

GOV 2102: THE POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT

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Overview

What is development and why are some places more developed than others? This course addresses some of the most important and enduring questions about development and aims to address both “big questions” in the field and more micro-level issues and studies. The seminar focuses on a broad understanding of development, encompassing both economic and social dimensions, and addresses the role and origins of institutions that foster development, development outcomes, service delivery and public goods provision across different contexts and time periods. The course begins with a brief overview of the nature of development and then moves into both classic and contemporary debates in the field, prioritizing those that remain active today. These include:

- What is the role of the state (and non-state actors) in driving development? Why are some states more capable of driving or fostering development than others?
- How do historical legacies shape state institutions that promote development as well as development trajectories and outcomes?
- How do business-government relations and “crony capitalism” affect development?
- What is the relationship between regime type and development?
- Under what conditions does ethnoreligious diversity hinder development and public goods provision?
- What is the resource curse and what are its effects, if any, on development?
- What explains variation in welfare regimes in developing countries?
- How should we study development and what is the relationship between the academic study of development and development policy and practice?

In addition, in this year’s version of the seminar, we will focus on the politics of Covid-19 in both developed and developing countries alike. For this topic, and for our discussion on methodological approaches to the study of development, we will join forces with participants in Professor Evan Lieberman’s (MIT) graduate seminar on Democracy, Development, and Dignity.

Course requirements

- 1) Attend/participate (25% of course grade): Seminar participants must attend and *participate actively* in all meetings of the seminar. All required readings should be completed and thoughtfully digested prior to class. In preparing for seminar discussions, participants should understand the main arguments of each readings, the key question it addresses in corresponding theoretical literature, competing theoretical perspectives, the logic of the hypotheses, the nature of the data and methods used in the paper, and the validity of the empirical claims.
- 2) Response papers (30%): Three response papers, each approximately 3 pages, double spaced, that critically analyze the required and, if desired, additional course readings on three different weeks/topics of your choice. Response papers should be structured around a single core question, avoid extended summaries of authors' arguments, and strive to make connections across the readings. *Response papers must be uploaded to the course website before the class period during which the corresponding readings will be discussed.*
NB: In lieu of one response paper, you may substitute a book review of a recent, development-related book of your choosing.
- 3) Research paper or prospectus proposal (5%): A brief summary of the proposed paper or prospectus including the following elements:
 - Statement of research question, ideally in the form of a puzzle
 - Tentative hypothesis
 - List of a few alternative and/or complementary hypotheses
 - Case selection
 - Proposed data and methods

Upload to course website by Thursday, October 15.

- 4) In-class workshop presentation and feedback on other presentations (10%) and research paper/prospectus (30%): Both the research paper and prospectus should include the following elements:
 - Statement of research question, ideally in the form of a puzzle
 - Tentative hypothesis
 - Identification and brief discussion of the range of possible rival or complementary hypotheses
 - Justification of case selection
 - Data and methods
 - Empirical analyses (research papers only)
 - Conclusion, including (re)statement of the importance of the question

If you want to write a research paper or prospectus that diverges from this overarching set of elements, clear this in advance with me. Submissions should not exceed 30 pages, double-spaced exclusive of the bibliography. *Upload to course website by Friday, December 11.* Students are strongly encouraged to complete their papers by the end of this semester.

Materials

All materials are available electronically through the course website.

TOPICS & READINGS

Week 1 (Sept. 8): What is development?

Amartya Sen. 1999. *Development as Freedom*. New York: Anchor Books. Introduction (pp. 3-12).

Angus Deaton. "Income, Health, and Well-Being around the World: Evidence from the Gallup World Poll." *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 22 (2008): 53-72.

Caterina Ruggeri Laderchi, Ruhi Saith, and Frances Stewart. "Does It Matter That We Do Not Agree on the Definition of Poverty? A Comparison of Four Approaches." *Oxford Development Studies* 31, no. 3 (2010): 243-74.

United Nations Development Program. The Human Development Report, 2010, Overview and ch. 1 (pp. 1-24). Available [here](#).

Morten Jerven. *Poor Numbers*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2013, Introduction and Ch. 1 (pp. 1-32).

James Ferguson. *The Anti-Politics Machine: Development, Depoliticization, and Bureaucratic Power In Lesotho*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1990, ch. 1.

