

PL SC 550: Core Seminar in Comparative Politics

Course Information

Class Time: Wednesday 9.00-12.00

Place: 217 [Thomas Building](#)

Course Website: Canvas

Slack Workspace: *CPgrad_class*

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Course Description

This course is the core seminar for the field of comparative politics in the political science Ph.D. program. It provides an introduction to the dominant questions, theories, and empirical research in comparative politics. While international politics concerns itself with the study of political phenomena that occur predominantly *between* countries, comparative politics concerns itself with the study of political phenomena that occur predominantly *within* countries. As such, comparative politics is a vast field of research. The substantive topics covered in this course include, among other things, democracy and development, democratic performance, authoritarian politics, political institutions, culture and identity issues, civil war, elections and political parties, representation and accountability, and political economy. The course has two primary goals: (i) to prepare students for a research career in comparative politics by providing a general survey of the field, and (ii) to help prepare doctoral candidates for the comprehensive examination in comparative politics.

Course Requirements

1. *Participation (10%)*. Attendance is mandatory. All students are required to have completed the readings for each week before class begins, and everyone should be prepared to discuss the readings during class. Intelligent participation in departmental talks and at conferences will be highly valued throughout your professional career and you should practice this ability now. I expect you to provide evidence that you have done the readings in a thoughtful and careful manner. In order to help this process along, I strongly suggest that you bring written notes to class. I recommend, but do *not* require, that you also attend the undergraduate comparative politics class taught by Professor Sona Golder, which is taught Tuesday, Thursday, 9:05-10:20 in 104 [Keller Building](#).

2. *Discussion Leadership* (10%). Each student will be assigned two seminars to lead. The discussion leader should prepare a list of discussion questions and email them to the rest of the class by 4pm on the day preceding the seminar (Tuesday). Discussion leaders may also wish to share their questions on the class Slack workspace, *CPgrad_class*. The depth of preparation evidenced in these questions, along with the leading of the seminar itself, will determine the student's grade. In addition to whatever specific questions the discussion leader identifies, he/she should also be prepared to discuss the following substantive and methodological topics:

Substantive:

- What question motivates the research? Is it clearly expressed? Why is it important?
- What is the goal of the researcher? Description, explanation, prediction?
- What is the theory? Is it clear? Is it logically valid?
- Are the concepts in the theory clearly defined?
- What is the unit of analysis?
- Are the key actors in the theory individuals, groups, states, or organizations? Does it matter?
- What are the observable implications of the theory?

Methodological:

- Which implications does the researcher test? What is the central empirical strategy? Is it a qualitative or quantitative design? Is it cross-sectional or over time?
- Does this strategy adequately test the implications of the theory?
- Are the theoretical concepts measured appropriately?
- How are the cases/observations selected?

3. *Review* (20%). Students will write a review for an anonymous manuscript that I will provide. Writing reviews is one of our professional duties, and so the earlier you learn how to write them, the better.
4. *Final Exam* (60%). The final exam will be similar to the morning component of the doctoral comprehensive exam in comparative politics. You will be asked to answer two out of a possible four questions. Unlike the actual comprehensive exam, though, the final exam in this class will be a take-home exercise. You will receive the exam on a Friday and have the weekend to complete your response. Exams will be due in my mailbox at noon the following Monday.

No incomplete grades will be given unless there is an agreement between the instructor and the student prior to the end of the course. The instructor retains the right to determine legitimate reasons for an incomplete grade.

Slack

We will use [Slack](#), a channel-based messaging platform, to communicate with each other as a group about class-related material and comparative politics more generally. We will use Slack to make announcements, discuss readings and other class material, ask questions, collaborate, and many other things. You will be invited to join the Slack workspace, *CPgrad_class*, during the first week of class. Slack allows us to communicate in public ‘channels’ and via private ‘direct messages.’ For the purposes of this class, almost all of our communication should be done on the public ‘channels.’ You can use direct messages to contact me if you have a private question or concern. You should be respectful, inclusive, and professional in all of your communications. Violations of this will be dealt with severely and may lead to a student’s removal from the class and other additional punishments.

