

**MPhil: Foundations of Economic and Political  
Sociology  
2015-2016**

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The first four weeks will be taught by Prof. King. Weeks 5-8 will be taught by Dr. Desai. Weeks 9-12 will be taught by Dr. Kandil.

Required readings will be scanned and made available at <http://www.lawrenceking.net/teaching>

## **Week 1: Marxism and class theory**

### **Required reading:**

Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, *Manifesto of the Communist Party*. [Except “Socialist and Communist Literature” and the various Prefaces] (15 pp.) ([Download](#))

Adam Przeworski, "Proletariat Into a Class: The Process of Class Formation from Karl Kautsky's 'The Class Struggle' to Recent Controversies," in *Politics and Society* 7(4) 1977: 343-401. ([Download](#))

Robert Brenner, “Property and Progress: Where Adam Smith Went Wrong” in Chris Wickham, *Marxist History-writing for the Twentyfirst Century*. British Academy Occasional Papers. 2007. Pp. 49-111. ([Download](#))

### **Suggested reading:**

Karl Marx, *Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts of 1844*. (81 pp.) ([Download](#))

David Harvey, “The Geography of Class Power” in *Spaces of Capital: Towards a Critical Geography*, Routledge, 2001. Pp. 369-393. ([Download](#))

Leszek Kolakowski, *Main Currents of Marxism*, Norton, 2005. (1284 pp.) ([Download](#))

## **Week 2: Weber's critique of Marxism**

### **Required reading:**

“The Concepts of Power and Domination” (Pp.117-118) in *Max Weber: Basic Concepts in Sociology*, ed. H.P. Secher, Citadel Press Books, 1990. ([Download](#))

“Bureaucracy” (p.196-244) in *From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology*, eds. Gerth and Mills, Oxford University Press, 1958. ([Download](#))

“Class, Status, Party” (pp.180-194) in *From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology*, eds. Gerth and Mills, Oxford University Press, 1958. ([Download](#))

Wolfgang Schluchter, “Modes of Capitalism” in *Rationalism, Religion, and Domination*,” University of California Press, 1989. Pp. 281-314. ([Download](#))

Frank Parkin, *Max Weber* (revised edition), Key Sociologists Series, Routledge, 2002. ([Download](#))

## **Week 3: The state and capitalist development**

### **Required reading:**

Ha-Joon Chang, “Kicking Away the Ladder: The ‘Real’ History of Free Trade”, FPIF Special Report December 2003: 1-20.

([Download](#))

Ha-Joon Chang, “Leviathan or the Philosopher King?” in *Economics: The User’s Guide*, Pelican, 2014. Pp. 375-403.

([Download](#))

Geoff Ingham, “Schumpeter and Keynes” in *Capitalism*, Polity Press, 2008. Pp. 36-52. ([Download](#))

### **Suggested reading:**

Greg Grandin, “What the Modern World Owes Slavery (It’s More Than Back Wages),” 2014. (5 pp.) ([Download](#))

Richard Kozul-Wright, “The myth of Anglo-Saxon Capitalism: Reconstructing the history of the American State” in H.-J. Chang and R. Rowthorn (eds.), *The Role of the State in Economic Change*, Clarendon Press, 1995. Pp. 81-113.

([Download](#))

Block, Fred, and Peter Evans, “The State and the Economy” in *Handbook of Economic Sociology (second edition)*, edited by Richard Swedberg and Neil Smelser, Princeton University Press, 2005. Pp. 505-526. ([Download](#))

Evans, Peter (1995), *Embedded Autonomy: States and Industrial Transformation*. Esp. chps 1, 9, 10. ([Download](#))

Kohli, Atul (2004), *State-Directed Development: Political Power and Industrialization in the Global Periphery*.

([Download](#))

Leftwich, Adrian (1995) “Bringing Politics Back In: Towards a Model of the Developmental State,” *Journal of Developmental Studies*, 31(3). ([Download](#))

Woo-Cumings, Meredith ed. (1999), *The Developmental State*.  
([Download](#))

## **Week 4: Capitalism and the rise of democracy**

### **Required reading:**

Goran Therborn, “The Rise of Capital and the Rule of Democracy” in *New Left Review* (103) 1977: 3-41. ([Download](#))

Ian Kershaw, “Politics and Economics of the Nazi State” in *The Nazi Dictatorship*, Oxford University Press, 2000. Pp. 47-68. ([Download](#))

### **Suggested reading:**

John D. Stephens, Dietrich Rueschemeyer, and Evelyn H. Stephens, *Capitalist Development and Democracy*, University of Chicago Press, 1992. (398 pp.) ([Download](#))

## **Week 5: The capitalist state**

### **Required reading:**

Ralph Miliband, *The State in Capitalist Society*. 1962.

([Download](#))

G. William Domhoff, *Who Rules America?* McGraw Hill, 2013.  
(288 pp.) ([Download of Fifth Edition](#))

### **Suggested reading:**

Martin Carnoy, *The State and Political Theory*. 1985.

