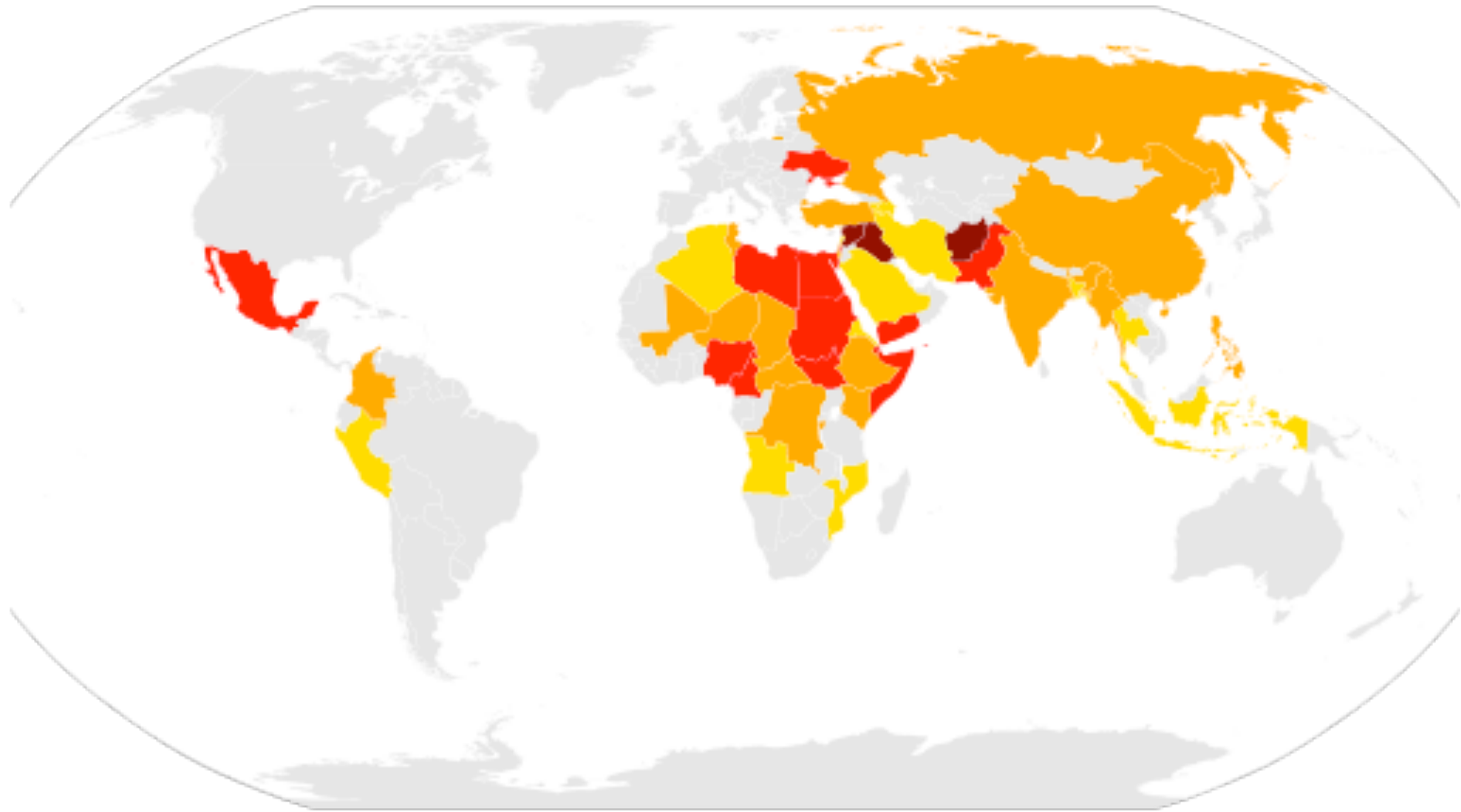


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Ongoing armed conflicts around the world



