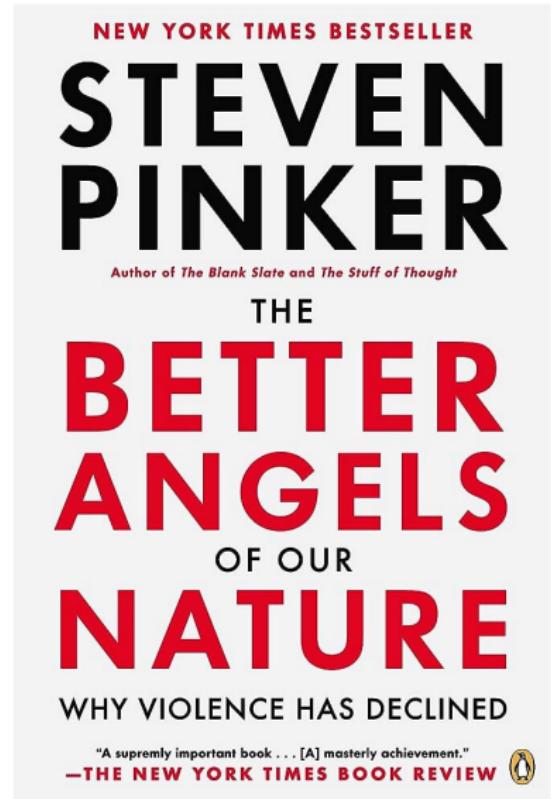
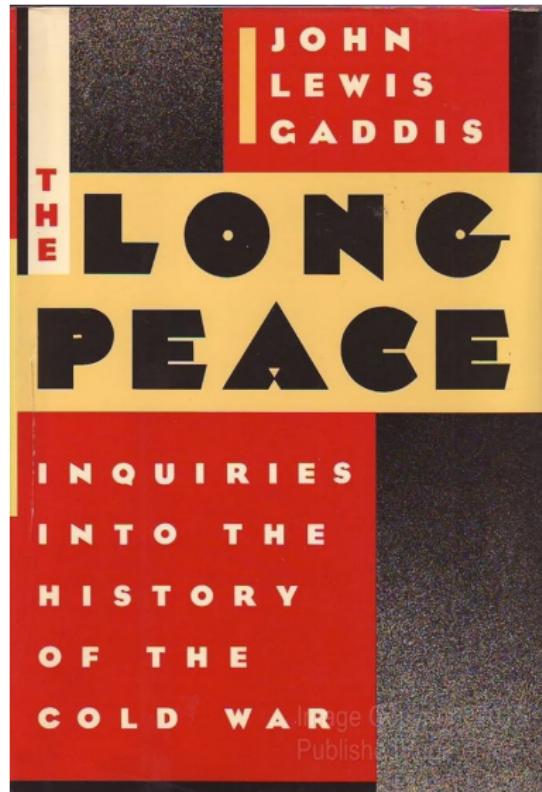


Letter by WEB DuBois after it changed its name (would later become *Foreign Affairs*)

