H-304 Seminar on the United Nations and the Use of Force  
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Course Description

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Beginning in 1990, with the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq, the United Nations entered a new era with the use of force being authorized by the Security Council. (Although the Security Council sanctioned force in defense of South Korea in 1950, it only did so due to a historical quirk unlikely ever to be repeated.) Libya is the most recent example of military intervention with Council authorization. Even in the case of armed conflict without Security Council sanction (Kosovo, Iraq in 2003), a role for the United Nations often arises after the conflict. This seminar examines issues relating to the legality of such interventions, problems state-building after the conflicts, post-conflict justice, and related subjects, all within the context of the United Nations system. Readings are culled from legal, diplomatic, international relations, and popular texts.