

SYLLABUS
PCS Seminar 1
Introduction to Conflict and Contentious Politics

Fall 2015

Class meetings: Mondays, 8:30 -11:40, at Room 406
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 Office hours (at Room 524): Mon., Tue., Wed., and Thurs., 12:00–12:30
 TA: TBA
 TA session (at Room 406): TBA.

GOALS:

This seminar aims at introducing to the first-year PCS students *social scientific approaches* to conflict and contentious politics. The course is not a survey; rather, it is intended to be a collective engagement with analytical issues and several key substantive issue areas in the field with the purpose of sharpening the participants' analytical perspectives. Together with the follow-up course (titled Advanced Seminar on Conflict and Contentious Politics) by the same instructor and to be offered in the Spring semester, this seminar is intended to help the participants reshape their own thesis project.

REQUIREMENTS:

For each week's required readings, a set of "reading assignment" questions will be distributed in advance. You are then required to send in your written answers to those questions via email to <matsunaga@tufs.ac.jp> no later than 9 p.m. on the day before each class meeting. Your answers (to be saved as a Word document) must be (1) **single-spaced**, (2) typed with a small font (10.5 Times New Roman) and narrow margins, and (3) **no more than a single page**. The file name should be "your first name_RA1" (for reading assignment #1) and so forth. Please note that your answers may not be too short, and are expected to be well thought out and nuanced.

In addition, the participants are expected to come to class fully prepared to discuss the materials, with their own questions and additional ideas noted. This is a seminar, and therefore the most important requirement is active, informed participation in class discussion. Needless to say, full attendance is mandatory. There will be an open-book in-class midterm examination at the end of the first half (see below).

SCHEDULE:

Oct. 5	Week 1:	General Orientation
Oct. 12	Week 2:	Social Scientific Methods
Oct. 19	Week 3:	Approaches to Conflict
Oct. 26	Week 4:	Group Identity, Mobilization, and Political Violence
Nov. 2	Week 5:	Regimes, Political Opportunity, and Contentious Politics
Nov. 9	Week 6:	Symbolic Action and Nonviolence as Contentious Interaction
Nov. 16	Week 7:	<i>In-class final examination</i>

GRADING POLICY:

Weekly assignments and class participation: 50%; in-class final examination: 50%:

QUESTIONS AND ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

You can send your questions about the course and the reading materials via email to the teaching assistant (TA) or the instructor. We will try to respond to them as promptly as possible. If you prefer to ask questions face-to-face, attend the TA session on Mondays (make sure to tell him in advance that you are attending his session each week; otherwise there will be no TA session), or visit the instructor's office during his office hours (no appointment is necessary).

If you want to get hold on some of the recommended readings, you can ask the instructor or the TA to help you find them.

WEEKLY READINGS:**Week 2: Social Scientific Methods – October 12**Required Readings:

Abbott, Andrew. 2004. "Explanation," Ch. 1 of *Methods of Discovery: Heuristics for the Social Sciences* (New York: W. W. Norton), 3-40.

Hay, Colin. 2002. "Analytical Perspectives, Analytical Controversies," Ch. 1 of *Political Analysis* (New York: Palgrave), 1-58.

Recommended Readings:

Gerring, John. 2012. *Social Science Methodology*, second edition. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Brady, Henry E. 2008. "Causation and Explanation in Social Science," in *The Oxford Handbook of Political Methodology*, ed. Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier, Henry E. Brady and David Collier (New York: Oxford University Press), 217-270.

Elster, Jon. 1989. *Nuts and Bolts for the Social Sciences*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
 ————. 2007. "Explanation" and "Mechanisms," in *Explaining Social Behavior: More Nuts and Bolts for the Social Sciences* (New York: Cambridge University Press), 9-51.

Ferejon, John. 2004. "External and Internal Explanation," in *Problems and Methods in the Study of Politics*, ed. Shapiro, Ian, Rogers M. Smith, and Tarek E. Masoud (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), 144-164.