Temporary Online Office Hours

The Political Science Department is located in Pond Lab. There has been some significant building work going on in Pond Lab over the Summer and we had to vacate part of the building. We were told that this work would be finished before the Fall semester starts. However, it turns out that the work is not completed. As a result, I do not have access to my office. This means that I will be starting the semester with online office hours via Zoom. We will switch to in-person office hours when we have access to our offices. You can access the link to my office hours on the class Canvas site.

Covid/Masking Etiquette

Penn State University requires everyone to wear a face mask in all university buildings, including classrooms, regardless of vaccination status. ALL STUDENTS MUST wear a mask appropriately (i.e., covering both your mouth and nose) while you are indoors on campus. This is to protect your health and safety as well as the health and safety of your classmates, instructor, and the university community. Anyone attending class without a mask will be asked to put one on or leave. Instructors may end class if anyone present refuses to appropriately wear a mask for the duration of class. Students who refuse to wear masks appropriately may face disciplinary action for Code of Conduct violations. If you feel you cannot wear a mask during class, please speak with your adviser immediately about your options for altering your schedule.

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the pursuit of scholarly activity in an open, honest and responsible manner. Academic integrity is a basic guiding principle for all academic activity at The Pennsylvania State University, and all members of the University community are expected to act in accordance with this principle. Consistent with this expectation, the University’s Code of Conduct states that all students should act with personal integrity, respect other students’ dignity, rights and property, and help create and maintain an environment in which all can succeed through the fruits of their efforts.

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Penn State defines academic integrity as “the pursuit of scholarly activity in an open, honest and responsible manner” ([Senate Policy 49-20](#)). Dishonesty of any kind will not be tolerated in this course. Dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarizing, fabricating information or citations, facilitating acts of academic dishonesty by others, having unauthorized possession of examinations, submitting work of another person or work previously used without permission from the instructor, or tampering with the academic work of other students. Students facing allegations of academic misconduct should not drop the course; those who do will be added to the course again and will be expected to complete course work and meet course deadlines. If the allegations are dismissed, then the drop will be permitted. Students found responsible for academic misconduct often receive academic sanctions, which can be severe, and put themselves at risk for disciplinary sanctions assigned by the University’s Office of Student Conduct (see [Senate Policy G-9](#)).

Counseling and Psychological Services

Many students at Penn State face personal challenges or have psychological needs that may interfere with their academic progress, social development, or emotional wellbeing. The university offers a variety of confidential services to help you through difficult times, including individual and group counseling, crisis intervention, consultations, online chats, and mental health screenings. These services are provided by staff who welcome all students and embrace a philosophy respectful of clients’ cultural and religious backgrounds, and sensitive to differences in race, ability, gender identity, and sexual orientation.

Counseling and Psychological Services at University Park (CAPS)
(<http://studentaffairs.psu.edu/counseling/>): 814-863-0395

Counseling and Psychological Services at Commonwealth Campuses
(<http://senate.psu.edu/faculty/counseling-services-at-commonwealth-campuses/>)

Penn State Crisis Line (24 hours/7 days/week): 877-229-6400
Crisis Text Line (24 hours/7 days/week): Text LIONS to 741741

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In order to receive consideration for reasonable accommodations, you must contact the appropriate disability services office at the campus where you are officially enrolled, participate in an intake interview, and provide documentation: See documentation guidelines at (<http://equity.psu.edu/sdr/guidelines>). If the documentation supports your request for reasonable accommodations, your campus disability services office will provide you with an accommodation letter. Please share this letter with your instructors and discuss the accommodations with them as early as possible. You must follow this process for every semester that you request accommodations.

Long Term Absences

During your enrollment at Penn State, unforeseen challenges may arise. If you ever need to miss an extended amount of class in such a circumstance, please notify your professor so you can determine the best course of action to make up missed work. If your situation rises to a level of difficulty you cannot manage on your own with faculty support, reach out to the Student Care & Advocacy office by phone at (814-863-2020) or email them at StudentCare@psu.edu.

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Readings and Required Texts:

Books marked with an asterisk are in hardback only. Please come to my office to pick up the page proofs for these books.

