

PSC 551: State Building and Conflict

Tuesdays, 2–4:40

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Readings

- Journal articles are available through the library.
- Book selections are available through Dropbox links below.
- You should purchase the following books:
 1. Gambetta, Diego. 1996. *The Sicilian Mafia: The Business of Private Protection*. Harvard University Press.
 2. Scott, James C. 2017. *Against the Grain: A Deep History of the Earliest States*. Yale University Press.
 3. Janice E. Thomson. 1994. *Mercenaries, Pirates, and Sovereigns: State-Building and Extraterritorial Violence in Early Modern Europe*. Princeton University Press.
 4. Dan Slater. 2010. *Ordering Power: Contentious Politics and Authoritarian Leviathans in Southeast Asia*. Cambridge University Press.
 5. Kollman, Nancy Shields. 1999. *By Honor Bound: State and Society in Early Modern Russia*. Cornell University Press.
 6. Alesina, Alberto and Spolaore, Enrico. 2004. *The Size of Nations*. MIT Press.
 7. Brewer, John. 2002. *The Sinews of Power: War, Money and the English State, 1688–1783*. Routledge.
 8. North, Douglass C., John Joseph Wallis, and Barry R. Weingast. 2009. *Violence and Social Orders*. Cambridge University Press.
 9. Cox, Gary W. 2016. *Marketing Sovereign Promises: Monopoly Brokerage and the Growth of the English State*. Cambridge University Press.
 10. Epstein, Stephan R. 2002. *Freedom and growth: the rise of states and markets in Europe, 1300-1750*. Routledge.
 11. Stasavage, David. 2012. *States of Credit*. Princeton University Press.
 12. Gurr, Ted Robert. 1970. *Why Men Rebel*. Princeton University Press.

Academic honesty

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In this course the following additional requirements are in effect: You are encouraged to discuss course readings and assignments with your fellow students. However, all written work must be done independently and not in collaboration with another. All written work must properly format quotations, use citations, and include a bibliography where necessary. Cases of plagiarism will be referred to the Academic Honesty Board.

Class schedule

Jan 21: Introduction to the course

Jan 28: Peace and Violence Without the State

Reading for the week:

Axelrod, Robert and W.D. Hamilton. 1981. "The Evolution of Cooperation." *Science* 211(4489).

Gambetta, Diego. 1996. *The Sicilian Mafia: The Business of Private Protection*. Harvard University Press.

Gould, Roger V. 1999. "Collective Violence and Group Solidarity: Evidence from a Feuding Society." *American Sociological Review*, 64(3).

Cohen, Dov and Richard E. Nisbett. 1994. "Self-protection and the culture of honor: Explaining Southern violence." *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 20(5).

Collins, Katheleen. 2004. "The Logic of Clan Politics: Evidence from the Central Asian Trajectories." *World Politics* 56(2).

Further reading:

Axelrod, Robert. 2006. *The Evolution of Cooperation*. Basic Books.

Jha, Saumitra. 2013. "Trade, Institutions and Ethnic Tolerance: Evidence from South Asia." *American Political Science Review*, 107(4).

Hirshleifer, Jack. 1995. "Anarchy and its breakdown." *Journal of Political Economy*, 103(1).

Powell, Robert. 1993. "Guns, butter, and anarchy." *American Political Science Review*, 87(1)

Skaperdas, Stergios. 1992. "Cooperation, Conflict, and Power in the Absence of Property Rights." *American Economic Review*, 82(4).

Piccione, Michele, and Ariel Rubinstein. 2007. "Equilibrium in the Jungle." *The Economic Journal*, 117(522).

Nisbett, Richard E., and Dov Cohen. 1996. *Culture of Honor: the Psychology of Violence in the South*. Westview Press.

Hafer, Catherine. 2006. "On the Origin of Property Rights: Conflict and Production in the State of Nature." *Review of Economic Studies*, 73(1).