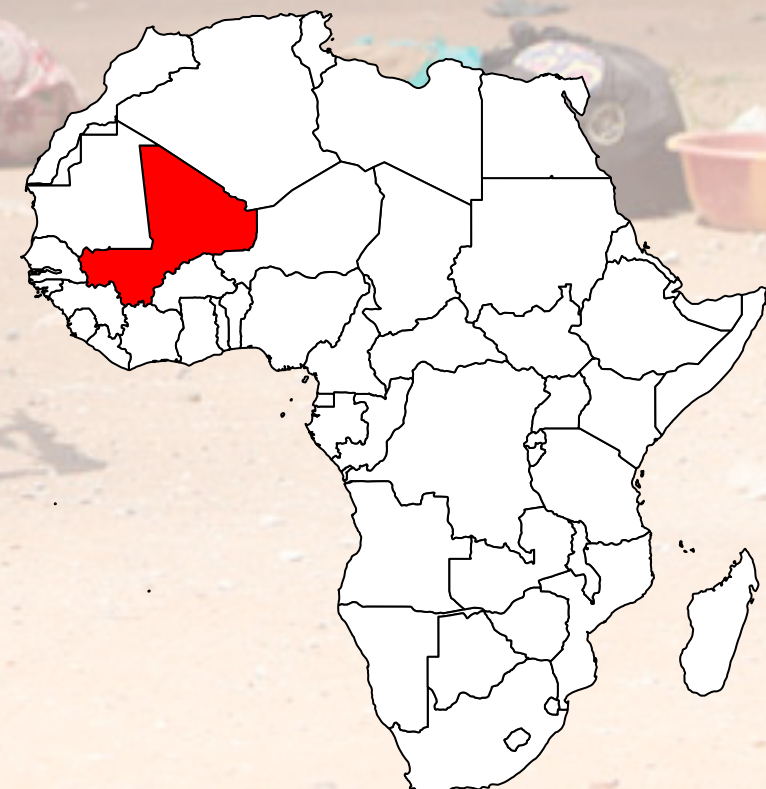
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