([Download](#))

Poulantzas, Nicos. "The Problem of the Capitalist State." *New Left Review* 58.1 (1969): 67-78. ([Download](#))

## **Week 6: The welfare state**

### **Required Reading:**

Gosta Esping-Andersen, *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*, Princeton, 1990. (248 pp.) ([Download](#))

Adam Przeworski, "Social Democracy as a Historical Phenomenon" in *New Left Review* (122) 1980: 27-58. ([Download](#))

### **Suggested reading:**

Pierson, Paul. *The New Politics of the Welfare State*. Oxford University Press, 2001. ([Download](#))



## **Week 7: Parties and cleavages**

### **Required reading:**

De Leon, Cedric., Manali Desai and Cihan Tugal. 2009. "Political Articulation: Parties and the Constitution of Cleavages in the U.S., India and Turkey," *Sociological Theory*, Vol. 27, Issue 3. ([Download](#))

Goldstone, Jack (ed.) (2003), *States, Parties, and Social Movements*. Esp, introduction. ([Download](#))

Lipset, S.M. and S. Rokkan (1967), "Cleavage Structures, Party Systems and Voter Alignments" in Lipset and Rokkan (eds), *Party Systems and Voter Alignments*. Also in Mair, ed (1990). ([Download](#))

### **Suggested reading:**

Mair, Peter (2001), "The Freezing Hypothesis: an evaluation" in Lauri Karonen and Stein Kuhnle, eds, *Party Systems and Voter Alignments Revisited*.

Veugelers, John (1999), "A Challenge for Political Sociology: The Rise of Far Right Parties in Contemporary Western Europe," *Current Sociology*, Vol. 7(4):78-100. ([Download](#))

Kunovich, Sherri and Pamela Paxton (2005), "Pathways to Power: The Role of Political Parties in Women's Political Representation," *American Journal of Sociology*, Vol. 111, No. 2.

Lovenduski, Joni and Pippa Norris eds. (1993), *Gender and Party Politics*, esp chps 1, 2, 11, 12.

Keck, Margaret (1992), *Workers' Party and Democratization in Brazil*.

## **Week 8: Social movements**

### **Required reading:**

McAdam, Doug, *et al* (1996), *Comparative Perspectives on Social Movements*, esp introduction. ([Download](#))

Tarrow, Sidney (1998), *Power in Movement: Social Movements, Collective Action and Politics*, esp chapters 5, 7 & 8. ([Download](#))

### **Suggested reading:**

Doug McAdam, *Political process and the development of black insurgency, 1930-1970*, University of Chicago Press, 1999. Pp. 65-115. [Especially chapters 1-3]

### Resource Mobilization

Edwards, Bob and John D. McCarthy (2004), “Resources and Social Movement Mobilization” in Kriesi *et al* (2004).

### Political Opportunities

Kriesi, Hanspeter (2004), “Political Context and Opportunity” in Kriesi *et al* (2004). ([Download](#))

Meyer, D. and C. Debra (2004), “Conceptualizing Political Opportunity”, *Social Forces*, vol. 82, no 4.

### Frame Alignment

Benford, Robert (1997), “An Insider’s Critique of the Social Movement Framing Perspective”, *Sociological Inquiry*, 67, 4.

Snow, David A. (2000), “Framing Processes and Social Movements: An Overview and an Assessment”, *Annual Review of Sociology*, 26. ([Download](#))

### Global Social Movements

De Sousa Santos, Boaventura (2008), “The World Social Forum and the Global Left”, *Politics and Society*, vol 36, no 2, June.

Della Porta, Donatella, Hanspeter Kriesi, Dieter Rucht, eds (1999), *Social Movements in a Globalizing World*. Esp. chps 3, 4, 12. ([Download](#))

Evans, Peter (2008), “Is an Alternative Globalization Possible?”, *Politics and Society*, vol 36, no 2, June.

## **Week 9: State rulers**

### **Required reading:**

Bourdieu, Pierre. 1994. "Rethinking the State: Genesis and Structure of the Bureaucratic Field." *Sociological Theory* 12 (1): 1-18.

Evans, Peter, Dietrich Rueschemeyer, and Theda Skocpol (eds.). 1985. *Bringing the State Back In*, edited by. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [CH 1] ([Download](#))

Mitchell, Timothy. 1991. "The Limits of the State: Beyond Statist Approaches and Their Critics." *The American Political Science Review* 85 (1): 77-96.

Swartz, David. 2013. *Symbolic Power, Politics, and Intellectuals: The Political Sociology of Pierre Bourdieu*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. [CH 5] ([Download](#))

Moore, Jr., Barrington. 1966. *The Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy: Landlord and Peasant in the Making of the Modern World*. Boston: Beacon Press. [CH 7-9] ([Download](#))

Tilly, Charles. 1992. *Coercion, Capital, and the European State, AD 990-1990*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers. [CH 1-4] ([Download](#))

### **Suggested reading:**

Bourdieu, Pierre. 2014. *On the State: Lectures at the College de France, 1989-1992*. Cambridge: Polity Press.