- Clark, William Roberts, Matt Golder, & Sona Golder. 2017. *Principles of Comparative Politics (Third Edition)*. Washington D.C.: CQ Press. [This will be useful for background reading. I will provide each of you with a copy during the first week of class.]
- Dancygier, Rafaela. 2017. *Dilemmas of Inclusion: Muslims in European Politics*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- De Vries, Catherine E. & Sara B. Hobolt. 2020. *Political Entrepreneurs: The Rise of Challenger Parties in Europe*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Driscoll, Jesse. 2015. *Warlords and Coalition Politics in Post-Soviet States*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

- Meng, Anne. 2020. *Constraining Dictatorship: From Personalized Rule to Institutionalized Regimes*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Proksch, Sven-Oliver & Jonathan B. Slapin. 2015. *The Politics of Parliamentary Debate: Parties, Rebels, and Representation*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Przeworski, Adam. 2018. *Why Bother with Elections?* Cambridge: Polity.
- Przeworski, Adam. 2019. *Crises of Democracy*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Stasavage, David. 2020. *The Decline and Rise of Democracy: A Global History from Antiquity to Today*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Stokes, Susan C., Thad Dunning, Marcello Nazareno, & Valeria Brusco. 2013. *Brokers, Voters, and Clientelism: The Puzzle of Distributive Politics*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Valdini, Melody E. 2019. *The Inclusion Calculation: Why Men Appropriate Women's Representation*. New York: Oxford University Press.

In addition to the books listed above, we will read a series of articles and unpublished manuscripts. You are responsible for locating the required readings.

Additional recommended readings are listed below each topic on the schedule. These readings are included in order to help guide the doctoral candidates to prepare for the comprehensive examination in comparative politics. While the list of recommended readings may appear lengthy, it should not be seen as exhaustive.

Tentative Schedule

Week 1 (August 25): Introduction, Comparative Politics, Science, Logic

- *Background:*
 - Clark, William Roberts, Matt Golder, & Sona Golder. 2017. *Principles of Comparative Politics*. Washington D.C.: CQ Press. Chapters 1-2.
- *Required:*
 - Magee, Brian. 1973. *Philosophy and the Real World: An Introduction to Karl Popper*. Open Court, La Salle, Illinois. pp. 13-54.
 - Lave, Charles A. & James March. 1975. *An Introduction to Models in the Social Sciences*. New York: Harper and Row. pp. 2-84.
- *Recommended:*
 - Balashov, Yuri, & Alex Rosenberg. 2001. *Philosophy of Science: Contemporary Readings*. New York: Routledge. Chapters 3, 10, 17, 25, 26.
 - Boix, Carles & Susan Carol Stokes. 2009. *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*. New York: Oxford University Press.
 - Kuhn, Thomas. [1962] 1996. *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*. Chicago: Chicago University Press.
 - Lakatos, Imre. 1970. “Falsification and the Methodology of Scientific Research Programmes.” In Imre Lakatos & Alan Musgrave (ed). *Criticism and the Growth of Knowledge*. New York: Cambridge University Press. pp. 91-195.
 - Popper, Karl. [1935] 2003. *The Logic of Scientific Discovery*. New York: Routledge.

Week 2 (September 1): Comparative Method, Qualitative Comparative Analysis, Counterfactuals

- *Required:*
 - Fearon, James. 1991. “Counterfactuals and Hypothesis Testing in Political Science.” *World Politics* 43: 169-195.
 - Lieberman, Stanley. 1991. “Small N’s and Big Conclusions: An Examination of the Reasoning in Comparative Studies Based on a Small Number of Cases.” *Social Forces* 70: 307-320.
 - Abadie, Alberto, Alexis Diamond, & Jens Hainmueller. 2015. “Comparative Politics and the Synthetic Control Method.” *American Journal of Political Science* 59(2):495-510.
 - Seawright, Jason. 2005. “Qualitative Comparative Analysis vis-à-vis Regression.” *Studies in Comparative International Development* 40: 3-26. (See also pp. 39-42).
 - Hug, Simon. 2013. “Qualitative Comparative Analysis: How Inductive Use and Measurement Error Lead to Problematic Inference.” *Political Analysis* 21: 252-265.