Eduardo Gudynas. "Buen Vivir: today's tomorrow." *Development* 54, no. 4 (2011): 441-447.

Week 2 (Sept. 15): The role and origins of the "developmental state"

Kiren Aziz Chaudhry. "The Myths of the Market and the Common History of Late Developers." *Politics and Society* 21, no. 3 (1998): 245-274.

Peter Evans. *Embedded Autonomy: States and Industrial Transformation*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1995, chs. 1 (pp. 3-20) and 3 (pp. 43-73).

Mark Dincecco and Gabriel Katz. "State Capacity and Long-Run Economic Performance." In *The Economic Journal* 126 (2016): 189-218.

Melissa N. Lee and Nan Zhang. "Legibility and the Informational Foundations of State Capacity." In *The Journal of Politics* 79, no. 1 (2017): 118-132.

Atul Kohli. "Where do High Growth Political Economies Come From? The Japanese Lineage of Korea's 'Developmental State.'" *World Development* 22, no. 9 (1994): 1269-1293.

Richard F. Doner, Bryan K. Ritchie, and Dan Slater. "Systemic Vulnerability and the Origins of Developmental States: Northeast and Southeast Asia in Comparative Perspective." In *International Organization* 59 (Spring 2005): 327-361.

Dan Mattingly. "Colonial Legacies and State Institutions in China: Evidence from a Natural Experiment." *Comparative Political Studies* 50, no. 4 (2017): 434-463.

Yuen Yuen Ang. "Do Weberian Bureaucracies Lead to Markets or Vice Versa? A Coevolutionary Approach to Development." In *States in the Developing World*, Centeno et al. eds. New York: Cambridge U. Press, 2017, ch. 10 (pp. 280-305).

Other readings:

Alexander Gerschenkron. *Economic Backwardness in Historical Perspective*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1962, ch. 2 (pp. 5-30).

Stephan Haggard. *Developmental States*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2018.

Valerie Bockstette, Areendam Chanda, and Louis Putterman. "States and Markets: The Advantage of an Early Start." In *Journal of Economic Growth* 7 (2002): 347-369.

Peter Evans and James E. Rauch. "Bureaucracy and Growth: A Cross-National Analysis of the Effects of 'Weberian' State Structures on Economic Growth." *American Sociological Review* 64, no. 5 (October 1999): 748-65.

Chalmers Johnson. *MITI and the Japanese Miracle: The Growth of Industrial Policy, 1925-1975*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 1982.

Alice Amsden. *Asia's Next Giant: South Korea and Late Industrialization*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1992.

Critiques of Kohli (1994):

Stephan Haggard, David Kang and Ching-In Moon. "Japanese Colonialism and Korean Development: A Critique." *World Development* 25, no. 6 (1997): 867-881.

Atul Kohli. "Japanese Colonialism and Korean Development: A Reply." *World Development* 25, no. 6 (1997): 883-888.

Robert Wade. *Governing the Market*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1990, ch. 1 (pp. 8-33).

David Waldner. *State Building and Late Development*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1999.

Miguel Angel Centeno, Atul Kohli and Deborah Yashar. "Unpacking States in the Developing World: Capacity, Performance and Politics." In *States in the Developing World*, Centeno et al. eds. New York: Cambridge U. Press, 2017, ch 1 (pp. 1-31).

Peter Evans and Patrick Heller. "Human Development, State Transformation, and the Politics of the Developmental State." In *The Oxford Handbook of Transformation of the State*, edited by Stephan Leibfried et al. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014.

Week 3 (Sept. 22): The historical roots of development and the effects of historical legacies

Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson and James A. Robinson. "Reversal of Fortune: Geography and Institutions in the making of the Modern World Income Distribution." *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 117, no. 4 (November 2002): 1231-1294.

Scott Abramson and Carles Boix. "Endogenous Parliaments: The Domestic and International Roots of Long-Term Economic Growth and Executive Constraints in Europe." *International Organization* 73, no. 4(2019): 793-837.

James Mahoney. *Colonialism and Postcolonial Development: Spanish America in Comparative Perspective*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010, ch. 1 (pp. 1-34) and ch. 8 (pp. 253-270).

