

TASKS FOR SELFSTUDY

Topic 8



INTRODUCTION TO ECONOMICS OF ARMED CONFLICT

1. Try to define the sense of “Armed Conflict” term. On the basis of accessible literature study, make its typology. Try to identify a difference between terms “war” and “armed conflict”.
2. Try to define a visible and hidden causes and impacts of armed conflicts origin. Put accent on economic point of view.
3. Try to make an economic analysis of armed conflict, use vice-criterion approach. Try to find out as much as possible of costs and benefit examples of armed conflict (i.e. typology of cost-benefit analysis, macroeconomic x microeconomic costs, worldwide, regional and local costs and so on).
4. You can choose whichever example of past or present armed conflict and try to analyse a cause of its birth, describe its development, participants and show a list of its costs. This question can be chosen more than once.
5. Which pitfall and problems have to face economist if he want to perform economic analysis of armed conflicts? You can use some study on this topics (i.e. Stiglitz, Nordhause, Bilmes, Skoens and others)