- Paine, Jack. 2016. “Set-theoretic Comparative Methods: Less Distinctive Than Claimed.” *Comparative Political Studies* 49(6): 703-741.
- Clark, William Roberts & Matt Golder. 2015. “Big Data, Causal Inference, and Formal Theory: Contradictory Trends in Political Science?” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 48: 65-70.

• *Recommended:*

Comparative Method, Mill’s Methods

- Glynn, Adam N. & Nahomi Ichino. 2015. “Using Qualitative Information to Improve Causal Inference.” *American Journal of Political Science* 59(4): 1055-1071.
- Lieberman, Stanley. 1994. “More on the Uneasy Case for Using Mill-Type Methods in Small-N Comparative Studies.” *Social Forces* 72: 1225-1237.
- Lijphart, Arend. 1971. “Comparative Politics and Comparative Method.” *American Political Science Review* 65: 682-693.
- Lijphart, Arend. 1975. “The Comparable-Cases Strategy in Comparative Research.” *Comparative Political Studies* 8: 158-177.
- Mill, John Stuart. [1848] “Two Methods of Comparison,” *A System of Logic*, reprinted in Amitai Etzioni & L. Dubow. (eds.) 1970. *Comparative Perspectives: Theories and Methods*. Boston: Little, Brown. pp. 205-213.
- Przeworski, Adam, & Henry Teune. 1970. *The Logic of Comparative Social Inquiry*. New York: Wiley-Interscience.
- Sekhon, Jasjeet. 2004. “Quality Meets Quantity: Case Studies, Conditional Probability, and Counterfactuals.” *Perspectives on Politics* 2: 281-293.
- Sekhon, Jasjeet. 2010. “The Neyman-Rubin Model of Causal Inference and Estimation via Matching Methods.” In Box-Steffensmeier, Janet, Henry Brady, and David Collier, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Political Methodology*. New York: Oxford University Press. pp. 271-299.
- Skocpol, Theda & Margaret Somers. 1980. “The Uses of Comparative History in Macrosocial Inquiry.” *Comparative Studies in Society and History*. 22(2): 174-197.

Qualitative Comparative Analysis, Set Theoretical Methods, and Causal Complexity

- Braumoeller, Bear F. 2003. “Causal Complexity and the Study of Politics.” *Political Analysis* 11: 209-233.
- Braumoeller, Bear F. 2015. “Guarding Against False Positives in Qualitative Comparative Analysis.” *Political Analysis* 23: 471-487.
- Braumoeller, Bear F., & Gary D. Goertz. 2000. “The Methodology of Necessary Conditions.” *American Journal of Political Science* 44: 844-58.
- Clark, William Roberts, Michael J. Gilligan & Matt Golder. 2006. “A Simple Multivariate Test for Asymmetric Hypotheses.” *Political Analysis* 14: 311-331.
- Collier, David. 2014. “Symposium. The Set-Theoretic Comparative Method: Critical Assessment and the Search for Alternatives.” *Newsletter of the American Political Science Association Organized Section for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research*.

- Collier, David. 2014. “QCA Should Set Aside the Algorithms.” *Sociological Methodology*.
- Krogslund, Chris, Donghyun Danny Choi, & Mathias Poertner. 2015. “Fuzzy Sets on Shaky Ground: Parameter Sensitivity and Confirmation Bias in fsQCA.” *Political Analysis* 23(1): 21-41.
- Lucas, Samuel R. & Alisa Szatrowski. 2014. “Qualitative Comparative Analysis in Critical Perspective.” *Sociological Methodology*.
- Paine, Jack. 2016. “Still Searching for the Value-Added: Persistent Concerns about Set-Theoretic Comparative Methods.” *Comparative Political Studies*. 49(6): 793-800.
- Ragin, Charles C. 1987. *The Comparative Method: Moving Beyond Qualitative and Quantitative Strategies*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Ragin, Charles C. 2000. *Fuzzy-Set Social Science*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Ragin, Charles C. 2008. *Redesigning Social Inquiry: Fuzzy Sets and Beyond*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Rihoux, Benoît & Axel Marx. 2013. “QCA, 25 Years After *The Comparative Method*: Mapping, Challenges, and Innovations – Mini-Symposium.” *Political Research Quarterly* 66: 167-235.