Foucault, Michel. 2004. *Society Must Be Defended, Lectures at the College De France, 1975-76*. London: Penguin.

Huntington, Samuel. 1968. *Political Order in Changing Societies*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Miliband, Ralph. 1969. *The State in Capitalist Society*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Mills, C. Wright. [1956] 2000. *The Power Elite*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Therborn, Göran. 2008. *What does the Ruling Class Do When it Rules?* London: Verso.

## **Week 10: Ideology and intellectuals**

### **Required reading:**

Marx, Karl. [1846] 1974. *The German Ideology*. New York: International Publishers. [Preface; CH 1, Sections A, B.] ([Download](#))

Said, Edward. 1996. *Representations of the Intellectual*. New York: Vintage. [CH 1-2, 5] ([Download](#))

Swartz, David. 2013. *Symbolic Power, Politics, and Intellectuals: The Political Sociology of Pierre Bourdieu*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. [CH 6-7] ([Download](#))

Therborn, Göran. 1980. *The Ideology of Power and the Power of Ideology*. London: Verso. [CH 6] ([Download](#))

### **Suggested reading:**

Anderson, Perry. 1976. "The Antinomies of Antonio Gramsci." *New Left Review* 100.

Eagleton, Terry. 2007. *Ideology: An Introduction*. London: Verso. [CH 1]

Mannheim, Karl. [1929] 1936. *Ideology and Utopia*. New York: Harvest Books.

Thompson, John B. 1990. *Ideology and Modern Culture*. Cambridge: Polity Press. [CH 1]

## **Week 11: Revolution and regime change**

### **Required reading:**

Foran, John (ed). 1997. *Theorizing Revolutions*. New York: Routledge. [CH 1-3, 5, 8] ([Download](#))

Kandil, Hazem. 2016. *Power Triangle: Military, Security, and Politics in Regime Change*. New York: Oxford University Press [Introduction] ([Download](#))

Skocpol, Theda. 1994. *Social Revolutions in the Modern World*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [Introduction; CH 4] ([Download](#))

### **Recommended reading:**

Kimmel, Michael. 1990. *Revolution: A Sociological Interpretation*. Syracuse (NY): Syracuse University Press.

Mann, Michael. 2013. *The Sources of Social Power, Volume IV: Globalizations, 1945-2011*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [CH 9]

Walt, Stephen M. 1996. *Revolution and War*. London: Cornell University Press. [Introduction; CH 1]

## **Week 12: War, Militarism, Imperialism**

### **Required reading:**

Bacevich, Andrew J. 2006. *The New American Militarism: How Americans are seduced by War*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. [CH 1-5] ([Download](#))

Clausewitz, Carl von. [1832] 1989. *On War* (Peter Paret and Michael Howard, trans.). Princeton: Princeton University Press. [Book I, CH 13, 7; Book VIII, CH 2, 6] ([Download](#))

Hobsbawm, Eric. 2008. *On Empire: America, War and Global Supremacy*. New York: Pantheon. [CH 4] ([Download](#))

Mazzetti, Mark. 2013. *The Way of the Knife: The CIA, a Secret Army, and a War at the Ends of the Earth*. London: Penguin. ([Download](#))

Simpson, Emile. 2013. *War from the Ground Up: Twenty-First-Century Combat as Politics*. London: Hurst & Company. [Introduction; CH 3] ([Download](#))

### **Recommended reading:**

Finer, Samuel E. 1962. *Men on Horseback: The Role of the Military in Politics*. London: Pall Mall Press.

Hardt, Michael and Antonio Negri. 2001. *Empire*. Cambridge (MA): Harvard University Press. [Preface; CH 2, Section 5; CH 3, Sections 3, 6; CH 4, Section 3]

Kaldor, Mary. 2006. *Wars Old and New: Organized Violence in a Global Era*. Stanford: Stanford University Press. [Introduction; CH 7]

Mann, Michael. 2003. *Incoherent Empire*. London: Verso. [CH 1-4]

Nelson, Keith L. and Spencer C. Olin, Jr. 1980. *Why War? Ideology, Theory, and History*. Berkeley: University of California Press [CH 1-3]



Shaw, Martin. 2005. *The New Western Way of War*. Cambridge: Polity Press [CH1, 4]

Stepan, Alfred. 1988. *Rethinking Military Politics: Brazil and the Southern Cone*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Vagts, Alfred. 1959. *A History of Militarism: Civilian and Military*. New York: Meridian Books, Inc.

Van Creveld, Martin. 2008. *The Changing Face of War: Combat from the Marne to Iraq*. New York: Ballantine Books.

Wood, Ellen Meiksins. 2005. *Empire of Capital*. London: Verso. [Introduction; CH 7]