

# Order & Violence

## (Advanced Political Economy of Development)

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## Part I

# Course information

**Teaching assistant** TBA

**Time and location** Mondays 3:00-5:50pm in Room TBA.

**Admission** Priority will be given to Harris master's students, followed by graduate students from other departments. Undergraduates should take my Political Economy of Development class (sorry, no exceptions).

**Prerequisites** There are no formal prerequisites for this class, but non-Harris students should have a background in economics, statistics, and basic game theory. I have designed this class to be a complement to James Robinson's *Why Nations Fail* class. Thus students can receive credit for both. Nonetheless, the themes are overlapping and so I slightly discourage people from taking both classes unless international development and conflict is your specialty.

## What this course is about

Most countries in the world have been independent for about 50 years. Some are peaceful and have prospered, while some remain poor, war-torn, or both. What explains why some countries have succeeded while others remain poor, violent, and unequal?

Moreover, fifty years on, a lot of smart people are genuinely surprised that these countries' leaders have not been able to make more progress in implementing good policies. If there are good examples to follow, why haven't more countries followed these examples into peace and prosperity?

Finally, we see poverty and violence despite 50 years of outside intervention. Shouldn't foreign aid, democracy promotion, peacekeeping, and maybe even military intervention promote order and growth? If not why not, and what should we do about it as citizens?

This class is going to try to demystify what's going on. There are good explanations for violence and disorder. There are some good reasons leaders don't make headway, bureaucrats seem slothful, and programs gets perverted. The idea is to talk about the political, economic, and natural logics that lead to function and dysfunction, order and disorder.

A lot of students will graduate and go and do peace-building or development work of some kind. I can't tell you what specific programs or reforms to focus on, or how to implement them. What I can do is help you to understand some of the big ideas about why some paths lead to order, and some to violence. Or why the best plans so often goes awry—ideas that surprisingly few development practitioners ever acquire.

To understand the politics of weak states in the last 50 years, we are going to start with some theory and history. We need a theory of violence, and theories of how states, institutions, and societies develop to curb violence. And we want to look at the development of Western nations, and their impacts on the world, over a wide sweep of history.

Moreover, I designed this course to give students an appreciation for big ideas and theories in comparative politics, international relations, political economy, sociology, geography, and development economics. This class involves reading *a lot* of material, and building your conceptual and historical sense of development and politics.

This is a global class, but a slightly unbalanced one. A lot of the examples are going to draw on Africa and Latin America, with a good deal on historical European and U.S. development, plus some material on the Middle East and Asia—an ordering determined largely by my knowledge and ignorance.

I won't have the concrete policy answers in many cases. Actually, no one does, and one of my big aims in this class is to help you learn enough and think critically enough to know why everyone with a clear solution is wrong, and why “peace-building” and “development” are the hardest things in the world. There is no single answer. But there are some principles to finding the right answer in the right situation, and history to learn from. That's what you're signing up for in this class.

## Grading

To be determined.

## Part II

# Weekly schedule and readings

This is a reading-intensive course. Each week I assign about four book chapters or papers, and you need to read *all of them* before attending class. We will be discussing them together and I may call on you. All are downloadable online through UChicago's network or a proxy server. The book chapters that are not on the Internet have Dropbox links. Please let me know if any links are broken and I will fix them.

“Recommended readings” are not required, but I’ll often discuss a key idea or concept in the lecture. I list them here for your reference and future reading.

## 1 “Anarchy” and the demand for order

- Farrell, Henry. 2015. “[Dark Leviathan: The Silk Road Might Have Started as a Libertarian Experiment, but It Was Doomed to End as a Fiefdom Run by Pirate Kings.](#)” Aeon, February.
- Amos Sawyer. 2004. “[Violent conflicts and governance challenges in West Africa: the case of the Mano River basin area.](#)” The Journal of Modern African Studies 42(03).
- Olson, Mancur. 1993. “[Dictatorship, Democracy, and Development.](#)” American Political Science Review 87(3): 567-576.
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### Recommended reading