Causality and Counterfactuals

- Holland, Paul. 1986. “Statistics and Causal Inference” with comments by D. Rubin, D. Cox, C. Glymour, & C. Granger, and rejoinder by P. Holland. *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 81: 945-970.
- King, Gary, and Langche Zeng. 2006. “The Dangers of Extreme Counterfactuals.” *Political Analysis* 14: 131-59.
- King, Gary, and Langche Zeng. 2007. “When Can History be Our Guide? The Pitfalls of Counterfactual Inference.” *International Studies Quarterly* 51: 183-210.
- Mackie, John L. 1965. “Causes and Conditions.” *American Philosophical Quarterly* 2: 245-264.
- Pearl, Judea. 2000. *Causality: Models, Reasoning, and Inference*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Rosenbaum, Paul R. 2002. *Observational Studies* (2nd edn). New York: Springer Verlag.

Week 3 (September 8): Case Selection, Process Tracing, Mixed Methods

- *Required:*

- Collier, David, Henry E. Brady, and Jason Seawright. 2010. “Sources of Leverage in Causal Inference: Toward an Alternative View of Methodology.” In Brady, Henry & David Collier. 2010. *Rethinking Social Inquiry: Diverse Tools, Shared Standards*. Lanham, MD.: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. Chapter 13. [See also follow-up pieces].
 - (i) Beck, Nathaniel. 2006. “Is Causal-Process Observation an Oxymoron?” *Political Analysis* 14: 347-352.

- (ii) Brady, Henry E., David Collier, & Jason Seawright. 2006. "Toward a Pluralistic Vision of Methodology." *Political Analysis* 14: 353-368.
 - (iii) Beck, Nathaniel. 2010. "Causal Process 'Observation': Oxymoron or (Fine) Old Wine." *Political Analysis* 18: 499-505.
 - (iv) David Collier, Henry E. Brady, & Jason Seawright. 2010. "Outdated Views of Qualitative Methods: Time to Move On." *Political Analysis* 18: 506-513.
 - Lorentzen, Peter, Jack Paine, & M. Taylor Fravel. 2017. "Qualitative Investigation of Theoretical Models: The Value of Process Tracing." *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 29(3): 467-491.
 - Lieberman, Evan S. 2005. "Nested Analysis as a Mixed-Method Strategy for Comparative Research." *American Political Science Review* 99: 435-452.
 - Geddes, Barbara. 2003. *Paradigms and Sand Castles: Theory Building and Research Design in Comparative Politics*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. Chapters 3-4.
- *Recommended:*

Mixed Methods

- Brady, Henry & David Collier. 2010. *Rethinking Social Inquiry: Diverse Tools, Shared Standards*. Lanham, MD.: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.
- King, Gary, Robert Keohane & Sidney Verba. 1994. *Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research*. Princeton, Princeton University Press.
- Laitin, David D. 2003. "The Perestroika Challenge to Social Science." *Politics and Society* 31: 163-184.
- Laitin, David D. et al. 1995. "The Qualitative-Quantitative Disputation: Gary King, Robert Keohane and Sidney Verba's *Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research*." *American Political Science Review* 89: 454-481.

Case Studies, Process Tracing, and Case Selection

- Achen, Christopher & Duncan Snidal. 1989. "Rational Deterrence Theory and Comparative Case Studies." *World Politics* 41: 143-169.
- Bates, Robert H., Avner Greif, Margaret Levi, Jean-Laurent Rosenthal, & Barry R. Weingast. 1998. *Analytic Narratives*. Princeton, NJ. Princeton University Press.
- Collier, David. 2008. "Symposium: Case Selection, Case Studies, and Causal Inference." *Newsletter of the American Political Science Association Organized Section for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research* 6: 2- 16.
- Collier, David. 2011. "Understanding Process Tracing." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 44: 823-830.
- Collier, David and James Mahoney. 1996. "Insights and Pitfalls: Selection Bias in Qualitative Research." *World Politics* 49: 56-91.
- Dion, Douglas. 1998. "Evidence and Inference in the Comparative Case Study." *Comparative Politics* 30: 127-145.
- George, Alexander L. & Andrew Bennett. 2005. *Case Studies and Theory Development in the Social Sciences*. Cambridge: MIT Press.