Dell, Melissa, and Benjamin Olken. "The Development Effects of the Extractive Colonial Economy: The Dutch Cultivation System in Java." *Review of Economic Studies* 87, no. 1 (2020): 164-203.

Nathan Nunn and Leonard Wantchekon. "The Slave Trade and the Origins of Mistrust in Africa." *American Economic Review* 101, no. 7 (December 2011): 3221-3252.

Melissa Dell. "The Persistent Effects of Peru's Mining Mita." *Econometrica* 78, no. 6 (November 2010): 1863-1903.

Stelios Michalopoulos and Elias Papaioannou. "Historical Legacies and African development." *Journal of Economic Literature* 58, no. 1 (2020): 53-128.

Other readings:

Nathan Nunn. "Historical Development." In *Handbook of Economic Growth*, edited by Philippe Aghion and Steven Durlauf 2A (2014): 347-402.

Kenneth L. Sokoloff and Stanley L. Engerman. "History Lessons: Institutions, Factor Endowments, and Paths of Development in the New World." *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 14, no. 3 (Summer 2000): 217-232.

Alberto Simpser, Dan Slater and Jason Wittenberg. "Dead but not Gone: Contemporary Legacies of Communism, Imperialism and Authoritarianism." *Annual Review of Political Science* 21 (2018): 419-439.

Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson and James A. Robinson. "The Colonial Origins of Comparative Development: An Empirical Investigation." *American Economic Review* 91, no. 5 (December 2001): 1369-1401.

Critiques of AJR (2001, 2002):

David Y. Albouy. "The Colonial Origins of Contemporary Development: An Empirical Investigation: Comment." *American Economic Review* 102, no. 6 (2012): 3059-3076.

Matthew D. Fails and Jonathan Kriekhaus. "Colonialism, Property Rights and the Modern World Income Distribution." *British Journal of Political Science* 40, no. 3 (2010): 487-508.

Donald R. Davis and David E. Weinstein. "Bones, Bombs, and Break Points: The Geography of Economic Activity." *The American Economic Review* 92, no. 5 (December 2002): 1269-1289.

Matthew Lange and Dietrich Rueschemeyer, eds. *States and Development: Historical Antecedents of Stagnation and Advance*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2005.

Matthew Lange. *Lineages of Despotism and Development: British Colonialism and State Power*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2009.

Matthew Lange, James Mahoney and Matthias vom Hau. "Colonialism and Development: A Comparative Analysis of Spanish and British Colonies." *American Journal of Sociology* 111, no. 5 (March 2006): 1412-62.

Lakshmi Iyer. "Direct versus Indirect Colonial Rule in India: Long-Term Consequences." *The Review of Economics and Statistics* 94, no. 4 (November 2010): 693-713.

Abhijit Banerjee and Lakshmi Iyer. "History, Institutions, and Economic Performance: The Legacy of Colonial Land Tenure Systems in India." *American Economic Review* 95, no. (2005): 1190-1213.

Vegard Iversen, Richard Palmer-Jones and Kunal Sen. "On the Colonial Origins of Agricultural Development in India: A Re-Examination of Banerjee and Iyer, 'History, Institutions, and Economic Performance.'" *Journal of Development Studies* 49, no. 12 (2013): 1-16.

Nicola Gennaioli and Ilia Rainer. "The Modern Impact of Precolonial Centralization in Africa." *Journal of Economic Growth* 12 (2007): 185-234.

Nathan Nunn. "The Long-Term Effects of Africa's Slave Trades." *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 123, no. 1 (February 2008): 139-176.

Elise Huillery. "History Matters: The Long-Term Impact of Colonial Public Investments in French West Africa." *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 1, no. 2 (2009): 176-215.

Elise Huillery. "The Black Man's Burden: The Cost of Colonization of French West Africa." *Journal of Economic History* 74, no. 1 (2014): 1-38.

Thomas B. Pepinsky. "Colonial Migration and the Origins of Governance: Theory and Evidence From Java." *Comparative Political Studies*, 49 no. 9 (2016): 1201-1237.

Melissa Dell, Nathan Lane, and Pablo Querubin. "The Historical State, Local Collective Action, and Economic Development in Vietnam." *Econometrica* 86, no. 6 (2018): 2083-2121.

