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Historical and Sociological Institutionalism

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Requirements: Attendance, Preparation of Discussion Questions, Handouts, Introductory Presentations, Term Paper (40-50 pages).

Credits: 20 SP, 20 ECTS.

October 16th: Vorberechnung

October 23th: Introduction

March, James G, and Johan P Olsen. *Rediscovering Institutions: The Organizational Basis of Politics*. New York: Free Press, 1989, 1-67.

October 30th: Behavioralism

Dahl, Robert A. "A Critique of the Ruling Elite Model." *American Political Science Review* 52, no. 2 (June) (1958): 463-469.

Dahl, Robert A. "The Behavioral Approach in Political Science: Epitaph for a Monument to a Successful Protest." *American Political Science Review*, no. 4 (December) (1961): 763-772.

Dahl, Robert A. "The Concept of Power." *Behavioral Science*, no. 3 (July) (1957): 201-215.

November 6th: The Sociology of Politics

Lukes, Steven. *Power: A Radical View*. Edited by Anthony Giddens, *Studies in Sociology*. London: Macmillan, 1974.

Shapiro, Ian. "On the Second Edition of Luke's Third Face." *Political Studies Review* 4 (2006): 146-155.

November 13th: The Polity Centered Approach

Skocpol, Theda. "Political Response to Capitalist Crisis: Neo-Marxist Theories of the State and the Case of the New Deal." *Politics and Society* 10, no. 2 (1980): 155-201.

Mann, Michael. "The Social Cohesion of Liberal Democracy." *American Sociological Review* 35, no. 3 (June) (1970): 423-439.

Balbus, Isaac D. "The Concept of Interest in Pluralist and Marxian Analysis." *Politics and Society* 1 (1971): 151-177.

November 20th: States and Social Structures

Skocpol, Theda. "Bringing the State Back In: Strategies of Analysis in Current Research." In *Bringing the State Back In*, edited by Peter B Evans, Dietrich Rueschemeyer and Theda Skocpol, 3-37. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1985.

Laitin, David D. "Hegemony and Religious Conflict: British Imperial Control and Political Cleavages in Yorubaland." In *Bringing the State Back In*, edited by Peter B Evans, Dietrich Rueschemeyer and Theda Skocpol, 285-316. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1985.

Katznelson, Ira. "Working-Class Formation and the State: Nineteenth-Century England in American Perspective." In *Bringing the State Back In*, edited by Peter B Evans, Dietrich Rueschemeyer and Theda Skocpol, 257-284. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1985.

November 27th: Rational Choice

Weingast, Barry R. "Political Institutions: Rational Choice Perspectives." In *A New Handbook of Political Science*, edited by Robert E Goodin and Hans-Dieter Klingemann, 167-190. Oxford/New York: Oxford University Press, 1998.

Bates, Robert H, Rui J P Figueiredo, and Barry R Weingast. "The Politics of Interpretation: Rationality, Culture, and Transition." *Politics & Society* 26, no. 4 (1998): 603-642.

Weingast, Barry R. "Political Stability and Civil War: Institutions, Commitment, and American Democracy." In *Analytic Narratives*, edited by Robert H Bates, Greif Avner, Margaret Levi and Jean-Laurent Rosenthal, 148-193. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1998.

December 4th: Historical Institutionalism

Rothstein, Bo. "Political Institutions: An Overview." In *A New Handbook of Political Science*, edited by Robert E Goodin and Hans-Dieter Klingemann, 133-166. Oxford/New York: Oxford University Press, 1998.

Thelen, Kathleen, and Sven Steinmo. "Historical Institutionalism in Comparative Politics." In *Structuring Politics: Historical Institutionalism in Comparative Analysis*, edited by Sven

Steinmo, Kathleen Thelen and Frank Longstreth, 1-32. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992.

Immergut, Ellen M. "The Theoretical Core of the New Institutionalism." *Politics & Society* 26, no. 1 (1998): 5-34.

December 11th: Ideas and Identities

Hall, Peter A. "The Movement from Keynesianism to Monetarism: Institutional Analysis and British Economic Policy in the 1970s." In *Structuring Politics: Historical Institutionalism in Comparative Perspective*, edited by Thelen Steinmo and Frank Longstreth, 90-113. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992.