- Gerring, John. 2009. “The Case Study: What it is and What it Does.” In Boix, Carles, & Susan C. Stokes. (eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Gerring, John. 2007. *Case Study Research: Principles and Practices*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Gerring, John. 2010. “Causal Mechanisms: Yes, But . . .” *Comparative Political Studies* 43: 1499-1526.
- Gerring, John & Jason Seawright. 2008. “Case Selection Techniques in Case Study Research: A Menu of Qualitative and Quantitative Options.” *Political Research Quarterly* 61: 294-308.
- Mahoney, James and Gary Goertz. 2004. “The Possibility Principle: Choosing Negative Cases in Comparative Research.” *American Political Science Review* 98: 671-686.
- Sambanis, Nicholas. 2004. “Using Case Studies to Expand Economic Models of Civil War.” *Perspectives on Politics* 2: 259-279.

Week 4 (September 15): State Formation

- *Background:*

- Clark, William Roberts, Matt Golder, & Sona Golder. 2017. *Principles of Comparative Politics*. Washington D.C.: CQ Press. Chapter 4.

- *Required:*

- Driscoll, Jesse. 2015. *Warlords and Coalition Politics in Post-Soviet States*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Wang, Yuhua. Forthcoming. “State-in-Society 2.0: Toward Fourth-Generation Theories of the State.” *Comparative Politics*.
- Little, Andrew & Thomas Pepinsky. 2016. “Simple and Formal Models in Comparative Politics.” *Chinese Political Science Review* 1(3):425-447.
- Autesserre, Séverine. 2014. *Peaceland: Conflict Resolution and the Everyday Politics of International Intervention*. New York: Cambridge University Press. Appendix: An Ethnographic Approach.

- *Recommended:*

- Field Research*

- Brand, H. Russell. 2006. “Field Notes: How to Take Them, Code Them, Manage Them.” Chapter 14 of *Research Methods in Anthropology: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches* (4th Edition). Lanham, MD: AltaMira Press.
- Brand, H. Russell. 2006. “Interviewing: Unstructured and Semistructured.” Chapter 9 of *Research Methods in Anthropology: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches* (4th Edition). Lanham, MD: AltaMira Press.

- Lareau, Annette & Jeffrey Shultz. 1996. *Journeys Through Ethnography: Realistic Accounts of Fieldwork*. Westview Press.
- Lofland, John, David Snow, Leon Anderson, & Lyn Lofland. 2005. *Analyzing Social Settings: A Guide to Qualitative Observation and Analysis* (4th Edition). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.
- Mosley, Layna (ed). 2013. *Interview Research in Political Science*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
- Snow, David A., Calvin Morrill, & Leon Anderson. 2003. “Elaborating Analytic Ethnography: Linking Fieldwork and Theory.” *Ethnography* 4: 181-200.
- Wood, Elisabeth Jean Wood. 2008. “Field Research.” Boix, Carles & Susan Stokes (eds.) *The Handbook of Comparative Politics*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Wood, Elisabeth Jean. 2006. “The Ethical Challenges of Field Research in Conflict Zones.” *Qualitative Sociology* 29: 307-341.