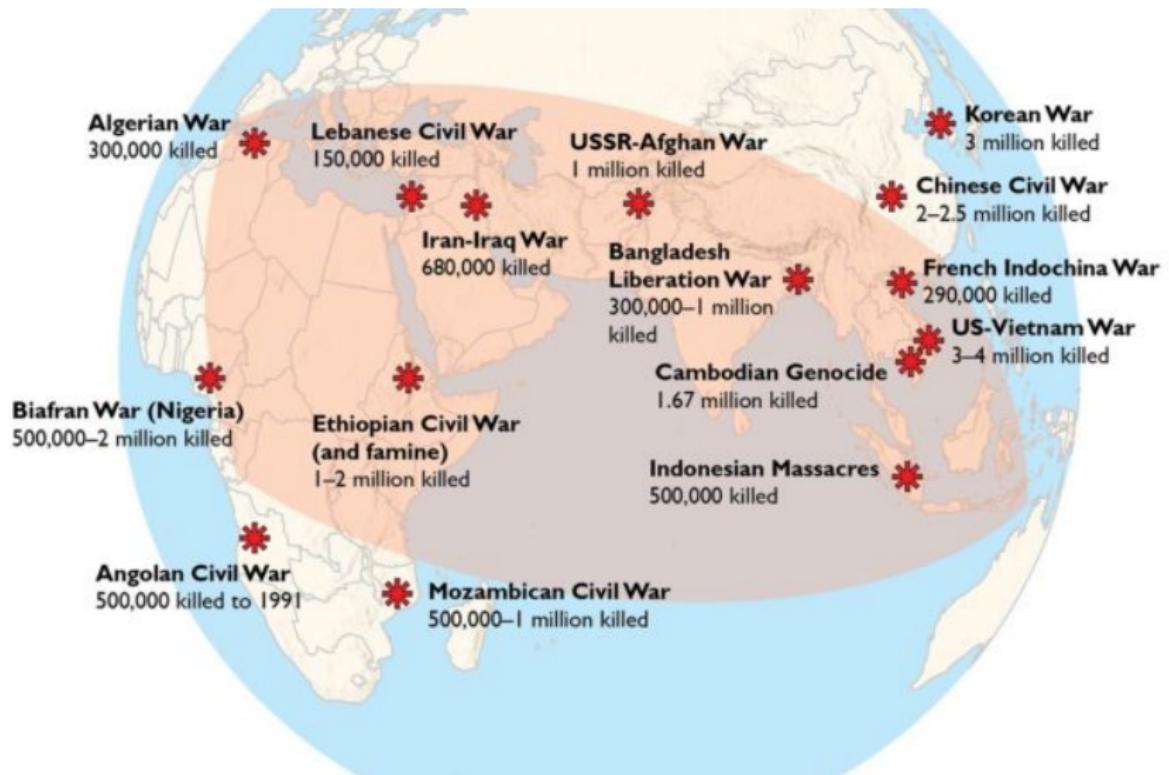
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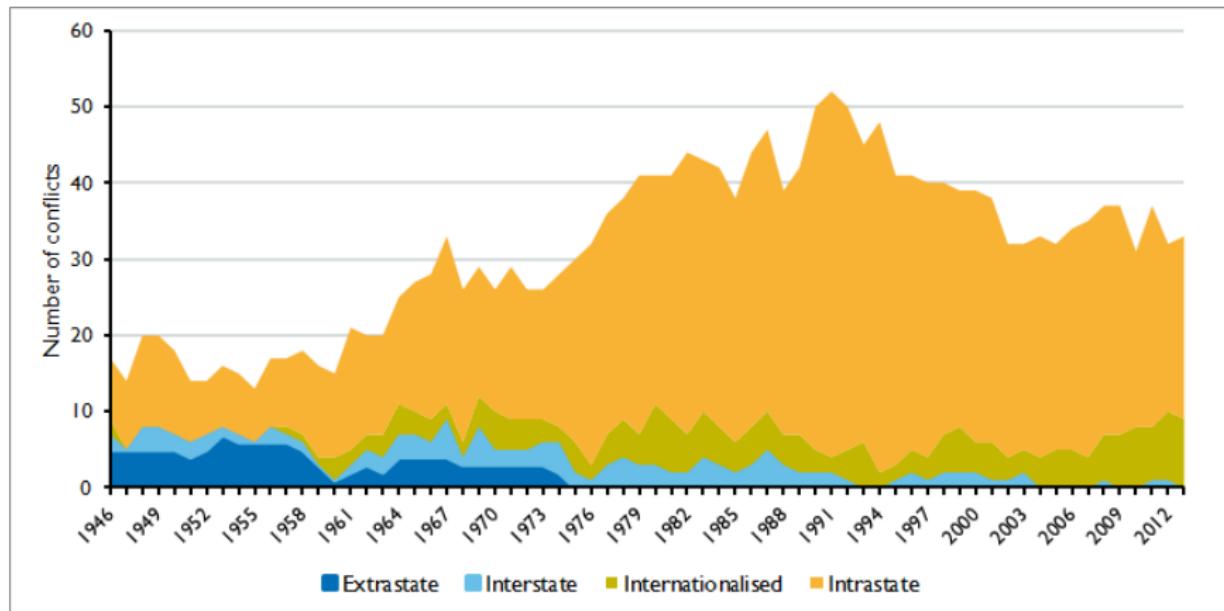
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  - Again, usually applied to wars but can also explain many other things, e.g.
    - European integration
    - Spread of Human Rights
  - And actually some are better suited for this things

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- More modern ones: E. H. Carr, Morgenthau (*animus dominandi*), Niebuhr (*sinful nature*), etc

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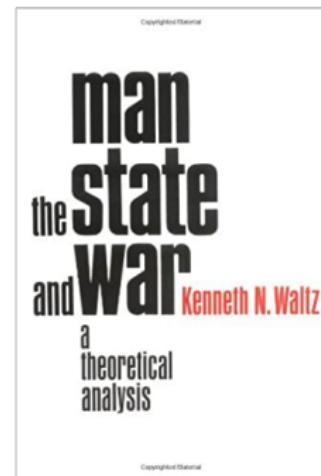
- Also called **liberal idealism**
- Basic idea is that war is **not inevitable** as long as liberal political principles are also present in the international system
- Explains the League of Nations, but also Wilson's Fourteen Points
  - open int'l treaties, open trade, settle colonial struggles, association of nation-states...