Feb 4: Primary states

Reading for the week:

Boix, Carles. 2015. *Political Order and Inequality: Their Foundations and their Consequences for Human Welfare*. Cambridge University Press. Chapters 1–5. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/jp8ivbopo3nkz2c/Boix2015.pdf?dl=0>

Olson, Mancur. 1993. "Dictatorship, Democracy, and Development." *American Political Science Review* 87(3).

Tilly, Charles. 1985. "War-making and state-making as organized crime." In Peter Evans et al., eds., *Bringing the State Back In*. Cambridge University Press. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/y8w9pk15zf2hgs/Tilly1985.pdf?dl=0>

Sanchez de la Sierra, Raul. "On the Origins of the State: Stationary Bandits and Taxation in Eastern Congo," *Journal of Political Economy*, forthcoming.

Scott, James C. 2017. *Against the Grain: A Deep History of the Earliest States*. Yale University Press.

Further reading:

Konrad, Kai A. and Stergios Skaperdas. 2012. "The Market for Protection and the Origin of the State." *Economic Theory*, 50(2).

Grossman, Herschel I. 2002. "Make us a king: anarchy, predation, and the state." *European Journal of Political Economy* 18(1).

North, Douglass C. 1981. *Structure and Change in Economic History*. W.W. Norton.

Carneiro, Robert. 1970. "A Theory of the Origin of the State." *Science*, 169(3947).

Allen, Robert. 1997. "Agriculture and the Origins of the State in Ancient Egypt." *Explorations in Economic History*, 34(2).

Bandiera, Oriana. 2003. "Land reform, the market for protection, and the origins of the Sicilian mafia: theory and evidence." *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, 19(1).

Kurrild-Klitgaard, Peter, and Gert Tinggaard Svendsen. 2003. "Rational bandits: Plunder, public goods, and the Vikings." *Public Choice*, 117(3–4).

Feb 11: Consolidating the provision of violence

Tilly, Charles. 1992. *Coercion, Capital and European States, AD 990–1992*. Blackwell. Chapters 1–4, 7. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/pd1h91kdpwuthy7/Tilly1992.pdf?dl=0>

Thomson, Janice E. 1994. *Mercenaries, Pirates, and Sovereigns: State-Building and Extraterritorial Violence in Early Modern Europe*. Princeton University Press.

Slater, Dan. 2010. *Ordering Power: Contentious Politics and Authoritarian Leviathans in Southeast Asia*. Cambridge University Press.

Further reading:

Acemoglu, Daron, James Robinson, and Rafael Santos. 2013. "The Monopoly of Violence: Evidence From Colombia." *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 11(1).

Barkey, Karen. 1996. *Bandits and Bureaucrats*. Cornell University Press.

Bates, Robert, Avner Greif, and Smita Singh. 2002. "Organizing violence." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 46(5).

Centeno, Miguel Angel. 2003. *Blood and Debt: War and the Nation-State in Latin America*. Penn State Press.

Thies, Cameron G. 2004. "State Building, Interstate and Intrastate Rivalry: A Study of Post-Colonial Developing Country Extractive Efforts, 1975–2000." *International Studies Quarterly*, 48(1).

Feb 18: State formation without provision of order

Geertz, Clifford. 1973. "Politics Past, Politics Present." In Geertz, Clifford, ed. *The Interpretation of Cultures*. Basic Books. <https://www.fulcrum.org/concern/monographs/9g54xh780>

Herbst, Jeffrey. 2000. *States and Power in Africa*. Princeton University Press. Chapters 1, 7, 8, 9. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/23u7cev5dex1sgu/Herbst2000.pdf?dl=0>

Kollman, Nancy Shields. 1999. *By Honor Bound: State and Society in Early Modern Russia*. Cornell University Press.

Further reading:

Henley, David. 2004. "Conflict, justice, and the stranger-king: Indigenous roots of colonial rule in Indonesia and elsewhere." *Modern Asian Studies* 38(1).

