

**17.405 – 17.406
Fall 2003**

**Paper 2 – Due November 17
(Includes select topics suggested for Paper 1 earlier)**

Purpose

The purpose of the paper is for you to reflect on a topic, do the relevant readings in the syllabus (extra if you wish), identify your key points and place them in some order in your presentation. This is to encourage you to consider one topic (as broadly defined below) and draw on various sources in order to develop a perspective.

Topics

Please write an essay (7-10 pages) on one of the following topics:

- State Formation – Comparison of 2 countries during the Interwar period leading to their independence states
- Compare and contrast the Role of the Military in 2 countries
- Religion and Politics – Comparison of 2 countries
- Political Institutions – Comparison of 2 countries
- Non-State Actors in the Region – An essay on Role & Relevance
- Interactions Among Conflicts: Discussion of at least 2 types of conflict and their interactions

You are welcome to suggest a topic (not listed above) or to reframe a topic (of the above). Please be sure to follow the process below – it is important that you have a coherent structure and argument –

Format:

1. Introduction of Topic – why is this topic relevant (or important?)
2. Background & Argument you are presenting
3. ‘Evidence’ i.e. from the assignments or other
4. Conclusion

References: Be sure to footnote your points as needed. Direct quotes require quotation marks. Please be sure not to overlook these two points. Please use side-titles for sections as needed.

Please use the papers as a vehicle for illustrating your understanding of the assignments.

Process

1. Be sure to identify your views vs. those of others you are citing (i.e. other authors or other sources)
2. Do not confuse “is” with “ought” and do not use “should” without clarifying the criteria that drive this view – avoid “should” as much as possible.
3. Usually it is best think out the entire paper before starting to write. This means, do an outline- this will show you where you think you are going and help identify lack of coherence (if any)
4. Direct quotes require quotation marks.
5. Please be sure not to overlook these two points. Please use side-titles for sections as needed.

<u>Dates Due:</u>	Paper 1	October 27
	Paper 2	November 17
	Paper 3	December 8 Topics to be suggested

Sources Reading assignments – including related as relevant your topic

Citations Be sure to footnote your points as needed. For direct quotes please cite author’s last name, date, and page number