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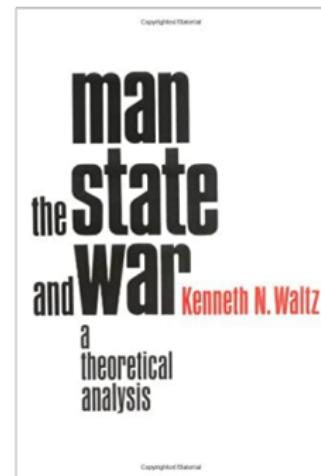
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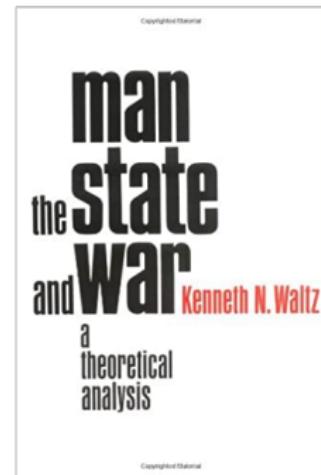
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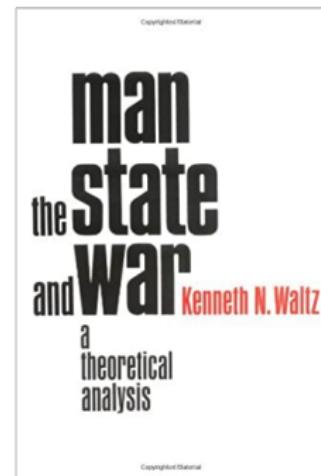
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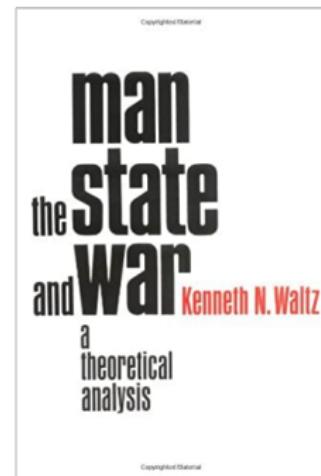
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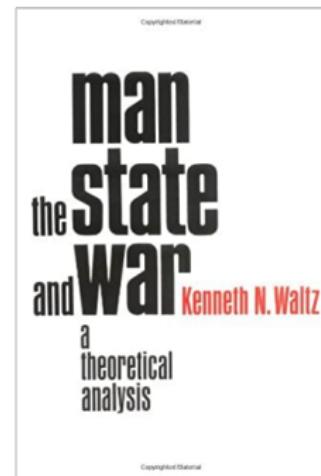
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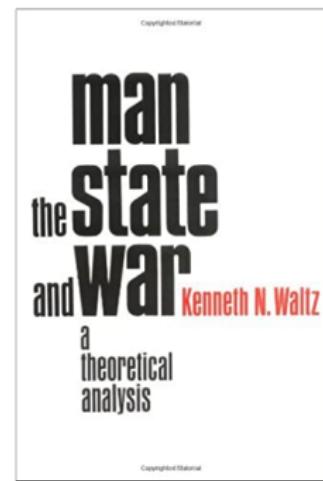
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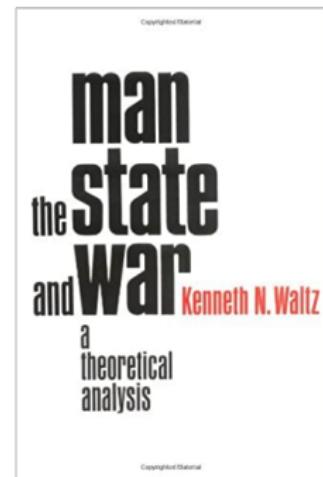
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- Others, such as **feminist** or **psychological** IR theories

# The Thucydides Trap: Are the U.S. and China Headed for War?

In 12 of 16 past cases in which a rising power has confronted a ruling power, the result has been bloodshed.

By Graham Allison



# European integration and consequences?



# International Human Rights?



Ríos Montt during trial

# Difference between IR and comparative politics

- Comparative politics and IR studying similar topics
- Just different perspectives, often overlapped
- Example of **democratization**
  - Evolution of Polity IV across time
- IR and different types of political violence

## Political violence more generally

	Target: State	Target: Non-State
Perpetrator: State	Interstate war	State repression Genocide Ethnic cleansing
Perpetrator: Non-State	Organized crime Mass protests (rebellion) Military coup Political assassination* Civil War Terrorism	