Graduate Program in Sociology
Comprehensive Reading Lis
Political Sociology and Social Movements
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Pedagogical Objectives
- To understand the changing relations between politics, society, violence, domination, social movements and the state.
- To prepare students to teach political sociology and social movements and to conduct research in these areas.
- To help students to become conversant with "big" questions about political sociology and social movements.

Instructions to Students

This reading list was designed to balance required readings with readings chosen by the student. In total you should create a reading list consisting of the equivalent of 25 medium-sized books (5 journal articles or chapters = 1 medium-sized book)/125 articles. Students may choose individual chapters from any of the edited collections included in this reading list.

Your final list must include:

1) The required (bolded) readings. This is equivalent to 62 articles or 12.4 books or some combination thereof. You are required to read something from the Nationalism category, which can be a book or article.

2) Additional readings from this list will be identified by the student in consultation with their comprehensive exam committee. (Equivalent to 32 articles)

3) Additional readings not on this list can be selected by the student (up to a maximum of 25% of your final reading list). (Up to 31.2 articles)

This list is a living document and will be revised regularly.

Major categories
1. Classic Texts
2. Democracy - Civil Society
3. Political Cleavages and Inequalities
4. States
5. Social Movements
6. War and Revolutions
7. Power and the Political
8. Nationalism

1. Classic/General Texts

Arendt, H. (1968). Totalitarianism. Part 3 of *The Origins of Totalitarianism*. New York. Harcort Brace Jovanovich Publishers.

Clemens, E. S. (2016). *What is political sociology?* John Wiley & Sons.

Du Bois, W. E. B., & Marable, M. (2015). *Souls of Black Folk*. Routledge.

Gramsci, A. (1971). State and Civil Society. In *Prison Notebooks.* Q. Hoave and GN Smith (eds.), (pp. 206-276). Routledge

Lipset, S. M. (1960). *Political Man. The social bases of politics. Garden City*. Doubleday.

Marx, K. (1978). "The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte". In *The Marx-Engels Reader*, Second Edition (pp. 594-617). EE Norton.

Marx, K., & Engels, F. [1848] 1978. The Communist Manifesto. In *The Marx-Engels Reader*, Second Edition (pp. 469-483). EE Norton.

Michels, R. (1915). *Political parties: A sociological study of the oligarchical tendencies of modern democracy*. Hearst's International Library Company.

Mills, C. W. [1956] 1957. *The Power Elite.* Oxford University Press.

Polanyi, K. (2001). *The Great Transformation: The Political and Economic Origins of Our Time.* Beacon Press.

Porter, J. (1965) *The Vertical Mosaic.* University of Toronto Press.

Tocqueville, A. de [1835] (1968) D*emocracy in America*. Fontana.

Weber, M. (1958). Bureaucracy. In *Max Weber: Essays in Sociology*. Oxford University Press.

Weber, M. (1958). Politics as a Vocation. In *Max Weber: Essays in Sociology* (pp. 77-128). Oxford University Press.

Weber, M. (1978). The Types of Legitimate Domination. In *Economy and Society: Volume 1*. University of California Press.

2. Democracy and Civil Society

Almond, G. A., & Verba, S. (2015). *The Civic Culture: Political Attitudes and Democracy in Five Nations*. Princeton University Press.

Coulthard, G. S. (2007). Subjects of Empire: Indigenous Peoples and the 'Politics of Recognition 'in Canada. *Contemporary Political Theory*, *6*(4), 437-460.

Dahl, R. A. (2008). *Democracy and its Critics*. Yale University Press.

Fraser, N. (1992). Rethinking the Public Sphere: A Contribution to the Critique of Actually Existing Democracy. in C. Calhoun (ed.) *Habermas and the Public Sphere* (pp. 109–42) MIT Press.

Fukuyama, F. (2001). Social Capital, Civil Society and Development. *Third World Quarterly*, 22(1), 7-20.

Habermas, J. (1991). *The Structural Transformation of the Public Sphere*. MIT Press.

Inglehart, R., & Baker, W. E. (2000). Modernization, cultural change, and the persistence of traditional values. *American Sociological Review*, 19-51.

Laclau, E. (2005). *On populist reason*. Verso.

Lipset, S. (1994). The Social Requisites of Democracy Revisited. *American Sociological Review*, *59*, 2-13.