Geertz, Clifford. 1980. *Negara: The Theatre State in Nineteenth-Century Bali*. Princeton University Press.

Meyer, John M., John Boli, George M. Thomas, and Francisco O. Ramirez. 1997. "World Society and the Nation-State." *American Journal of Sociology*, 103(1).

Young, Crawford. 1997. *The African Colonial State in Comparative Perspective*. Yale University Press.

Feb 25: Expansion and empire

Lake, David D. 1996. "Anarchy, hierarchy, and the variety of international relations." *International Organization*, 50(1).

Gartzke, Erik and Dominic Rohner. 2011. "The Political Economy of Imperialism, Decolonization and Development." *British Journal of Political Science*, 41(3).

Doyle, Michael W. 1986. *Empires*. Cornell University Press. Pp. 19–47, 123–61, 232–305.

Hämäläinen, Pekka. 2008. *The Comanche Empire*. Yale University Press. Selections TBA.

Findlay, Ronald, and Kevin H. O'Rourke. 2009. *Power and Plenty: Trade, War, and the World Economy in the Second Millennium*. Princeton University Press. Chapters 5–7. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/a2td0uoa2t3r671/FindlayORourke2009.pdf?dl=0>

Further reading:

Wallerstein, Immanuel Maurice. 2004. *World-systems analysis: An introduction*. Duke University Press.

Lenin, Vladimir Ilich. 1917. *Imperialism: The Highest Stage of Capitalism*. Public Domain.

Spruyt, Hendrik. 2005. *Ending Empire*. Cornell University Press.

Snyder, Jack. 1991. *Myths of Empire: Domestic Politics and International Ambition*. Cornell University Press.

Hobson, John A. 1938 [1905]. *Imperialism*. University of Michigan Press.

Blanken, Leo J. 2012. *Rational Empires*. University of Chicago Press.

Nexon, Daniel H. and Wright, Thomas. 2007. "What's at Stake in the American Empire Debate." *American Political Science Review*, 101(2).

Mar 3: Sovereignty and territoriality

Spruyt, Hendrick. 1994. *The Sovereign State and Its Competitors: An Analysis of Systems Change*. Princeton University Press. Chapters 1–3, 5, 6. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/nr7nmgrv2u3k5b9/Spruyt1994.pdf?dl=0>

Alesina, Alberto and Spolaore, Enrico. 2004. *The Size of Nations*. MIT Press.

Alesina, Alberto, William Easterly, and Janina Matuzeski. 2011. "Artificial States." *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 9(2).

Acharya, Avidit and Alexander Lee. 2018. "Economic Foundations of the Territorial State System." *American Journal of Political Science*, 62(4).

Further reading:

Osiander, Andreas. 2001. "Sovereignty, international relations, and the Westphalian myth." *International Organization*, 55(2).

Krasner, Stephen D. 1995. "Compromising Westphalia." *International Security*, 20(30).

Philpott, Daniel. 2000. "The religious roots of modern international relations." *World Politics*, 52(2).

Fischer, Markus. 1992. "Feudal Europe, 800–1300: communal discourse and conflictual practices." *International Organization*, 46(2).

Ruggie, John Gerard. 1993. "Territoriality and beyond: problematizing modernity in international relations." *International Organization*, 47(1).

Hui, Victoria Tin-bor. 2005. *War and state formation in ancient China and early modern Europe*. Cambridge University Press.

Zacher, Mark W. 2001. "The Territorial Integrity Norm: International Boundaries and the Use of Force." *International Organization*, 55(2).

Abramson, Scott. 2017. "The Economic Origins of the Territorial State." *International Organization*, 71(1).

Fazal, Tanisha. 2004. "State Death in the International System." *International Organization*, 58(2).

Bolton, Patrick and Roland, Gerard. 1997. "The Breakup of Nations: A Political Economy Analysis." *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 112(4).

