**PAI 705**

**Final Project (25 points):**

Formulate a research project. You have the option of choosing your topic and developing a fully detailed research proposal. Word document / pdf. 15-20 pages, double spaced, 12-point font, standard referencing format. Footnotes or endnotes your choice. All sources and quotations should be explicitly noted.

Look at some kind of policy relevant social science issue, ideally one that has a clear application to international relations. In this proposal you are making the case that information needs to be gathered to address this issue and you are making the case that you should gather it using the methods you outline.

Abstract – summarize the proposed research in around 100 words.

Introduction – motivate the research project and contextualize it. Why does this research need to be done? Why does it need to be done by you?

Review of the Literature – what has been done already related to this topic, what data exists already, and why do we need to go out and gather the data you are proposing?

Logical Framework / Theory of Change - Explain how your proposed research agenda can be put into some kind of logical framework. We have looked at different kinds of frameworks for this kind of approach in class.

Research Challenges - Discuss research ethics, politics, pragmatic concerns

Methods - Proposed analytical methodology of the data you are proposing to collect with your research, noting methods and standards of evidence

Timeline and responsibilities - Who will do what and when will it be done to get the research project through to completion?

Discussion and conclusion - What will we know at the end of this process that we need to know and how will people be impacted by what we have proposed to do?

Budget - If you want to make it even more realistic, you could develop an indicative budget (though this is optional)