Mbembe, A. (2003). Necropolitics. *Public Culture*, 15(1), 11–40. Translated by Libby Meintjes

Moore Barrington, J. R. (1967). *The Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*. Allen Lane.

Putnam, R. D., Leonardi, R., & Nanetti, R. Y. (1992). *Making Democracy Work: Civic traditions in modern Italy*. Princeton University Press.

Putnam, R. D. (2000). *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*. Simon and Schuster

Przeworski, A. (1986). *Capitalism and Social Democracy*. Cambridge University Press.

Robinson, W. I. (1996). *Promoting polyarchy: Globalization, US intervention, and hegemony.* Cambridge University Press.

Rueschemeyer, D., Stephens, E. H., & Stephens, J. D. (1992). *Capitalist Development and Democracy* (Vol. 22). Polity.

Tilly, C. (2007). *Democracy*. Cambridge University Press.

3. Political Inequalities

Beckfield, J. (2018). *Political sociology and the people's health*. Oxford University Press.

Brown, W. (2009). *Regulating aversion*. Princeton University Press.

Brown, W. (2020). *States of injury: Power and freedom in late modernity*. Princeton University Press.

Clark, T. N., Lipset, S. M., & Rempel, M. (1993). The declining political significance of social class. *International Sociology,* 8(3), 293-316.

Clark, T. N., & Lipset, S. M. (1991). Are social classes dying? *International Sociology*, 6(4), 397-410.

Fanon, F. [1961] (2004). *The Wretched of the Earth.* Trans. Richard Philcox*.* Grove Press.

Houtman, D. (2001). Social Class and Voting: The Case Against Decline. In Clark, Terry Nichols and Seymour Martin Lipset (eds) *The Breakdown of Class Politics: A Debate on Post-Industrial Stratification*. Woodrow Wilson Center Press.

Inglehart, R. and J.-R. Rabier. (1986). Political Realignment in Advanced Industrial Society: From Class-Based Politics to Quality-of-Life Politics. *Government and Opposition*, 21: 456-479.

Korpi, W. (2018). *The Democratic Class Struggle*. Routledge.

Leighley, J. E., & Vedlitz, A. (1999). Race, ethnicity, and political participation: Competing models and contrasting explanations. *The Journal of Politics*, *61*(4), 1092-1114.

Marx, A. W. (1998). *Making race and nation: A comparison of South Africa, the United States, and Brazil*. Cambridge University Press.

Paschel, T. S. (2016). *Becoming Black Political Subjects*. Princeton University Press.

Paxton, P., Kunovich, S., & Hughes, M. M. (2007). Gender in Politics. *Annual Review of Sociology*, *33*, 263.

4. States

Agamben, G. (2005). State of Exception. University of Chicago Press

Bourdieu, P. (2015). *On the State.* Polity.

Coulthard, G. (2014) *Red Skin, White Masks: Rejecting the Colonial Politics of Recognition*. University of Minnesota Press

Domhoff, G. W. (1968). Who Rules America? *Science and Society*, *32*(3).

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Esping-Andersen, G. (1989). The three political economies of the welfare state. *Canadian Review of Sociology/Revue canadienne de sociologie*, *26*(1), 10-36.

Mann, M. (1984). The autonomous power of the state: Its origins, mechanisms and results. *European Journal of Sociology,* 25(2), 185-213.

Meyer, J. W., Boli, J., Thomas, G. M., & Ramirez, F. O. (1997). World society and the nation-state. *American Journal of Sociology,* 103(1), 144-181.

Miliband, R. (1969). *The State in Capitalist Society*. Merlin Press.

Mongia, R. (2018). *Indian migration and empire: A colonial genealogy of the modern state.* Duke University Press.

Myles, J., & Quadagno, J. (2002). Political theories of the welfare state. *Social Service Review*, *76*(1), 34-57.

Pierson, P. (1996). The path to European integration: A historical institutionalist analysis. *Comparative political studies*, *29*(2), 123-163.

Poulantzas, N. (1969). The problem of the capitalist state. *New Left Review*, (58), 67.

Evans, P. B., Rueschemeyer, D., & Skocpol, T. (Eds.). (1985). *Bringing the state back in*. Cambridge University Press. (chapters 1, 5)

Scott, J. C. (2008). *Seeing like a state*. Yale University Press.