Olofsgård, Anders. 2003. "Incentives for secession in the presence of mobile ethnic groups." *Journal of Public Economics*, 87(9–10).

Staal, Klaas. 2010. "Incentives for Separation and Incentives for Public Good Provision." *Public Choice*, 145(3–4).

Roeder, Philip G. 2007. *Where Nation-States Come From*. Princeton University Press.

Mar 10: Spring Break (no class)

Mar 17: State capacity

Brewer, John. 2002. *The Sinews of Power: War, Money and the English State, 1688–1783*. Routledge.

Besley, Timothy and Torsten Persson. 2011. *Pillars of Prosperity*. Princeton University Press. Chapters 1–4. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/me91hchp0qug301/BesleyPersson2011.pdf?dl=0>

Dincecco, Mark. 2015. "The Rise of Effective States in Europe." *Journal of Economic History*, 75(3).

Gennaioli, Nicola and Joachim Voth. 2013. "State Capacity and Military Conflict." *Review of Economic Studies*, 82(4).

Dincecco, Mark, Giovanni Federico, and Andrea Vindigni. 2011. "Warfare, taxation, and political change: Evidence from the Italian Risorgimento." *The Journal of Economic History*, 71(4).

Lee, Melissa M., and Nan Zhang. 2017. "Legibility and the informational foundations of state capacity." *The Journal of Politics*, 79(1).

Further reading:

Max Weber. 2013 [1921]. *Economy and Society*. Vol. 2. University of California Press. "Bureaucracy."

Acemoglu, Daron. 2005. "Politics and economics in weak and strong states." *Journal of Monetary Economics*, 52(7).

Acemoglu, Daron, Davide Ticchi, and Andrea Vindigni. 2011. "Emergence and persistence of inefficient states." *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 9(2).

Dal Bó, Ernesto, Frederico Finan, and Martín A. Rossi. 2013. “Strengthening State Capabilities: The Role of Financial Incentives in the Call to Public Service.” *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 128(3).

Dincecco, Mark and Mauricio Prado. 2012. “Warfare, Fiscal Capacity, and Performance.” *Journal of Economic Growth*, 17(3).

Evans, Peter B. 2012. *Embedded Autonomy: States and Industrial Transformation*. Princeton University Press.

Geddes, Barbara. 1994. *Politician’s Dilemma: Building State Capacity in Latin America*. University of California Press.

Johnson, Noel D., and Mark Koyama. 2014. “Tax farming and the origins of state capacity in England and France.” *Explorations in Economic History*, 51.

Ertman, Thomas. 1997. *Birth of the Leviathan: Building States and Regimes in Medieval and Early Modern Europe*. Cambridge University Press.

Mar 24: Constraining the State I

North, Douglass C., John Joseph Wallis, and Barry R. Weingast. 2009. *Violence and Social Orders*. Cambridge University Press.

North, Douglass C., and Barry R. Weingast. 1989. “Constitutions and commitment: the evolution of institutions governing public choice in seventeenth-century England.” *The Journal of Economic History* 49(4).

Weingast, Barry R. 1997. “The political foundations of democracy and the rule of the law.” *American Political Science Review*, 91(2).

Cox, Gary W. 2016. *Marketing Sovereign Promises: Monopoly Brokerage and the Growth of the English State*. Cambridge University Press.

Further reading:

Pincus, Steven C.A. 2009. *1688: The First Modern Revolution*. Yale University Press.

Downing, Brian. 1993. *The military revolution and political change: Origins of democracy and autocracy in early modern Europe*. Princeton University Press.

Bates, Robert H., and Da-Hsiang Donald Lien. 1985. “A Note on Taxation, Development, and Representative Government.” *Politics & Society*, 14(1).

Myerson, Roger. 2008. “The Autocrat’s Credibility Problem and Foundations of the Constitutional State.” *American Political Science Review*, 102(1).