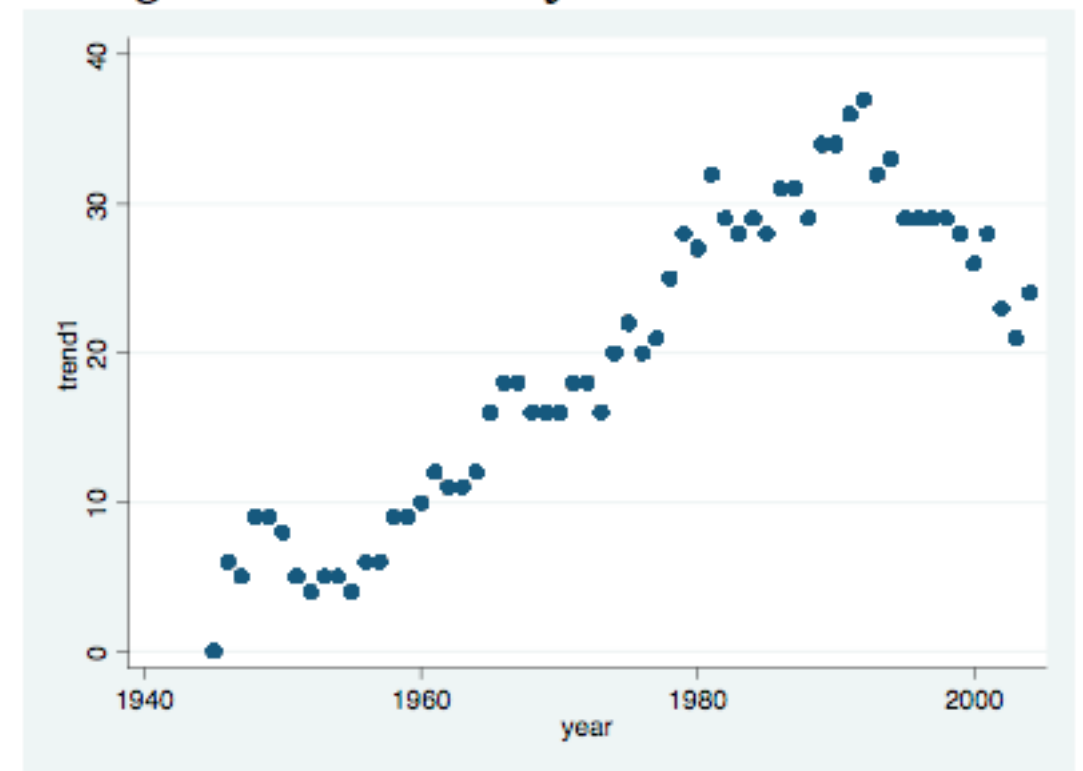
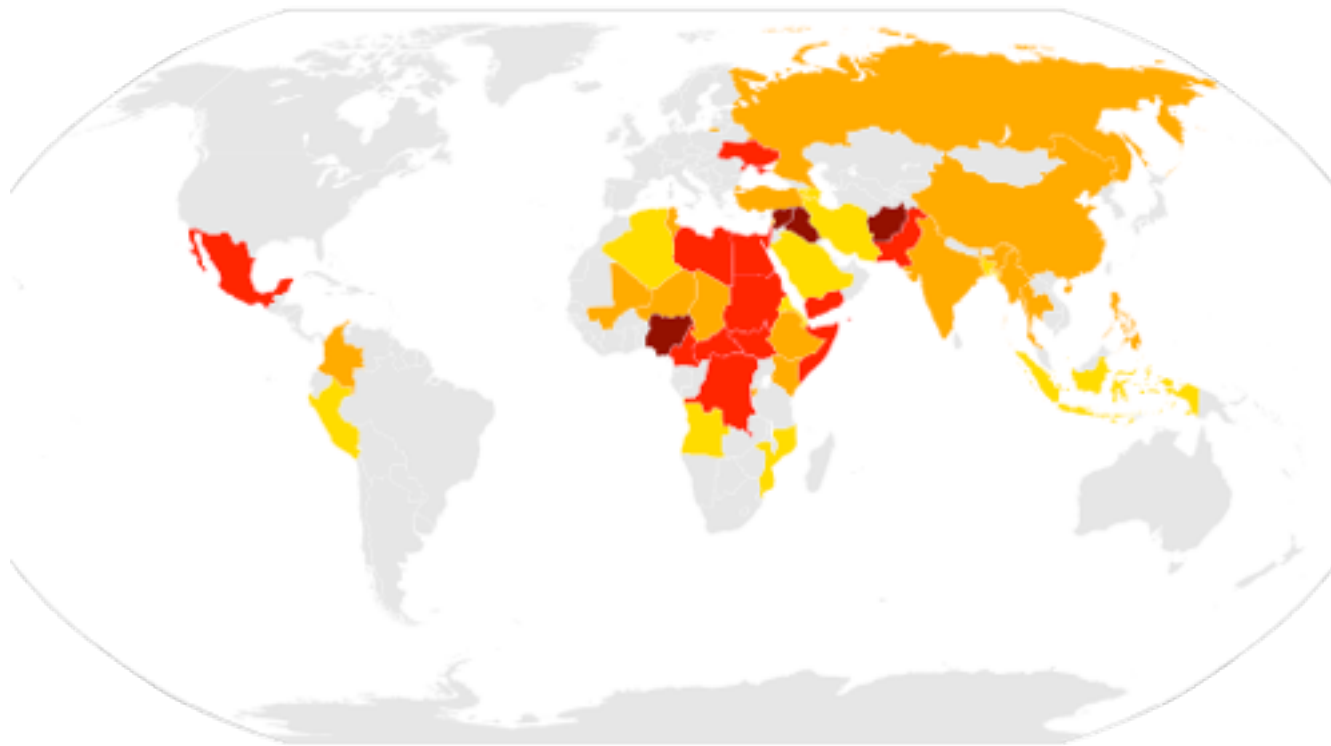




