A Very Short Introduction to LATEX

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- Pros & cons
- Online v. local installations
- Basic document structure
- How to structure text

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- How to add graphics, tables from R, math formulas
- How to cite: styles, commands, .bib-files from Zotero
- Useful tools: Mathpix, tables generator
- Discussion

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Default Style

Purely rationalist and structuralist explanations are still prevalent, but conflict scholars now increasingly argue that there is a link between compliance with international norms of statehood and the behavior of certain non-state actors: Just like Franklin on behalf of the Second Continental Congress, rebel groups that wish to secede from an existing nation-state to determine their own destiny mimic states' behavior in the international system and towards the domestic population in order to garner recognition and material support.

Why Should I Use LATEX?

- Many people in our discipline use it
- Free & open source
- Saves time when document is long & complex
- Saves time when you have working templates
- Looks great when using math formulas, tables & plots

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- It takes time to make it work
- Many pathways to the same result
- Seemingly unsolvable problems
- Problems may be connected to your computer

Online

- Overleaf
- Pros:
 - Requires no local installation
 - Many packages preinstalled
 - Good for collaboration (requires paid subscription)

Online

- Cons:
 - Slow with long documents
 - Requires many re-uploads of plots & bibliographies
 - Depends on the internet

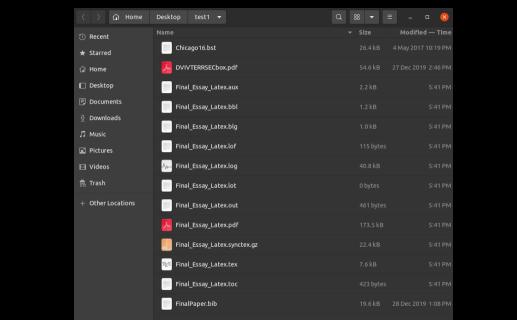
Local Installations

- Windows: TeX Live or MikTeX package manager & TeXstudio (don't use TeXworks)
- Mac: MacTeX
- Pros:
 - Fast even with long documents
 - Better workflow when using plots & .bib-files
 - Doesn't depend on the internet

Local Installations

- Cons:
 - Full installations eat up disk space
 - Possible incompatibilities with your computer
 - You cannot collaborate

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document.tex X
\documentclass[12pt,a4]{article}
\usepackage{setspace}
\singlespacing
 \begin{document}
    Hello world!
 \end{document}
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Installation

- Overleaf: https://www.overleaf.com/
- MikTeX: https://miktex.org/
- TeXstudio: https://www.texstudio.org/
- Integrate TeXstudio with MikTeX: https://math65740.blogspot.com/2015/06/installing-miktex-and-texstudio-on.html
- TeX Live: http://tug.org/texlive/
- MacTeX: https://www.tug.org/mactex/

Useful Tools

- Mathpix: https://mathpix.com/
- Tables generator: https://www.tablesgenerator.com/
- Zotero LATEXplugin: https://retorque.re/zotero-better-bibtex/
- R LATEXtable packages : stargazer for summary statistics and regression tables, xtable for pretty much anything else