- Arjona, Ana. 2014. “[Wartime Institutions: A Research Agenda.](#)” Journal of Conflict Resolution 58(8).
- Autesserre, Severine. 2008. “[The Trouble with Congo. How Local Disputes Fuel Regional Violence,](#)” Foreign Affairs, May-June, 87 (3), 94–110.
- [Introduction](#) and [Chapter 1](#) of Gambetta, Diego. 1996. “The Sicilian Mafia: the business of private protection.” Harvard University Press.
- Skarbek, David. 2011. “[Governance and prison gangs.](#)” American Political Science Review 105(4): 702-716. (Or [listen to the EconTalk podcast](#) from March 2015)
- de la Sierra, Raúl Sánchez. 2015. “[On the Origin of States: Stationary Bandits and Taxation in Eastern Congo.](#)” Working paper.
- Barry Weingast on the Violence Trap. [EconTalk podcast.](#) August 2013.
- Bates, Robert, Avner Greif, and Smita Singh. “[Organizing violence.](#)” Journal of Conflict Resolution 46.5 (2002): 599-628.
- Bates, Robert H. 2008. “When Things Fell Apart: State Failure in Late-Century Africa.” Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Hobbes, Thomas. 1651. “[Leviathan](#)”

## 2 Why fight at all?

- [Chapter 1](#) of Wood, Elisabeth J. 2003. “Insurgent Collective Action and Civil War in El Salvador.” New York: Cambridge University Press.

- Fearon, James 1995. “[Rationalist Explanations for War](#),” *International Organization* 49(3): 379-414.
- Kaplan, Robert. 1994. “[The Coming Anarchy](#),” *The Atlantic*, February.
- First 8 pages of Walter, Barbara. 2014. “[Why Bad Governance Leads to Repeat Civil War](#).” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 58(2).

## Recommended reading

- Collier, Paul, and Anke Hoefler. 2004. “[Greed and grievance in civil war](#).” *Oxford economic papers* 56(4): 563-595.
- Galiani, Sebastian, and Gustavo Torrens. 2016. “[Why Not Taxation and Representation? A Note on the American Revolution](#).” NBER Working Paper.
- Blattman, Christopher, Alexandra Hartman, and Robert Blair. 2014. “[How to Promote Order and Property Rights under Weak Rule of Law? An Experiment in Changing Dispute Resolution Behavior through Community Education](#).” *American Political Science Review* 108(1): 100–120.
- Blattman, Christopher, and Jeannie Annan. 2015. “[Can Employment Reduce Lawlessness and Rebellion? A Field Experiment with High-Risk Men in a Fragile State](#).” *American Political Science Review* 110(1).
- Blattman, Christopher and Laura Ralston. 2015. “[Generating employment in poor and fragile states: Evidence from labor market and entrepreneurship programs](#).” Working paper.
- Blattman, Christopher, and Edward Miguel. “[Civil War](#).” *Journal of Economic Literature* 48.1 (2010): 3-57.
- Fehr, Ernst, and Simon Gächter. “[Fairness and Retaliation: The Economics of Reciprocity](#).” *The Journal of Economic Perspectives* 14, no. 3 (2000): 159–81.
- Henrich, Joseph, Robert Boyd, Samuel Bowles, Colin Camerer, Ernst Fehr, and Herbert Gintis. 2004. “[Foundations of Human Sociality: Economic Experiments and Ethnographic Evidence from Fifteen Small-Scale Societies](#).” Oxford University Press.
- Fehr, Ernst, and Urs Fischbacher. 2003. “[The Nature of Human Altruism](#).” *Nature* 425(6960): 785–91.

## 3 Order through states

- Monty Python and the Holy Grail, “[The Annoying Peasant](#)”
- [Pages 1-24](#) of Besley, Timothy and Suresh Naidu. 2015. “Chapter 21: Political Economy,” Draft chapter for core-econ.org
- Tilly, Charles (1985). “[War making and state making as organized crime](#),” in *Bringing the State Back In*, eds P.B. Evans, D. Rueschemeyer, & T. Skocpol. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1985.

- Herbst, Jeffrey. “[War and the State in Africa.](#)” *International Security* (1990): 117-139.
- [Chapter 1](#) of Dipali Mukhopadhyay. 2014. “Warlords, strongman governors, and the state in Afghanistan.” Cambridge University Press. (A Kindle version of Chapter 1 is available [on Amazon for free](#) by clicking on “Send a free sample”)