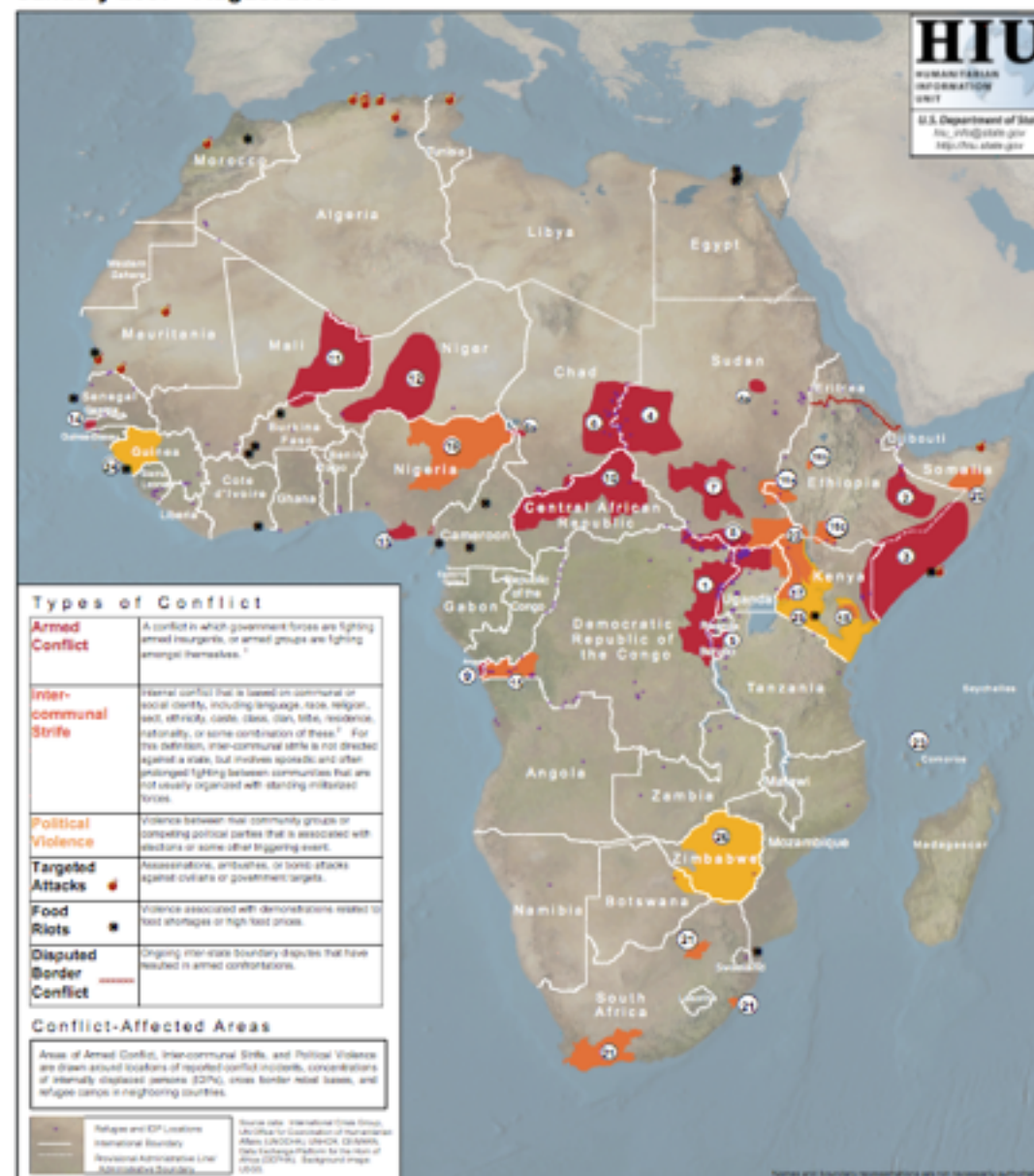








January 2007 - August 2008



Bleaney and Dimico 2008

Organization of class

Background: 2 weeks

iClicker (throughout)

Civil war theories and cases: 2 weeks

Map Quiz (1/21)

Other forms of violence: 5 weeks

Midterm (2/2)

Genocide

Electoral violence

Secession

Climate change

Terrorism

Final projects: 1 week

Final Projects (3/8-3/10)

Map quiz: 20%

Thursday, January 21: last 20 minutes of class

All countries or random sample

Country name and location, capital name, former colonial power(s)

Midterm exam: 30%

Tuesday, February 2, entire class time

In class, closed-book, closed-notes

Multiple choice; short-answers; essay

iClicker participation: 10%

Begins Week 2

Factual and participation questions

You can miss 20% of questions without penalty

Final project: 40%

Final week of quarter

Groups centered on choice of conflict case

Independent research expected + time in class

Deliver a 20-minute lecture on case

Your grade

iClicker

- Why?
 - Active learning improves student retention, understanding, problem solving (e.g., Crouch and Mazur 2001)
 - Immediate feedback to instructor and students; good prep for exam
 - Small group format less intimidating for many
- How?
 - Pose question
 - Time to think
 - Record individual answers
 - Peer instruction
 - Record revised answers
 - Discuss, show answers; only 2nd round will count

iClicker

- What?
 - Factual questions: test your basic knowledge of readings and lecture material (50% for participating, 50% if get it right)
 - Participation questions: keep you engaged (100% for participating)
 - You can miss 20% of all iClicker questions with no penalty
 - iClicker cheating is an academic integrity issue
- Where do I get one?
 - Borrow from a friend as long as they're not in this class this quarter or using it at the same time
 - Purchase new or used (version 1 or 2) at Amazon, UCSD Bookstore, elsewhere.
 - UCSD Bookstore will buy back iClicker 2
 - Week 1 is practice period; Week 2 begins official count
 - Register your iClicker with TED asap

Your grade

A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	F
93-100	90-92	87-89	84-86	80-83	77-79	74-76	70-73	<70

But why, oh why a map quiz?



of Ouagadougou in mass demonstrations against the president's attempt



Over half of Burkina Faso's people have only seen one leader.

would be, since he was regarded as close to Mr. Compaoré. Many protesters had said they favored the former defense minister, the retired Gen. Kouame Lougué, to oversee a transition to new elections.