Boix, Carles, and Milan W. Svoblik. 2013. “The foundations of limited authoritarian government: Institutions, Commitment, and Power-Sharing in Dictatorships.” *The Journal of Politics*, 75(2).

Johnson, Noel D., and Mark Koyama. 2019. *Persecution and Toleration: The Long Road to Religious Freedom*. Cambridge University Press.

Mar 31: Constraining the State II

Epstein, Stephan R. 2002. *Freedom and Growth: The Rise of States and Markets in Europe, 1300–1750*. Routledge.

Clark, Gregory. 1996. “The Political Foundations of Modern Economic Growth, England 1540–1800.” *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 26(4).

Dincecco, Mark. 2010. “Fragmented authority from Ancien Regime to modernity: a quantitative analysis.” *Journal of Institutional Economics*, 6(3).

Anderson, Perry. 1974. *Lineages of the Absolutist State*. Verso. Pp. 15–59, 113–142, 195–235, 328–360, 397–431. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/6uo6d90xu7lg6an/PAnderson1974.pdf?dl=0>

Stasavage, David. 2012. *States of Credit*. Princeton University Press.

Karaman, K. Kivanç and Şevket Pamuk. 2013. “Different Paths to the Modern State in Europe: The Interaction Between Warfare, Economic Structure, and Political Regime.” *American Political Science Review*, 107(3).

Further reading:

Stasavage, David. 2003. *Public debt and the Birth of the democratic state: France and Great Britain, 1688–1789*. Cambridge University Press.

Blaydes, Lisa, and Eric Chaney. 2013. “The Feudal Revolution and Europe’s rise: Political Divergence of the Christian west and the Muslim world before 1500.” *American Political Science Review*, 107(1).

Rosenthal, Jean-Laurent. 1992. *The Fruits of Revolution: Property Rights, Litigation, and French Agriculture, 1700–1860*. Cambridge University Press.

Poggi, Gianfranco. 1978. *The Development of the Modern State*. Stanford University Press.

Haber, Stephen, Noel Maurer, and Armando Razo. 2003. *The Politics of Property Rights*. Cambridge University Press.

Seghezz, Elena “Fiscal Capacity and The Risk of Sovereign Debt After the Glorious Revolution: A Reinterpretation of the North Weingast Hypothesis.” *European Journal of Political Economy*, forthcoming.

Avner Greif, Paul Milgrom, and Barry Weingast. 1994. “Coordination, Commitment, and Enforcement: The Case of the Medieval Merchant Guild.” *Journal of Political Economy*, 102(4).

Ogilvie, Sheilagh. 2014. “The Economics of Guilds.” *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 28(4).

Apr 7: Legitimacy and compliance

Popkin, Samuel L. 1979. *The Rational Peasant*. University of California Press. Chapters 1, 3, 5, 6. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/2sn9zgbr2hdwpze/Popkin1979.pdf?dl=0>

Kuran, Timur. 1991. "Now out of never: The element of surprise in the East European revolution of 1989." *World Politics*, 44(1).

Wedeen, Lisa. 1998. "Acting 'As If': Symbolic Politics and Social Control in Syria." *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 40(3).

Levi, Margaret. 2002. "Consent, dissent, and patriotism: A summary." In Mjøset, L. and van Holde, S. (Ed.), *The Comparative Study of Conscription in the Armed Forces*. Emerald Group Publishing Limited. Pp. 337–346.

Further reading:

Scott, James C. 2009. *The Art of Not Being Governed*. Yale University Press.

Scott, James C. "The erosion of patron-client bonds and social change in rural Southeast Asia." *The Journal of Asian Studies*, 32(1).

Migdal, Joel S. 1988. *Strong Societies and Weak States*. Princeton University Press.

Wedeen, Lisa. 1999. *Ambiguities of domination: Politics, rhetoric, and symbols in contemporary Syria*. University of Chicago Press.