Tilly, Charles. 1999. "The Trouble with Stories," in *The Social Worlds of Higher Education: Handbook for Teaching in A New Century*, ed. Bernice A. Pescosolido and Ronald Aminzade (Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press), 256-270; reprinted in Charles Tilly, *Stories, Identities, and Political Change* (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2002), 25-42.

———. 2004. "Historical Analysis of Political Processes," in *Handbook of Sociological Theory*, ed. Jonathan H. Turner (New York: Kluwer/Plenum); reprinted in Charles Tilly, *Explaining Social Processes* (Boulder: Paradigm, 2008), 133-159.

———. 2006. *Why? What Happens When People Give Reasons ... and Why?* Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Stinchcombe, Arthur. 2005. *The Logic of Social Research*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Useful References:

- Brady, Henry E., and David Collier, eds. 2010. *Rethinking Social Inquiry: Diverse Tools, Shared Standards*, second edition. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.
- Brady, Henry E., and David Collier, eds. 2008. *The Oxford Handbook of Political Methodology*. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press.
- Tilly, Charles. 2008. *Explaining Social Processes*. Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers.
- Boix, Carles, and Susan C. Stokes, eds. 2007. *Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press.
- Goodin, Robert E., and Charles Tilly. 2006. *The Oxford Handbook of Contextual Political Analysis*. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press.
- Gomm, Roger, Martyn Hammersley and Peter Foster, eds. 2000. *Case Study Method: Key Issues, Key Texts*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Munck, Geraldo L., and Richard Snyder, eds. 2007. *Passion, Craft, and Method in Comparative Politics*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press.

Week 3: Approaches to Conflict – October 19Required Readings:

- Gamson, William A. 1975. *The Strategy of Social Protest* (Homewood, IL: Dorsey Press), chapters 1-3 and 9 (pp 1-37 and 130-144).
- Tilly, Charles. 1978. "Theories and Descriptions of Collective Action," Ch. 2 of *From Mobilization to Revolution* (Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley), 12-51.

Recommended Readings:

- Marx, Karl. [1869]1963. *The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte*. New York: International Publishers.
- McAdam, Doug. 1982. *Political Process and the Development of Black Insurgency, 1930-1970*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Tarrow, Sidney. 1994. *Power in movement: Social movements, collective action and politics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- McAdam, Doug, John D. McCarthy, and Mayer N. Zald, eds. 1996. *Comparative Perspectives on Social Movements: Political Opportunities, Mobilizing Structures, and Cultural Framings*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- McAdam, Doug, Sidney Tarrow, and Charles Tilly. 2001. *Dynamics of Contention*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Tilly, Charles. 2003. *The Politics of Collective Violence*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Sidney Tarrow and Charles Tilly. 2007. "Contentious Politics and Social Movements," in *Oxford*

Handbook of Comparative Politics, ed. Carles Boix and Susan C. Stokes (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press), 435-460.

Week 4: Group Identity, Mobilization, and Political Violence – October 26

Required Readings:

Eriksen, Thomas Hyliand. 2001. "Ethnic Identity, National Identity, and Intergroup Conflict: The Significance of Personal Experiences," in *Social Identity, Intergroup Conflict, and Conflict Reduction*, ed. Richard D. Ashmore, Lee Jussim, and David Wilder (New York: Oxford University Press), 42-68.

Fearon, James D. 2006. "Ethnic Mobilization and Ethnic Violence," in *The Oxford Handbook of Political Economy*, ed. Barry R. Weingast and Donald A. Wittman (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press), 852-868.

Tilly, Charles. 2003. "Varieties of Violence," Ch. 1 of *The Politics of Collective Violence* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), 1-25.

Recommended Readings:

Barth, Fredrik. [1969]1998. *Ethnic Groups and Boundaries: The Social Organization of Culture Difference*. Long Grove, IL: Waveland.