Dean Dulay. "The Search for Spices and Souls: Religious Colonization, State Formation, and Development in the Philippines." Unpublished paper, Political Science, Duke University, 2019.

Lisa Blaydes and Eric Chaney. "The Feudal Revolution and Europe's Rise: Political Divergence of the Christian West and the Muslim World Before 1500 CE." *American Political Science Review* 107, no. 1 (2013): 16-34.

Mohamed Saleh. "On the Road to Heaven: Taxation, Conversions, and the Coptic-Muslim Socioeconomic Gap in Medieval Egypt." *The Journal of Economic History* 78, no. 2 (2018): 394-434.

Week 4 (Sept. 29): Business-Government Relations and Crony Capitalism

Douglass C. North, John Joseph Wallis, Barry R. Weingast. *Violence and Social Orders: A Conceptual Framework for Interpreting Recorded Human History*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009, ch. 1.

Andrei Shleifer and Robert W. Vishny. "Corruption." *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 108, No. 3. (August 1993): 599-617.

Eva Bellin. "Contingent Democrats: Industrialists, Labor, and Democratization in Late-Developing Countries." *World Politics* 52, no. 02 (2000): 175-205.

David C. Kang. "Transactions Costs and Crony Capitalism in East Asia." In *Comparative Politics* 35, no. 4 (July 2003): 439-458.

Stanislav Markus. "Secure Property as a Bottom-Up Process: Firms, Stakeholders, and Predators in Weak States." In *World Politics* 64, 2 (April 2012): 242-277.

David Szakonyi. "Princelings in the Private Sector: The Value of Nepotism." *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 14, no. 4 (2019): 349-381.

Yuhua Wang. "Relative Capture: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from the Chinese Judiciary." *Comparative Political Studies* 51, no. 8 (2018): 1012-1041.

Other readings:

Edward L. Glaeser and Andrei Shleifer. "The Rise of the Regulatory State." *Journal of Economic Literature* 41, no. 2 (2003): 401-425.

Benjamin A. Olken and Rohini Pande. "Corruption in Developing Countries." *Annual Review of Economics* 4 (2012): 479-509.

Randall Morck, Daniel Wolfenzon, and Bernard Yeung. "Corporate Governance, Economic Entrenchment, and Growth." *Journal of Economic Literature* 43, no. 3 (September 2005): 655-720.

Tarun Khanna and Yishay Yafeh. "Business Groups in Emerging Markets: Paragons or Parasites?" *Journal of Economic Literature* 45 (June 2007): 331-72.

Eduardo Fernández-Arias et al. *Two to Tango: Public-Private Collaboration for Productive Development Policies*. Washington DC: IDB, 2016, chs. 1 (pp. 1-31) and 5 (189-236).

Annette Alstadsætera, Niels Johannesenb, and Gabriel Zucmanc. "Who owns the wealth in tax havens? Macro evidence and implications for global inequality." *Journal of Public Economics* 162 (2018): 89-100.

Marcus Kurtz and Andrew Schrank. "Growth and Governance: Models, Measures, and Mechanisms." *The Journal of Politics* 69, no. 2 (May 2007): 538-554.

Bethany Shockley, Michael Ewers, Yioryos Nardis and Justin Gengler. "Exaggerating Good Governance: Regime Type and Score Inflation Among Executive Survey Informants." *Governance* (2017): 1-22.

Ben Ross Schneider. "Hierarchical Market Economies and Varieties of Capitalism in Latin America." *Journal of Latin American Studies* 41, no. 3 (August 2009): 553-575.

Ishac Diwan, Adeel Malik, and Izak Atiyas. *Crony Capitalism in the Middle East: Business and Politics from Liberalization to the Arab Spring*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2019.

Steffen Hertog. "Segmented market economies in the Arab world: the political economy of insider–outsider divisions." *Socio-Economic Review* (2020): 1-37.

Kristin Fabbe, Allison Spencer Hartnett, and Steven L. Monroe. "In the Shadows? Informal Enterprise in Non-Democracies." Working Paper 19-083, Harvard Business School, February 13, 2019.

Melani Claire Cammett. *Globalization and Business Politics in Arab North Africa: A Comparative Perspective*. Cambridge University Press, 2007.