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- North, D. C., J. J. Wallis, and Barry Weingast. 2006. “[A conceptual framework for interpreting recorded human history,](#)” National Bureau of Economic Research. 12795.
- Vu, Tuong. 2010. “[Studying the state through state formation.](#)” *World Politics* 62(1): 148-175.
- Spruyt, Hendrik. 2002. “[The origins, development, and possible decline of the modern state.](#)” *Annual Review of Political Science* 5(1): 127-149.
- Herbst, Jeffrey. 2000. “States and Power in Africa: Comparative Lessons in Authority and Control.” Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Robinson, James A. 2002. “[States and Power in Africa by Jeffrey I. Herbst: A Review Essay.](#)” *Journal of Economic Literature* 40(2): 510-519.
- [Barry Weingast on Law.](#) EconTalk podcast. August 2014.
- Boix, Carles, and Frances Rosenbluth. 2014. “[Bones of contention: the political economy of height inequality.](#)” *American Political Science Review* 108(1): 1-22.
- Johnson, Noel and Mark Koyama. 2015. “[States and Economic Growth](#)” Working paper.
- Dincecco, Mark. 2015. “[The Rise of Effective States in Europe.](#)” Working paper.
- Besley, Timothy, and Torsten Persson. 2010. “[State capacity, conflict, and development.](#)” *Econometrica* 78(1): 1-34.
- Robb, Graham. 2008. “The discovery of France.” Pan Macmillan.

## 4 Order through institutions

- North, Douglass C. 1992. “[Transaction costs, institutions, and economic performance.](#)” San Francisco, CA: ICS Press.
- Sections 5 to 10 of Acemoglu, Daron, Simon Johnson, and James Robinson. 2005. “[Institutions as a fundamental cause of long-run growth.](#)” *Handbook of Economic Growth* 1: 385-472.
- Douglass C. North, John J. Wallis & Barry R. Weingast. 2009. “[Violence and the rise of open-access orders.](#)” *Journal of Democracy*, 20(1): 55-68.

- Pages 1 to 6 of Mahoney, James. 2001. “Path-Dependent Explanations of Regime Change: Central America in Comparative Perspective.” *Studies in Comparative International Development* 36 (1): 111–41.
- Read introduction to Dell, Melissa. 2010. “The Persistent Effects of Peru’s Mining Mita.” *Econometrica*, 78(6): 1863-1903.

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- David, Paul A. 1985. “Clio and the Economics of QWERTY.” *The American Economic Review* 75(2): 332–37.
- Mahoney, James. 2001. “Path-Dependent Explanations of Regime Change: Central America in Comparative Perspective.” *Studies in Comparative International Development* 36 (1): 111–41.
- Acemoglu, Daron and James Robinson. 2012. “Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity and Poverty.” Basic Books.
- Sections 1 to 4 of Acemoglu, Daron, Simon Johnson, and James Robinson. 2005. “Institutions as a fundamental cause of long-run growth.” *Handbook of Economic Growth* 1: 385-472.
- Glaeser, Edward L., et al. 2004. “Do institutions cause growth?” *Journal of Economic Growth* 9(3): 271-303.
- Gonzalez de Lara, Yadira, Avner Greif and Saumitra Jha. 2008. “The Administrative Foundations of Self-Enforcing Constitutions.” *American Economic Review*, 98(2): 105-09.
- Dell, Melissa, Nathan Lane, and Pablo Querubin. 2015. “State Capacity, Local Governance, and Economic Development in Vietnam.” Working paper.
- Akee, Randall, Miriam Jorgensen, and Uwe Sunde. 2015. “Critical junctures and economic development—Evidence from the adoption of constitutions among American Indian Nations.” *Journal of Comparative Economics* 43(4): 844-861.
- Banerjee, Abhijit and Lakshmi Iyer. 2005. “History, Institutions and Economic Performance: the Legacy of Colonial Land Tenure Systems in India.” *American Economic Review* 95(4): 1190-1213.
- Wantchekon, Leonard, Natalija Novta, and Marko Klasnja. 2012. “Education and Human Capital Externalities: Evidence from Colonial Benin,” Working Paper.
- Hariri, Jacob G. “The Autocratic Legacy of Early Statehood.” *American Political Science Review* 106.3 (2012).
- Pande, Rohini and Christopher Udry. 2005. “Institutions and Development: A View from Below”, in the Proceedings of the 9th World Congress of the Econometric Society, edited by R. Blundell, W. Newey, and T. Persson, Cambridge University Press.

## 5 Order from societies

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- Clark, William Roberts, Matt Golder, and Sona N. Golder. 2013. “[Power and politics: insights from an exit, voice, and loyalty game](#).” Unpublished manuscript, University of Michigan and Pennsylvania State University.
- [Chapter 1](#) of James Scott. 2009. “The art of not being governed: An anarchist history of upland Southeast Asia.” Yale University Press.
- Ostrom, Elinor. 2000. “[Collective Action and the Evolution of Social Norms](#).” The Journal of Economic Perspectives 14(3):137-158.