Hattam, Victoria C. "Institutions and Political Change: Working Class Formation in England and the United States, 1820-1896." In *Structuring Politics. Historical Institutionalism in Comparative Perspective*, edited by Sven Steinmo, Kathleen Thelen and Frank Longstreth, 155-187. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992.

Berman, Sheri E. "Civil Society and the Collapse of the Weimar Republic." *World Politics* 49, no. 3 (1997): 401-429.

December 18th: Institutionally-Induced Preferences

Steinmo, Sven. "Political Institutions and Tax Policy in the United States, Sweden, and Britain." *World Politics*, no. 4 (July) (1989): 500-535.

Rothstein, Bo. "Labor-Market Institutions and Working-Class Strength." In *Structuring Politics: Historical Institutionalism in Comparative Analysis*, edited by Sven Steinmo, Kathleen Thelen and Frank Longstreth, 33-56. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992.

Immergut, Ellen M. "The Rules of the Game: The Logic of Health Policy-Making in France, Switzerland and Sweden." In *Structuring Politics: Historical Institutionalism in Comparative Analysis*, edited by Sven Steinmo, Kathleen Thelen and Frank Longstreth, 57-89. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992.

January 8th: Timing and Sequences

Pierson, Paul. *Politics in Time: History, Institutions, and Social Analysis*. Princeton, Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2004, pp. 17-78, 133-178.

January 15th: Sociological Institutionalism

Powell, Walter W, and Paul J DiMaggio. "Introduction." In *The New Institutionalism in Organizational Analysis*, edited by Walter W Powell and Paul J DiMaggio, 1-38. Chicago, London: The University of Chicago Press, 1991.

Zucker, Lynne G. "The Role of Institutionalization in Cultural Persistence." In *The New Institutionalism in Organizational Analysis*, edited by Walter W Powell and Paul J DiMaggio, 83-107. Chicago/London: The University of Chicago Press, 1991.

DiMaggio, Paul J, and Walter W Powell. "The Iron Cage Revisited: Institutional Isomorphism and Collective Rationality in Organizational Fields." In *The New Institutionalism in Organizational Analysis*, edited by Walter W Powell and Paul J DiMaggio, 63-82. Chicago/London: The University of Chicago Press, 1991.

January 22th: Templates, Events and Order

Abbott, Andrew. *Time Matters. On Theory and Method*. Chicago/London: The University of Chicago Press, 2001, pp. 161-260.

Goldthorpe, John H. "Current Issues in Comparative Macrosociology." In *On Sociology: Numbers, Narratives, and the Integration of Research and Theory*, edited by John H Goldthorpe, 45-64. Oxford, New York: Oxford University Press, 2000.

January 29th: Bounded Rationality vs. Arationality

Gigerenzer, Gerd. "Decision-Making: Nonrational Theories." In *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, edited by Neil J Smelser and Paul B Baltes, 3304-3309. Oxford: Elsevier, 2001.

Goldstein, Daniel G, and Gerd Gigerenzer. "The Recognition Heuristic: How Ignorance Makes Us Smart." In *Simple Heuristics That Make Us Smart*, edited by Gerd Gigerenzer, Peter M Todd and ABC Research Group, 37-58. New York, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999.

Tversky, Amos, and Daniel Kahneman. "Judgment under Uncertainty: Heuristics and Biases." *Science* 185, no. 4157 (1974): 1124-1131.

February 5th: The New Institutionalism and Institutional Change

Hall, Peter A, and Rosemary C R Taylor. "Political Science and the Three New Institutionalisms." *Political Studies* 44, no. 5 (1996): 936-957.

Streeck, Wolfgang, and Kathleen Thelen. "Introduction: Institutional Change in Advanced Political Economies." In *Beyond Continuity: Institutional Change in Advanced Political Economies*, edited by Wolfgang Streeck and Kathleen Thelen, 1-39. Oxford/New York: Oxford University Press, 2005.

February 12th: Schlussbetrachtung