Melani Cammett. "Business–Government Relations and Industrial Change: The Politics of Upgrading in Morocco and Tunisia." *World Development* 35, no. 11 (2007): 1889-1903.

Yuhua Wang. "Institutions and Bribery in an Authoritarian State." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 49, no. 2 (June 2014): 217-241.

Stanislav Markus. *Property, Predation, and Protection: Piranha Capitalism in Russia and Ukraine*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015, chs. 1-2.

David Szakonyi. "Businesspeople in Elected Office: Identifying Private Benefits from Firm-Level Returns." *American Political Science Review* 112, no. 2 (May 2018): 322-338.

Jacob Hacker and Paul Pierson. *Winner-Take-All Politics: How Washington Made the Rich Richer--and Turned Its Back on the Middle Class*. New York: Simon & Shuster, 2010.

Cornelia Woll. *The Power of Inaction: Bank Bailouts in Comparison*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2014, ch. 3.

Culpepper, Pepper D, and Raphael Reinke. "Structural Power and Bank Bailouts in the United Kingdom and the United States." *Politics & Society* 42, no. 4 (2014): 427-454.

Martin Gilens and Benjamin I. Page. "Testing Theories of American Politics: Elites, Interest Groups, and Average Citizens." *Perspectives on Politics* 12, no. 3 (September 2014): 564-581.

Critique and response:

Peter K. Enns. "Relative Policy Support and Coincidental Representation." *Perspectives on Politics* 13, no. 4 (December 2015): 1053-1064.

Martin Gilens and Benjamin I. Page. "The Insufficiency of 'Democracy by Coincidence': A Response to Peter K. Enns." *Perspectives on Politics* 13, no. 4 (December 2015): 1065-1071.

Week 5 (Oct. 6): Democracy and development

Mancur Olson. "Dictatorship, Democracy, and Development." *American Political Science Review* 87, no. 3 (September 1993): 567-576.

Adam Przeworski, Michael E. Alvarez, Jose Antonio Cheibub, and Fernando Limongi. *Democracy and Development: Political Institutions and Material Well-Being in the World, 1950-1990*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000, ch. 3.

Ronald J. Gilson and Curtis J. Milhaupt. "Economically Benevolent Dictators: Lessons for Developing Democracies." *The American Journal of Comparative Law* 59, no. 1 (2011): 227-88.

Daron Acemoglu, Suresh Naidu, Pascual Restrepo, and James A. Robinson. "Democracy Does Cause Growth." *Journal of Political Economy* 127, no. 1 (2019): 47-100.

David A. Lake and Matthew A. Baum. "The Invisible Hand of Democracy: Political Control and the Provision of Public Services." *Comparative Political Studies* 34, no. 6 (2001): 587-621.

Michael Ross. "Is Democracy Good for the Poor?" *American Journal of Political Science* 51 no. 4 (October 2007): 804-821.

Robin Harding and David Stasavage. "What Democracy Does (and Doesn't Do) for Basic Services: School Fees, School Inputs, and African Elections." *Journal of Politics* 76, no. 1 (January 2014): 229-45.

Other readings:

Seymour Martin Lipset. *Political Man: The Social Bases of Politics*. Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1960, ch. 2.

Adam Przeworski, Michael E. Alvarez, Jose Antonio Cheibub, and Fernando Limongi. *Democracy and Development: Political Institutions and Well-Being in the World, 1950-1990*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2000.

Dani Rodrik. "Institutions for High Quality Growth." In *Studies in Comparative International Development* 35, no. 3 (Fall 2000): pp. 15-28.

James McGuire. *Democracy, Health and Wealth in East Asia and Latin America*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010.

John Gerring, Peter Kingstone, Matthew Lange and Aseema Sinha. "Democracy, History, and Economic Performance: A Case-Study Approach." *World Development* 39, no. 10 (2011): 1735-1748.

Michael Albertus and Victor Menaldo. *Authoritarianism and the Elite Origins of Democracy*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2018, chs. 1, 4 and 6.

David Stasavage. "Democracy and Education Spending in Africa." *American Journal of Political Science* 49, no. 2 (April 2005): 343–358.

