



Seminar

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*What We Know About the Past of Civil Wars
and What This Tells Us About Their Future*

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Kalyvas' work has received several awards, including the Woodrow Wilson Award for best book on government, politics, or international affairs, the Luebbert Award for best book in comparative politics, the Luebbert Award for the best article in comparative politics (three times), the European Academy of Sociology Book Prize, and the J. David Greenstone Book Prize for best book in politics and history. His research has been supported by the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, the United States Institute of Peace, the Folke Bernadotte Academy, the UK's Department for International Development, the Alexander S. Onassis Foundation, and the Stavros Niarchos Foundation. He was a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellow in 2007. In 2008, he was elected member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

ABSTRACT

For the past twenty years research on civil wars has experienced a remarkable boom, as evidenced by the quantity and quality of publications on this and related questions. At the same time, there is a considerable lack of consensus about what we really know, as well as significant ambiguity about what we have learned so far. I review the emergence of this research program, its main contributions, and its biggest blind spots. I also explore how what we have learned until now can help us imagine what the future holds in stock about violent human conflict.