Later in the day, the military officer who had announced that Mr. Compaoré was no longer in

office, Lt. Col. Isaac Zida, seemingly also staked a claim to power, saying he was the new president, Reuters reported.

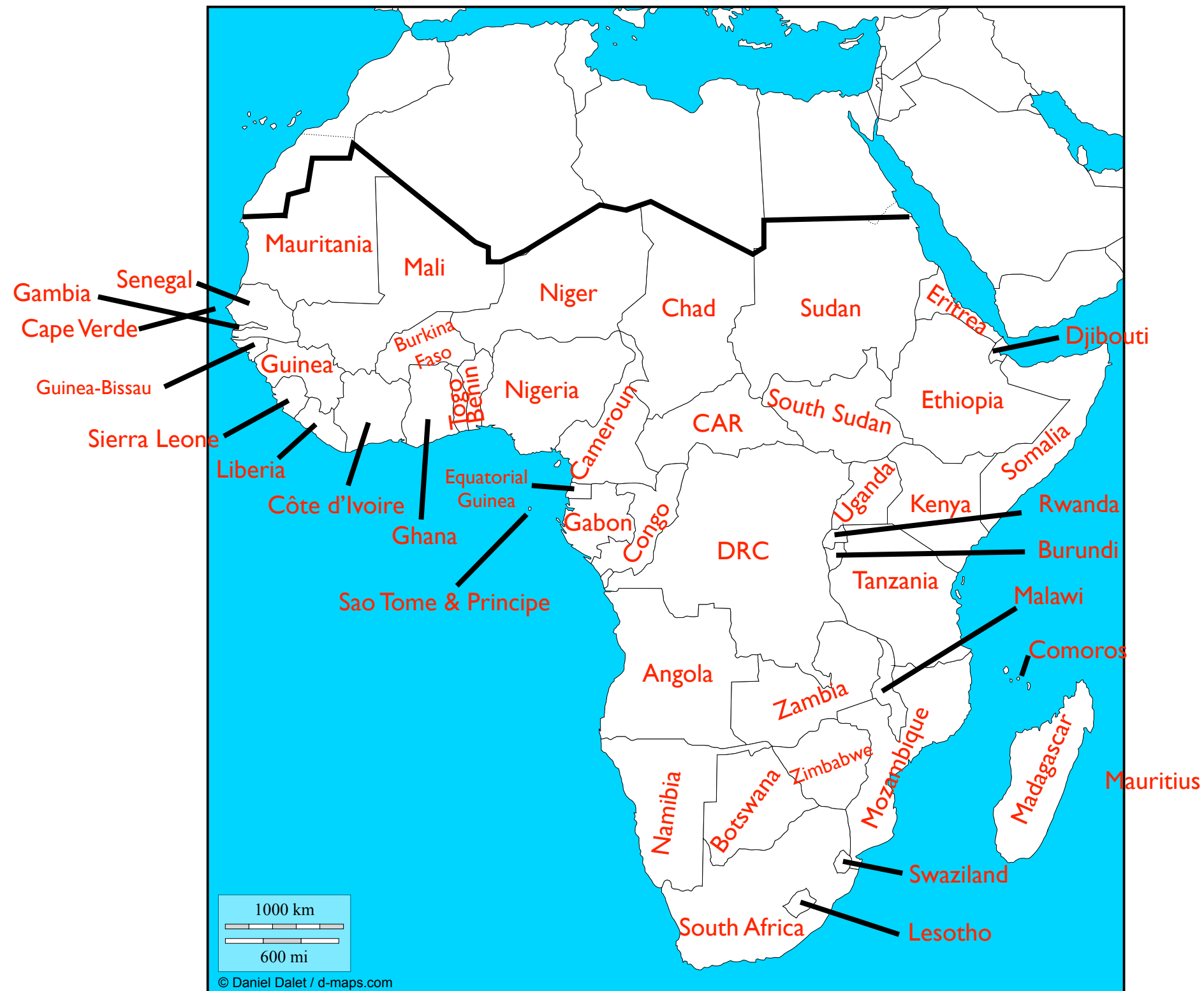
Mr. Compaoré had declared martial law for a few hours on Thursday, but then seemed to relent, offering negotiations on a transitional government and rescinding his martial-law decree.