Simon Wigley and Arzu Akkoyunlu-Wigley. "The impact of regime type on health: does redistribution explain everything?" *World Politics* 63, no. 4 (2011): 647–77.

John Gerring, Strom Thacker, and Rodrigo Alfaro. "Democracy and Human Development." *Journal of Politics* 74, no. 1 (January 2012): 1-17.

Gulzar, Saad and Benjamin J. Pasquale. "Politicians, Bureaucrats, and Development: Evidence from India." *American Political Science Review* 111, no. 1(2017): 162-183.

Week 6 (Oct. 13): Autocracy and welfare

Michael Albertus, Sofia Fenner and Dan Slater. *Coercive Distribution*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2018, pp. 1-19 only.

Agustina Paglayan. "The Nondemocratic Roots of Mass Education: Evidence from 200 Years." *American Political Science Review* (2020): 1-20.

Carl Henrik Knutsen and Magnus Rasmussen. "The Autocratic Welfare State: Old-Age Pensions, Credible Commitments, and Regime Survival." *Comparative Political Studies* 51, no. 5 (2018): 659-695.

Ferdinand Eibl. *Social Dictatorships: The Political Economy of the Welfare State in the Middle East and North Africa*. New York: Oxford University Press, chs. 1 and 4.

Jennifer Pan. *Welfare for Autocrats: How Social Assistance in China Cares for Its Rulers*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2020, chs. 1 and 5.

Jidong Chen, Jennifer Pan, and Yiqing Xu. "Sources of authoritarian responsiveness: A field experiment in China." *American Journal of Political Science* 60, no. 2 (2016): 383-400.

Iza Ding. "Performative Governance." *World Politics* (2020): 1-32.

Other readings:

Isabela Mares and Matthew Carnes. "Social Policy in Developing Countries." *Annual Review of Political Science* 12 (2009): 93-113.

Robert T. Deacon. "Public Good Provision Under Dictatorship and Democracy." *Public Choice* 139, nos. 1-2 (2009): 241-262.

Ronald Wintrobe. "The Tinpot and the Totalitarian: An Economic Theory Of Dictatorship." *American Political Science Review* 84, no. 3 (1990): 849–72.

Rory Truex. "The Myth of the Democratic Advantage." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 52, no. 3 (September 2017): 261-277.

Rory Truex. *Making Autocracy Work: Representation and Responsiveness in Modern China*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2016.

Xian Huang. *Social Protection under Authoritarianism: Health Politics and Policy in China*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2020.

Huang, Xian, and Sung Eun Kim. "When Top-Down Meets Bottom-Up: Local Adoption of Social Policy Reform in China." *Governance* 33, no. 2 (2020): 343-364.

Huang, Xian. "Four Worlds of Welfare: Understanding Subnational Variation in Chinese Social Health Insurance." *The China Quarterly* 222 (2015): 449-474.

Huang, Xian, and Qin Gao. "Does Social Insurance Enrollment Improve Citizen Assessment of Local Government Performance? Evidence from China." *Social Science Research* 70 (2018): 28-40.

Natalia Forrat. "Shock-Resistant Authoritarianism: Schoolteachers and Infrastructural State Capacity in Putin's Russia." *Comparative Politics* 50, no. 3 (2018): 417-449.

Week 7 (Oct. 20): States and nonstate actors in developing country welfare regimes

Nita Rudra. "Welfare States in Developing Countries: Unique or Universal?" *The Journal of Politics* 69, no. 2 (May 2007): 378-396.

Stephan Haggard and Robert Kaufman. *Development, Democracy, and Welfare States: Latin America, East Asia, and Eastern Europe*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, Introduction (pp. 1-24) and ch. 1 (pp. 27-78).

Alisha Holland. "Forbearance." *American Political Science Review* 110, no. 2 (May 2016): 232-246.

Melani Cammett and Lauren MacLean. *The Politics of Nonstate Social Welfare*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2014, Introduction (pp. 1-15) and ch. 2 (pp. 31-53).

Natália S. Bueno. "Bypassing the Enemy: Distributive Politics, Credit Claiming, and Nonstate Organizations in Brazil." *Comparative Political Studies* 51, no. 3 (2018): 304-340.