Steven Lukes. 2005. *Power: A Radical View*. Macmillan.

James S. Coleman. 1990. *Foundations of Social Theory*. Belknap Press.

Levi, Margaret. 1997. *Consent, dissent, and patriotism*. Cambridge University Press.

Thornton, Patricia M. 2007. *Disciplining the State: Virtue, Violence and State-Making in Modern China*. Harvard University Press.

Lohmann, Susanne. 1994. "The dynamics of informational cascades: The Monday demonstrations in Leipzig, East Germany, 1989–91." *World Politics*, 47(1).

Putnam, Robert D. 1993. *Making Democracy Work*. Princeton University Press.

Apr 14: State collapse and revolution

Gurr, Ted Robert. 1970. *Why Men Rebel*. Princeton University Press.

Lichbach, Mark. 1994. "What Makes Rational Peasants Revolutionary: Dilemma, Paradox, and Irony in Peasant Rebellion." *World Politics*, 46(3).

Solnick, Steven L. 1998. *Stealing the State: Control and Collapse in Soviet Institutions*. Harvard University Press. Introduction and Chapters 2, 4. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/gk99l3ci4a0lies/Solnick1998.pdf?dl=0>

Skocpol, Theda. 1973. "A Critical Review of Barrington Moore's Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy." *Politics & Society*, 4(1).

Wood, Elizabeth Jean. 2000. *Forging Democracy from Below*. Cambridge University Press. Chapters 1, 5–7. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/echy8bxuwpumvka/Wood2000.pdf?dl=0>

Further reading:

Grossman, Herschell I. 1991. "A General Equilibrium Model of Insurrections." *The American Economic Review*, 81(40).

- Skaperdas, Stergios. 2013. "Warlord competition." *Journal of Peace Research*, 50(4).
- Skocpol, Theda. 1979. *States and Social Revolutions*. Cambridge University Press.
- Moore, Barrington, Jr.. 1966. *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*. Beacon.
- Bates, Robert H. 2008. *When Things Fell Apart*. Cambridge University Press.
- Reno, William. 1998. *Warlord Politics in an African State*. Lynne Rienner.
- Driscoll, Jesse. 2015. *Warlords and Coalition Politics in Post-Soviet States*. Cambridge University Press.
- Bates, Robert H. 1981. *Markets and States in Tropical Africa: The Political Basis of Agricultural Policies*. University of California Press.
- Wallace, Jeremy L. 2014. *Cities and Stability: Urbanization, Redistribution, and Regime Survival in China*. Cambridge University Press.

Apr 21: Nationalism I

- Ernest Gellner. 1983. *Nations and Nationalism*. Cornell University Press. Chapters 1–7. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/jkp0vmtuj77gmdh/Gellner1983.pdf?dl=0>
- Benedict Anderson. 1983. *Imagined Communities. Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism*. Verso. Chapters 1–7. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/v5bndnyzluelzsh/Anderson1983.pdf?dl=0>
- Weber, Eugen. 1977. *Peasants into Frenchmen. The Modernization of Rural France, 1870–1914*. Stanford University Press. Chapters 1, 4, 6, 7, 15, 17, 18 and 29. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/g05potos5b6xb9d/Weber1976.pdf?dl=0>
- Laitin, David D. 1998. *Identity in Formation: The Russian-Speaking Populations in the Near Abroad*. Cornell University Press. Chapters 1, 9, 10. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/p5e5k5020dnlr0/Laitin1998.pdf?dl=0>

Further reading:

- Hobsbawn, Eric. 1990. *Nations and Nationalism since 1780*. Cambridge University Press.
- Green, Abigail. 2001. *Fatherlands: State-Building and Nationalism in Nineteenth-Century Germany*. Cambridge University Press.
- Karl, Deutsch. 1953. *Nationalism and Social Communication: An Inquiry into the Foundations of Nationality*. MIT Press.
- Colley, Linda. *Britons: Forging the Nation, 1707–1837*. Yale University Press.
- Brubakers, Rogers. 2009. "Ethnicity, Race and Nationalism." *Annual Review of Sociology*, 35.
- Brubakers, Rogers and David D. Laitin. 1998. "Ethnic and Nationalist Violence." *Annual Review of Sociology*, 24.
- Brubakers, Rogers. 1992. *Citizenship and Nationhood in France and Germany*. Harvard University Press.