Tilly, C. (1990). Coercion, Capital and European States. A.D. 900-1900. Basil Blackwell.

Wallerstein, I. (2004). *World-Systems Analysis: An Introduction.* Durham and London: Duke University Press

5. Social Movements

Alvarez, S., & Escobar, A. (1992). *The making of social movements in Latin America: Identity, strategy, and democracy.* Oxford: Westview Press.

Amenta, E., Caren, N., Chiarello, E., & Su, Y. (2010). The political consequences of social movements. *Annual Review of Sociology*, *36*, 287-307.

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Gamson, W. A. (1975). *The Strategy of Social Protest.* Dorsey.

Ramos, H. (2008). Opportunity for whom? Political opportunity and critical events in Canadian Aboriginal mobilization, 1951–2000. *Social Forces*, *87*(2), 795-823.

Jasper, J. M. (2008). *The art of moral protest: Culture, biography, and creativity in social movements.* University of Chicago Press.

Keck, M. E., & Sikkink, K. (1998). *Activists beyond borders: Advocacy networks in international politics*. Cornell University Press.

McAdam, D. (1999). Political process and the development of black insurgency, 1930-1970. University of Chicago Press.

McCarthy, J. D., & Zald, M. N. (1977). Resource mobilization and social movements: A partial theory. *American journal of sociology*, *82*(6), 1212-1241.

Melucci, A. (1985). The symbolic challenge of contemporary movements. *Social Research,* Vol. 52, No. 4: 789-816

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Wood, L. (2012). *Direct Action, Deliberation and Diffusion: Collective Action after the WTO in Seattle*

Zhao, D. (2010). Theorizing the role of culture in social movements: Illustrated by protests and contentions in modern China. *Social Movement Studies*, *9*(1), 33-50.

6. War and Revolutions

Arendt, H. (2006). *On revolution*. Penguin.

Bayat, A. (2017). *Revolution without Revolutionaries*. Stanford University Press.

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Fanon, F, (1963). *Wretched of the Earth.* New York: Grove press.

Goodwin, J. (2001). *No other way out: States and revolutionary movements, 1945-1991*. Cambridge University Press.

Gould, R. (1995). *Insurgent Identities: Class, Community, and Protest in Paris from 1848 to the Commune.* Chicago: University of Chicago.

James, C. L. R. (1989). *The Black Jacobins: Toussaint l'Ouverture and the San Domingo Revolution*. Vintage.

Skocpol, T. *States and Social Revolutions: A Comparative Analysis of France, Russia and China.* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

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7. Power and the Political

Bernstein, M. (2005). Identity politics. *Annual Review of Sociology*, 47-74.

Collins, P. H. (2000). Gender, black feminism, and black political economy. *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, 568*(1), 41-53.

Felix, G., & Guattari, D. (1987). *A thousand plateaus: Capitalism and schizophrenia. Trans. by Massumi, B.).,* University of Minnesota.

Foucault, M. (2012). *Discipline and punish: The birth of the prison*. Vintage.

Hall, S. (2003). Encoding/decoding. In *Culture, media, language* (pp. 127-137). Routledge.

Hooks, B. (2000). *Feminist theory: From margin to center*. Pluto Press.

Mouffe, C. (2005). *The return of the political* (Vol. 8). Verso.

Lorde, A. (1978). *Uses of the erotic: The erotic as power* (pp. 53-59). Out.

Lukes, S. (2021 [1974]). Power: A Radical View. 3rd Ed. MacMillan.

Mann, M. (1986). *The Sources of Social Power,* Volumes 1 and 2. Cambridge University Press. (Read Vol. 1, Chapter 1 and Vol. 2, Chapter 3).

Schmitt, K. (2007) *The Concept of the Political*. Chicago: Chicago University Press.

Spivak, G. C. (2015). Can the Subaltern Speak? In *Colonial discourse and post-colonial theory* (pp. 66-111). Routledge.

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8. Nationalism (choose at least one)

Anderson, B. (1991). *Imagined Communities*. London: Verso.

Bannerji, H. (2000). *The dark side of the nation: Essays on multiculturalism, nationalism and gender*. Canadian Scholars' Press.

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Brubaker, R. (2009). Ethnicity, race, and nationalism. *Annual Review of Sociology*, 21-42.

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