

The State
From National Developmentalism to Global Neoliberalism

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“The state” is an overloaded concept. It is frequently used/mobilized in historical and social analyses despite the fact that the concept is difficult to pin down analytically. Taking the development of the post World War 2 state as the historical backdrop, this course intends to look at the state from multiple angles, and from various disciplinary standpoints. The goal is to enable students to have a firm and methodologically solid grasp of the different ways to explore, understand and ultimately do research on the state, particularly from developmentalism to neoliberalism.

While we will talk about various attempts at theorizing the state, Marxist, Weberian, etc., our primary goal will be identifying how these different traditions utilize the notion of the state in their broader research and how they go about researching this rather broad institutional (and discursive) ensemble that we call the state. Exploring the different ways to look at and do research on this rather fuzzy concept, we will reflect on what types of methodological building blocs we need to set up in order to be able to construct, represent and ultimately reach social scientific judgments about this key institution of the modern society.

To be able to concretize the somewhat abstract discussions, we will be reading examples/ case studies from various parts of the world, as states are transformed in the shift from developmentalism to neoliberalism. Students are expected to keep up with the readings and participate in class discussion. Requirements and distribution of grades are as follows:

A) 6 Response papers	30 %
B) Participation/ attendance	20 %
C) Final research proposal (10+ pages)	30 %
D) Take home final exam	20 %

Schedule of Readings (subject to revision)

1- The Problematique (Feb. 11)

[Pierre Bourdieu \(1998\) "Rethinking the State: Genesis and Structure of the Bureaucratic Field" in Pierre Bourdieu Practical Reason \(Stanford University Press\) pp. 35-63 \(excerpt/ 35-40\)](#)

[Michel Foucault \(2008\) Birth of Biopolitics \(Palgrave MacMillan\) \(excerpt/ 75-78\)](#)

[Erika Cudworth, Timothy Hall, and John McGovern \(2007\) The Modern State: Theories and Ideologies \(Edinburgh University Press\) \(excerpt from the Introduction/ 1-10\)](#)

2- Marxism and the State (Feb. 18)

[Karl Marx \(1845/6\) "German Ideology" Robert Tucker \(ed.\) Marx Engels Reader \(2nd ed. 1978\), pp. 146-200](#)

[Friedrich Engels \(1884\) "The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State" in Robert Tucker \(ed.\) Marx Engels Reader \(2nd ed. 1978\), pp. 734-759.](#)

[Colin Hay \(1999\) "Marxism and the State" in Andrew Gamble, David Marsh and Tony Tant, eds. Marxism and Social Science \(Palgrave\), pp. 152-174](#)

3- Historical/ Institutional Approach (Feb 25)

[Max Weber \(1978\) Economy and Society \(University of California\), Ch. XI, Bureaucracy, pp. 956-1005](#)

[Gianfranco Poggi \(1978\) The Development of the Modern State: A Sociological Introduction \(Stanford University Press\), Chs. 1-5 pp. 1-116](#)

4- Bringing the State Back in? (March 3)

[J. P. Nettl \(1968\) "The State as a Conceptual Variable" World Politics \(20:4\), pp. 559-592](#)

[Theda Skocpol \(1985\) "Bringing the State Back in: Strategies of Analysis in Current Research" in Peter Evans, Dietrich Rueschemeyer, and Theda Skocpol, eds. Bringing the State Back in \(Cambridge\), pp. 3-43](#)

[Stanley Aranowitz and Peter Bratsis \(2002\) "State Power, Global Power" in Stanley Aranowitz and Peter Bratsis, eds., State Theory Reconsidered \(University of Minnesota Press\), xi-xxvii](#)
[Timothy Mitchell \(1991\) "The Limits of the State: Beyond Statist Approaches and](#)

[Their Critics” The American Political Science Review \(85:1\), pp. 77-96](#)

5/6- Developmental States and Economic Transformations (March 10-17)

[Peter Evans \(1995\) Embedded Autonomy: States and Industrial Transformation \(Princeton\), pp. 3-74](#)

[Vivek Chibber \(2006\) Locked in Place: State Building and Late Industrialization in India \(Princeton\), pp. 1-109](#)

[Vedat Milor \(1990\) “The Genesis of Planning in Turkey” New Perspectives on Turkey \(4\), pp. 1-30](#)

