

Undergraduate Seminar on Order, Violence, & the State

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Description: Why are some societies plagued by endemic violence and others peaceful? How do peaceful, ordered

Content:

Topic 1. *Anarchy and the Potential for Spontaneous Cooperation*

- Waltz, Kenneth Neal. "Theory of International Politics." 1979. ch 6.
- Axelrod, Robert M. "The Evolution of Cooperation" 2006. ch 1-2,4,9.

Topic 2a. *Why Violence? Evolutionary and Cultural Explanations*

- Wrangham, Richard W., and Dale Peterson. "Demonic Males: Apes and the Origins of Human Violence" 1996. ch 1- 4
- Nisbett, Richard E., and Dov Cohen. "Culture of Honor: the Psychology of Violence in the South" 1996. ch 1-6

Topic 2b. *Why Violence? Materialist and Structural Explanations*

- LeBlanc, Steven A., and Katherine E. Register. "Constant Battles: Why We Fight" 2004. ch 1, 2-7
- Fearon, James D. "Rationalist Explanations for War" *International Organization* 49.03 (1995): 379-414.

Topic 3. *States: Where Do they Come From?*

- Olson, Mancur. "Power and Prosperity: Outgrowing Communist and Capitalist Dictatorships" 2000. ch 1
- Boix, Carles. "Political Order and Inequality: Their Foundations and their Consequences for Human Welfare." pp 1-91
- Robert Carneiro "A Theory of the Origin of the State" *Science*. 1970
- de la Sierra, Raul Sanchez. On the Origin of States: Stationary Bandits and Taxation in Eastern Congo. *Working Paper* University of Chicago 2015.

Topic 4a. *State Capacity: What is it & How Should it be Measured?*

- Huntington, Samuel P. Political order in changing societies. 2006. ch 1
- Hendrix, Cullen S. "Measuring state capacity: Theoretical and empirical implications for the study of civil conflict." *Journal of Peace Research* 47.3 (2010): 273-285.
- Lee, Melissa M., and Nan Zhang. 2016. "Legibility and the Informational Foundations of State Capacity." Forthcoming at the *Journal of Politics*.

Topic 4b. *State Capacity: The English Case*

- Brewer, John. *The Sinews of Power: War, Money, and the English State, 1688-1783*. 1990.

Topic 4c. *State Capacity: Where Does it Come From?*

- Charles Tilly "War Making and State Making as Organized Crime." 1985
- Dincecco, Mark and Mauricio Prado "Warfare, Fiscal Capacity, and Performance" *Journal of Economic Growth*, vol. 17, pp. 171-203, 2012.
- Ho man, Philip T. "Why did Europe Conquer the World?" 2015. ch 2
- Karaman, Kivanc and Pamuk, Sevket. "Divergent Paths to the Modern State in Europe: The Interaction Between Warfare, Economic Structure, and Political Regime" *The American Political Science Review*. (2013)

Topic 5. *Constraining the Leviathan*

- North, Douglass C., and Barry R. Weingast. "Constitutions and commitment: the evolution of institutions governing public choice in seventeenth-century England." *The journal of economic history* 49.04 (1989): 803-832.
- Weingast, Barry R. "The Political Foundations of Democracy and the Rule of the Law." *American political science review* 91.02 (1997): 245-263.
- Stasavage, David "Credible Commitment in Early Modern Europe: North and Weingast Revisited" *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* 18(1), pp.155-86, 2002
- Boix, Carles, and Milan W. Svoblik. "The foundations of limited authoritarian government: Institutions, Commitment, and Power-Sharing in Dictatorships." *The Journal of Politics* 75.02 (2013): 300-316.

Topic 6. *Public Debt and Representation*

- Stasavage, David. *States of Credit: Size, Power, and the Development of European polities*. 2011

Topic 7. *The Number and Size of States*

- Tilly, Charles, *Coercion, Capital and the European State: 990-1990*. ch 1 - 3
- Spruyt, Hendrik. "Institutional selection in international relations: state anarchy as order." *International Organization* 48.04 (1994): 527-557.
- Abramson, Scott, "The Economic Origins of the Territorial State" *International Organization* (Forthcoming)

Topic 8. *Why Does Statelessness Persist?*

- Herbst, Jerrey. *States and power in Africa*. 2014. ch 1-5
- Scott, James *The Art of Not Being Governed*, 2009 ch 1.

Topic 9. *Nations and Nationalism*

- Balcells, Laia. "Mass schooling and catalan nationalism." *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* 19.4 (2013): 467-486.
- Darden, Keith, and Harris Mylonas. "Threats to territorial integrity, national mass schooling, and linguistic commonality." *Comparative Political Studies* (2015): 0010414015606735.
- Ernest Gellner. 1983. *Nations and Nationalism*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. Chapters 1-4.

Topic 10. *Sovereignty*

- Osiander, Andreas. "Sovereignty, international relations, and the Westphalian myth." *International organization* 55.02 (2001): 251-287.
- Krasner, Stephen D. "Compromising Westphalia." *International Security* (1995): 115-151.
- Philpott, Daniel. "The Religious Roots of Modern International Relations." *World Politics* 52.02 (2000): 206-245.
- Ruggie, John Gerard. "Territoriality and beyond: problematizing modernity in international relations." *International organization* 47.01 (1993): 139-174