Comprehensive Exam Spring 2017

International Security

ANSWER ONE OF THREE QUESTIONS ONLY

(1) What do you think are the most important factors identified in research that drive people to join insurgencies and commit violence against civilians? What prescriptions to address such violence would you draw from your diagnosis?

(2) To what extent do peacekeeping / peace enforcement measures have positive effects in reducing violent conflict? Or are conflict dynamics driven more decisively by local factors?

(3) Under what conditions are rebels successful? Identify any groups today you think have met with success, and/or are likely to meet with further success, to illustrate your argument.