Christina Bodea and Adrienne LeBas. "The Origins of Voluntary Compliance: Attitudes Toward Taxation in Urban Nigeria." *British Journal of Political Science* 46, no. 1 (2016): 215-238.

Melani Cammett and Aytug Sasmaz. "Political Context, Organizational Mission and the Quality of Social Services: Insights from the Health Sector in Lebanon." *World Development* 98 (2017): 120-132.

Other readings:

Nita Rudra. "Globalization and the Decline of the Welfare State in Less-Developed Countries." *International Organization* 56, no. 2 (2002): 411-445.

Melani Cammett and Aytug Sasmaz. "Social Policy in Developing Countries." In *The Oxford Handbook of Historical Institutionalism*, edited by Orfeo Fioretos, Tulia G. Falletti, and Adam Sheingate. New York: Oxford University press, 2016.

Alisha Holland and Ben Ross Schneider. "Easy and Hard Redistribution: The Political Economy of Welfare States in Latin America." *Perspectives on Politics* 15, no. 4 (2017): 988-1006.

Alison E. Post, Vivian Bronsoler and Lana Salman. "Hybrid Regimes for Local Public Goods Provision: A Framework for Analysis." *Perspectives on Politics* 15, no. 4 (2017): 952-966.

Jennifer Brass. *Allies or Adversaries? NGOs and the State in Africa*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2016.

Jennifer Brass. "Why Do NGOs Go Where They Go? Evidence from Kenya." *World Development* 40, no. 2 (2012): 387-401.

Lily Tsai. "Friends or Foes? Nonstate Public Goods Providers and Local State Authorities in Nondemocratic and Transitional Systems." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 46, no. 1 (2011): 46-69.

Sarah Brooks. "Social Protection for the Poorest." *Politics and Society* 43, no. 4 (2015): 551-582.

Melani Cammett. *Compassionate Communalism: Welfare and Sectarianism in Lebanon*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2014.

Tariq Thachil. *Elite Parties and Poor Voters: How Social Services Win Votes in India*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014.

Week 8 (Oct. 27): Diversity and development

James Habyarimana, Macartan Humphreys, Daniel N. Posner, and Jeremy M. Weinstein. "Why Does Ethnic Diversity Undermine Public Goods Provision?" *American Political Science Review* 101, no. 4 (2009): 709-725.

Edward Miguel and Mary Kay Gugerty. "Ethnic Diversity, Social Sanctions, and Public Goods in Kenya." *Journal of Public Economics* 89, nos. 11-12 (December 2005): 2325-2368.

Evan Lieberman. *Boundaries of Contagion: How Ethnic Politics Have Shaped Government Responses to AIDS*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2009, chs. 1 (1-24), ch. 2 (pp. 25-60) and 6 (pp. 239 - 290).

Stelios Michalopoulos. "The Origins of Ethnolinguistic Diversity." *American Economic Review* 102, no. 4 (2012): 1508-39.

Perna Singh and Matthias vom Hau. "Ethnicity in Time: Politics, History, and the Relationship between Ethnic Diversity and Public Goods Provision." *Comparative Political Studies* 49, no. 10 (2016): 1303-1340.

Alexander Kustov and Giuliana Pardelli. "Ethnoracial Homogeneity and Public Outcomes: The (Non) Effects of Diversity." *American Political Science Review* 112, no. 4 (2018): 1096-1103.

John Gerring, Strom Thacke, Yuan Lu and Wei Huang. "Does Diversity Impair Human Development? A Multi-Level Test of the Diversity Debit Hypothesis." *World Development* 66 (2015): 166-188.

Other readings:

William Easterly and Ross Levine. "Africa's Growth Tragedy: Policies and Ethnic Divisions." *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 112, no. 4 (November 1997): 1203-1250.

Reza Baqir, William Easterly and Alberto Alesina. "Public Goods and Ethnic Divisions." *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 114, no. 4 (November 1999): 1243-1284.

Stelios Michalopoulos and Elias Papaioannou. "Pre-Colonial Ethnic Institutions and Contemporary African Development." *Econometrica* 81, no. 1 (2013): 113-152.

Stelios Michalopoulos and Elias Papaioannou. "The Long-Run Effects of the Scramble for Africa." *American Economic Review* 106, no. 7 (2016): 1802-48.

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