Data Access and Research Transparency

- Büthe, Tim & Alan M. Jacobs. 2015. “Symposium: Transparency in Qualitative and Multi-method Research.” *Qualitative & Multi-method Research Newsletter* 13: 1-64.
- [Data Access and Research Transparency \(DA-RT\) website](#).
- [Data Access and Research Transparency Source Documents](#). *CP-APSA Newsletter* 26: 10-25.
- Driscoll, Jesse. 2015. “[Can Anonymity Promises be Credible in Police States.](#)” *CP-APSA Newsletter* 25: 4-7.
- Golder, Matt & Sona Golder. 2016. “[Symposium: Data Access and Research Transparency \(DA-RT\).](#)” *CP-APSA Newsletter* 26: 1-64
- King, Gary. 1995. “Replication, Replication.” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 28: 443-499.
- King, Gary. 2003. “The Future of Replication.” *International Studies Perspectives* 4: 72-707.
- Lupia, Arthur & Colin Elman. 2014. “Symposium: Openness in Political Science – Data Access and Research Transparency.” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 47: 19-83.
- Moravcsik, Andrew. 2010. “Active Citation: A Precondition for Replicable Qualitative Research.” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 43: 29-35.
- National Science Foundation. 2010. “[Data Management Plan Policy for NSF SBE Directorate Proposals and Awards.](#)”
- [Qualitative Data Repository website](#)
- [Qualitative Transparency Deliberations \(QTD\) website](#).
- UK Data Archive (Verlee van den Eynden, Louise Corti, Matthew Woollard, Libby Bishop, Laurence Horton). 2011. “[Managing and Sharing Data: Best Practice for Researchers.](#)”

State Making and State Failure

- Acemoglu, Daron & James A. Robinson. 2019. *The Narrow Corridor: States, Societies, and the Fate of Liberty*. New York: Penguin Press.
- Bates, Robert H. 2008. *When Things Fell Apart: State Failure in Late-Century Africa*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

- Blaydes, Lisa & Christopher Paik. 2016. “The Impact of Holy Land Crusades on State Formation: War Mobilization, Trade Integration and Political Development in Medieval Europe.” *International Organization* 70(3): 551-586.
- Boix, Carles. 2015. *Political Order and Inequality: Their Foundations and their Consequences for Human Welfare*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Dincecco, Mark & Yuhua Wang. 2018. “Violent Conflict and Political Development over the Long Run: China versus Europe.” *Annual Review of Political Science* 21: 341-358.
- Finer, Samuel E. 1975. “State- and Nation-Building in Europe: The Role of the Military.” In Charles Tilly (ed.) *The Formation of National States in Western Europe*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. Chapter 2.
- Geddes, Barbara. 1994. *Politician’s Dilemma: Building State Capacity in Latin America*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Hagmann, Tobias, & Markus V. Hoehne. 2009. “Failures of the State Failure Debate: Evidence from the Somali Territories.” *Journal of International Development* 21: 42-57.
- Herbst, Jeffrey. 2000. *States and Power in Africa: Comparative Lessons in Authority and Control*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- Huntington, Samuel P. 1968. *Political Order in Changing Societies*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- King, Gary & Langche Zeng. 2001. “Improving Forecasts of State Failure.” *World Politics* 53: 623-658.
- Lemke, Douglas. 2003. “African Lessons for International Relations Research.” *World Politics* 56: 114-138.
- Levi, Margaret. 1988. *Of Rule and Revenue*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- North, Douglas C. 1981. *Structure and Change in Economic History*. New York: Norton.
- North, Douglas C., & Robert Paul Thomas. 1973. *The Rise of the Western World: A New Economic History*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Rokkan, Stein. 1975. “Dimensions of State Formation and Nation-Building.” In Charles Tilly (ed.) *The Formation of National States in Western Europe*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. Chapter 8.
- Rotberg, Robert I. (ed.) 2003. *When States Fail: Causes and Consequences*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- Scott, James C. 2017. *Against the Grain: A Deep History of the Earliest States*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Spruyt, Henrik. 1994. *The Sovereign State and its Competitors*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- Stasavage, David. 2020. *The Decline and Rise of Democracy: A Global History from Antiquity to Today*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Tilly, Charles. 1992. *Coercion, Capital, and European States, AD 990-1992*. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell.

- Tilly, Charles. 1985. “War Making and State Making as Organized Crime.” In Peter B. Evans, Dietrich Rueschmeyer, & Theda Skocpol (ed.) *Bringing the State Back In*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Waldner, David. 1999. *State Building and Late Development*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
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Conceptualizing the State

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