Hillis, Faith. 2013. *Children of Rus': Right-Bank Ukraine the Invention of the Russian Nation*. Cornell University Press.

Apr 28: Nationalism II

Geertz, Clifford. 1973. "After the Revolution: The Fate of Nationalism in the New States." In Geertz, Clifford, ed. *The Interpretation of Cultures*. Basic Books. <https://www.fulcrum.org/concern/monographs/9g54xh780>

Bates, Robert H. 1983. "Modernization, ethnic competition, and the rationality of politics in contemporary Africa." In *State Versus Ethnic Claims: African Policy Dilemmas*. Westview Press. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/23q9wtts14a0m7e/Bates1983.pdf?dl=0>

Darden, Keith, and Harris Mylonas. 2016. "Threats to Territorial Integrity, National Mass Schooling, and Linguistic Commonality." *Comparative Political Studies*, 49(11).

Miguel, Edward. 2004. "Tribe or nation? Nation building and public goods in Kenya versus Tanzania." *World Politics*, 56(3).

Weiner, Myron. 1978. *Sons of the Soil: Migration and Ethnic Conflict in India*. Princeton University Press. Introduction, Chapters 3, 5, 6. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/urli24x8opx43o8/Weiner1978.pdf?dl=0>

Further reading:

Balcells, Laia. 2013. "Mass schooling and Catalan nationalism." *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* 19(4).

Geertz, Clifford. 1973. *The Interpretation of Cultures*. Basic Books.

Horowitz, Donald L. 1985. *Ethnic Groups in Conflict*. University of California Press.

Brubaker, Rogers. 2004. *Ethnicity without Groups*. Harvard University Press.

Fearon, James D. and David D. Laitin. 2011. "Sons of the Soil, Migrants, and Civil War." *World Development*, 39(2).

Birnie, Jóhanna Kristín. 2006. *Ethnicity and Electoral Politics*. Cambridge University Press.

Lijphart, Arend. 2004. "Constitutional design for divided societies." *Journal of Democracy*, 15(2).

Singh, Prerna. 2011. "We-ness and Welfare: A Longitudinal Analysis of Social Development in Kerala, India," *World Development* 39(2).

Petersen, Roger D. 2002. *Understanding Ethnic Violence: Fear, Hatred, and Resentment in Twentieth-Century Eastern Europe*. Cambridge University Press.

Graduates work in governments and intergovernmental organizations such as the State Department and the United Nations, focusing on interstate war, civil war, intelligence and diplomacy, international security, international business, and global trade and investment. They also work in nongovernmental organizations such as Amnesty International and Greenpeace, addressing terrorism, forced migration and peacekeeping efforts. REQUIRED COURSES 15 hours. PSC 150 Introduction to International Relations PSC 242 Introduction to Comparative Politics PSC 280 Introduction to Empirical Methods of Political We find that internal conflicts deteriorate state capacity both at the country and municipal level, and that more intense conflicts have a stronger negative impact.Â In this sense, wars are a rare moment of national unity, which is essential to build states. The work of Tilly (1990), among many others, reaches this conclusion based on the experiences of the U.S. and Western Europe.Â Conflict-led investments in state capacity, one could argue, are particularly likely if either internal conflict is weak enough that internal division is not important, or if it is intense enough that popular discontent with rebel groups pushes the government to invest in building up its capacity.18 To test this proposition we look at the possibility that the effects of conflict intensity.