[Ziya Öniş & Fikret Şenses \(2007\) "Global Dynamics, Domestic Coalitions and a Reactive State: Major Policy Shifts in Turkish Postwar Economic Development" METU Economic Research Center Working Paper No 20636](#)

[Ha-Joon Chang \(2003\) Kicking Away the Ladder: Development Strategy in Historical Perspective \(Anthem\) pp. 13-68](#)

7- Elites, Strategies, and Fields of Power (March 24)

[Pierre Bourdieu and Loic Wacquant \(1992\) An Invitation to Reflexive Sociology \(Polity Press\), pp. 94-140](#)

[Yves Dezalay and Bryant Garth \(2002\) The Internationalization of Palace Wars: Lawyers, Economists and the Contest to Transform Latin American States \(University of Chicago Press\) Chs. 1-5, pp. 1-95](#)

8- The Modern State, Knowledge and Power (March 31)

[Sarah Babb \(2004\) Managing Mexico: Economists from Nationalism to Neoliberalism \(University of Chicago Press\) Chs 1-3, 7, pp. 1-74, 171-198](#)

[Miguel Angel Centeno \(1999\) Democracy within Reason: Technocratic Revolution in Mexico 2nd ed. \(Pennsylvania State University\), pp. 3-97](#)

9- Globalization, Neoliberalism and the State I (April 7)

[Clyde Barrow \(2005\) "The Return of the State: Globalization, State Theory and the New Imperialism" New Political Science \(27:2\) pp.123-145.](#)

[Bob Jessop \(2013\) “Revisiting the Regulation Approach: Critical Reflections on the Contradictions, Dilemmas, Fixes and Crisis Dynamics of Growth Regimes”,](#)

[Capital & Class, February \(37:1\) pp. 5-24.](#)

[David Harvey \(2001\) Spaces of Capital \(Routledge\) Chs. TBA](#)

10- Globalization, Neoliberalism and the State II (April 14)

[Michael Mann \(1997\) "Has Globalization Ended the Rise and Rise of the Nation-State?" Review of International Political Economy \(4: 3\), pp. 472-496.](#)

[Kanishka Jayasuriya \(2006\) Reconstituting the Global Liberal Order: Legitimacy and Regulation \(Routledge\), pp. 69-119.](#)

[Sol Picciotto \(2011\) "International Transformations of the Capitalist State" Antipode \(43:1\), pp. 87-107](#)

[Neil Brenner \(2004\) New State Spaces: Urban Governance and the Rescaling of Statehood \(Oxford\), Ch. 5, *Interlocality Competition as a State Policy: Urban Locational Policy and the Rescaling of State Space*, pp. 172-256](#)

APRIL 21 SPRING BREAK

11- Crisis, Debt, Austerity (April 28)

[Wolfgang Streeck \(2014\) *Buying Time: The Delayed Crisis of Democratic Capitalism* \(Verso\)](#)

12/13- Neoliberal States, Neoliberal Subjects (May 5-12)

[Thomas Lemke \(2007\) "An Indigestible Meal? Foucault, Governmentality and State Theory" *Distinktion- Scandinavian Journal of Social Theory* \(15: 4\) pp. 43-64](#)

[Nikolas Rose \(2008\) "Governing Advanced Liberal Democracies", in Aradhana Sharma and Akhil Gupta, eds., *The Anthropology of the State* \(Blackwell\), pp. 144-162](#)

[Simon Springer \(2012\) "Neoliberalism as Discourse: Between Foucauldian Political Economy and Marxian Poststructuralism" *Critical Discourse Studies* \(9: 2\), pp. 133-147](#)

[Katharine Rankin \(2001\) "Governing Development: Neoliberalism, MicroCredit](#)

[and Rational Economic Woman" Economy and Society \(30:1\), pp. 18-37](#)

[Loic Wacquant \(2010\) "Crafting the Neoliberal State: Workfare, Prisonfare, and Social Insecurity" Sociological Forum \(25:2\), pp. 197-220](#)

[Umut Türem \(2016\) "Engineering Competitive Selves: Self and Political Economy in Contemporary Turkey" in Cenk Özbay, et. al., eds. The Making of Neoliberal Turkey \(Ashgate\), pp. 33-52.](#)

[Ebru Kayaalp \(2015\) "Remaking Politics, Markets and Citizens in Turkey: Governing Through Smoke", *Chs. 6-7, pp. 109-134*](#)