

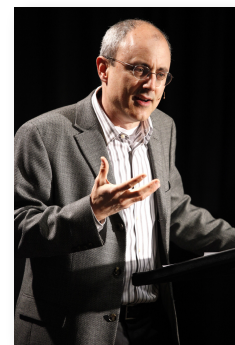
## What Have We Learned About Oil and Violent Conflict?

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### With Guest Lecturer Michael L. Ross

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Hundreds of academic studies have examined the 'resource curse,' meaning the harmful economic and political effects that oil wealth can have on low and middle income countries. This talk will review the evidence that petroleum wealth tends to cause violent rebellions, and discuss the mechanisms that lead to this effect, the conditions that make it more or less likely, and the policy interventions that can mitigate this problem.



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### Topics for this seminar will include:

- The relationship between petroleum wealth and violent rebellions
- Some of the lessons we have learned about oil and violent conflict
- Intervening with policies that can mitigate the problems

### Abridged Biography:

Michael L. Ross is Professor of Political Science at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). His most recent book, *The Oil Curse: How Petroleum Wealth Shapes the Development of Nations* was named an 'Outstanding Academic Title' for 2012 by Choice magazine, and is forthcoming in Russian and Arabic. His work has been published in *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *The New York Times*, *Harpers*, as well as in leading academic journals. He has served on advisory boards for the World Bank, the United Nations, the National Intelligence Council, and the Revenue Watch Institute.