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- Putnam, Robert D. 1993. “[What makes democracy work?](#)” National Civic Review 82(2): 101-107.
- [Preface \(p. ix-xxvi\)](#) in James C. Scott. 2012. “Two Cheers for Anarchism.”
- Herbst, Jeffrey. 1990. “[Migration, the politics of protest, and state consolidation in Africa](#).” African Affairs: 183-203.
- Daron Acemoglu and James A. Robinson. 2015. “[Paths to Inclusive Political Institutions](#)”
- Fukuyama, Francis. 2001. “[Social capital, civil society and development](#).” Third world quarterly 22(1): 7-20.
- Paul Robinson on [Cooperation, Punishment and the Criminal Justice System](#), EconTalk Episode with Russ Robert, August 31, 2015.
- Welzel, Christian, and Ronald Inglehart. 2008. “[The role of ordinary people in democratization](#).” Journal of Democracy 19(1): 126-140.
- Leeson, Peter T. 2014. “[Pirates, prisoners, and preliterate: anarchic context and the private enforcement of law](#).” European Journal of Law and Economics 37(3): 365-379.
- Fearon, James D. 2011. “[Self-enforcing democracy](#).” The Quarterly Journal of Economics 126(4): 1661-1708.
- De Tocqueville, Alexis. 1840. “[Democracy in America](#).”
- LeGuin, Ursula K. 2015. “The Dispossessed.” Hachette UK.
- Ellickson, Robert C. 2009. “Order without Law: How Neighbors Settle Disputes.” Harvard University Press.

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- Chapters 2 and 8 of Migdal, Joel S. 1988. "Strong societies and weak states: state-society relations and state capabilities in the Third World." Princeton University Press.
- Bates, Robert H., John H. Coatsworth, and Jeffrey G. Williamson. 2007. "Lost Decades: Post-independence Performance in Latin America and Africa." *The Journal of Economic History*.
- Van de Walle, Nicolas. 2004. "Economic Reform: Patterns and Constraints." *Democratic Reform in Africa. The Quality of Progress*: 29-63.

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- Chapter 2 of Samuels, David J. 2012. "Comparative Politics." Pearson Higher Education. (especially second half of chapter on late state development)
- Robert Klitgaard. 2013. "Tropical Gangsters II: Adventures in Development in the World's Poorest Places" Amazon Digital Services.
- Robinson, James A. "Colombia: Another 100 years of solitude." *Current history* 112.751 (2013): 43-48.
- Heldring, Leander, and James A. Robinson. 2012. "Colonialism and Economic Development in Africa." Working paper.
- Young, Crawford. 2004. "The end of the post-colonial state in Africa? Reflections on changing African political dynamics." *African Affairs* 103(410).
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- Magaloni, Beatriz. 2006. "Voting for autocracy: Hegemonic party survival and its demise in Mexico." Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Radelet, Steven. 2016. "The Great Surge: The Ascent of the Developing World." New York: Simon and Schuster.
- Ake, Claude. 1996. "Democracy and development in Africa." Brookings Institution Press.
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- Fearon, James D, and David D Laitin. 2004. “[Neotrusteeship and the Problem of Weak States.](#)” International Security 28 (4): 5–43.

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- Stewart, Rory, and Gerald Knaus. 2011. “Can Intervention Work?” W.W. Norton & Company.
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- Fortna, Virginia Page. 2004. “[Does Peacekeeping Keep Peace? International Intervention and the Duration of Peace After Civil War.](#)” International Studies Quarterly 48: 269–292.
- Fortna, Virginia Page, and Lise Morjé Howard. 2008. “[Pitfalls and Prospects in the Peacekeeping Literature.](#)” Annual Review of Political Science 11: 283–301.
- Easterly, William. 2008. “[Foreign Aid Goes Military!](#)” New York Review of Books.
- Barry Weingast “[In the Shadow of Violence: A New Perspective on Development.](#)” Working Paper, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, July 2015.
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- Dube, Oeindrila, and Suresh Naidu (2014) “[Bases, bullets and ballots: The effect of US military aid on political conflict in Colombia.](#)” National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper 20213.
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- Ahmed, Faisal Z. 2012. “[The Perils of Unearned Foreign Income: Aid, Remittances, and Government Survival.](#)” *American Political Science Review* 106(1): 146-165.
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## 10 Seeing like a state (or not)

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