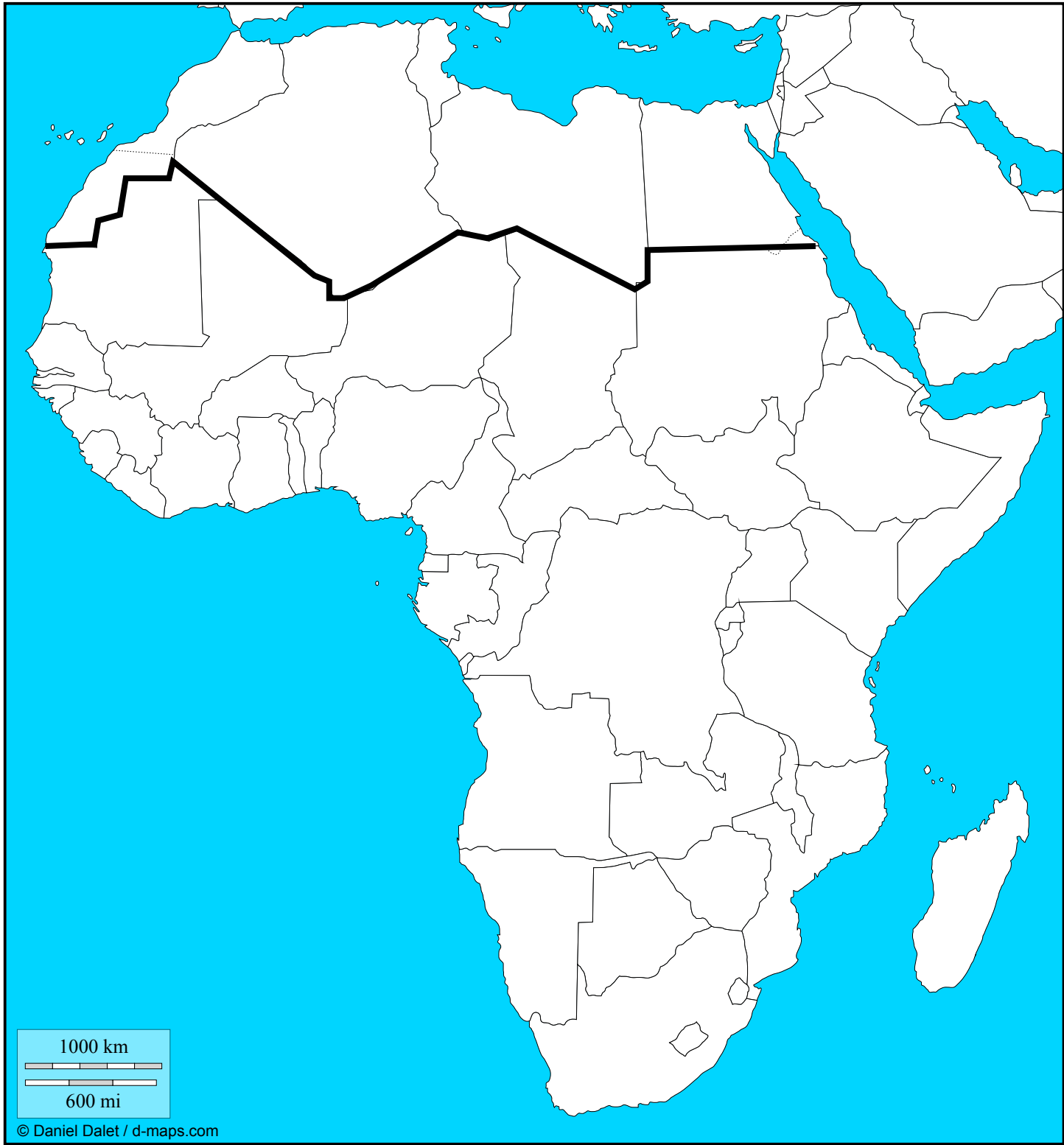
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Map Quiz



Map Quiz



Policies

- Use of electronic devices during class time is prohibited
- Make-up exams given only with proper written documentation justifying your absence and submitted to me at least one week in advance of regular exam date
- Academic integrity is a serious thing, including with iClicker
- Special accommodations: come see me and email aparkes@ucsd.edu ASAP
- Seeking regrade? Email TA within 72 hours of returned assignment, explain in email why TA can review entire exam and move grade up or down
- All readings on website: <http://pscourses.ucsd.edu/poli120n/>
- Come to OH!

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Next class: geographic realities

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