Cohen, Abner. 1974. *Two-Dimensional Man: An Essay on the Anthropology of Power and Symbolism in Complex Society*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Horowitz, Donald L. 1985. *Ethnic Groups in Conflict*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Laitin, David D. [1995]1999. "National Revivals and Violence," in *Critical Comparisons in Politics and Culture*, ed. John R. Bowen and Roger Petersen (New York: Cambridge University Press), 21-60. Originally published in *European Journal of Sociology* 36/1 (1995): 3-43.

_____. 1998. "A Theory of Political Identities" in *Identity in Formation: The Russian-speaking Populations in the Near Abroad* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press), 3-35.

_____. 2007. *Nations, States and Violence*. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press.

Fearon, James D., and David D. Laitin. 2000. "Violence and the Social Construction of Ethnic Identity," *International Organization* 54(4): 845-877.

_____. 2003. "Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War," *American Political Science Review* 97(1): 75-90.

Brubaker, Rogers, and David D. Laitin (1998). "Ethnic and Nationalist Violence," *Annual Review of Sociology* 24: 423-452; reprinted in Rogers Brubaker, *Ethnicity without Groups* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2004), 88-115.

Brubaker, Rogers (2002). "Ethnicity without Groups," *European Journal of Sociology (Archives Européennes de Sociologie)* 43/2 (August): 163-189; reprinted in *Ethnicity without Groups* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2004), 7-27.

Brubaker, Rogers, and Mara Loveman, and Peter Stamatov. 2004. "Ethnicity as Cognition," *Theory and Society* 33/1 (February): 31-64; reprinted in *Ethnicity without Groups* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2004), 64-87.

- Brass, Paul R. 2002/03. "The Gujarat Pogrom of 2002," *Items and Issues* (New York: Social Science Research Council) 4/1: 1, 5-9.
- Varshney, Ashutosh. 2002/03. "Understanding Gujarat Violence," *Items and Issues* (New York: Social Science Research Council) 4/1: 1-5.
- Brass, Paul. 2003. "Explaining Communal Violence," Chapter 1 of *The Production of Hindu-Muslim Violence in Contemporary India* (Seattle: University of Washington Press), 5-39.
- King, Charles. 2004. "The Micropolitics of Social Violence," *World Politics* 56/3:431-455.
- Kalyvas, Stathis. 2009. "Conflict," in *The Oxford Handbook of Analytical Sociology*, ed. Peter Hedström and Peter Bearman (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press), 592-615.
- McAdam, Doug, Sidney Tarrow, and Charles Tilly. 2001. *Dynamics of Contention* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), especially, Chapters 1 and 5.
- Tilly, Charles. 2005. "Social Boundary Mechanisms," in *Identities, Boundaries and Social Ties* (Boulder, CO: Paradigm), 131-152. Previously published in *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* 34/2 (June 2004): 211-236.
- Wimmer, Andreas. 2013a. *Ethnic Boundary Making: Institutions, Power, Networks*. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press.
- _____. 2013b. *Waves of War: Nationalism, State Formation, and Ethnic Exclusion in the Modern World*. Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press.

Week 5: Regimes, Political Opportunity, and Contentious Politics – November 2

Required Readings:

- McAdam, Doug. 1996. "Conceptual Origins, Current Problems, Future Directions," chapter 1 of *Comparative Perspectives on Social Movements: Political Opportunities, Mobilizing Structures, and Cultural Framings*, edited by Doug McAdam, John D. McCarthy, and Mayer N. Zald (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), 23-40.
- Tilly, Charles. 2006. *Regimes and Repertoires*, chapters 1-3 (Chicago: University of Chicago Press), 1-59.

Recommended Readings:

- Kriesi, Hanspeter. 1995. "The Political Opportunity Structure of New Social Movements: Its Impact on Their Mobilization," in *The Politics of Social Protest: Comparative Perspectives on States and Social Movements*, ed. J. Craig Jenkins and Bert Klandermans (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press), 167-198.
- _____. 2004. "Political Context and opportunity," in *The Blackwell Companion to Social Movements*, ed. David A. Snow, Sarah A. Soule, and Hanspeter Kriesi (Oxford: Blackwell), 67-90.
- Brockett, Charles D. 1991. "The Structure of Political Opportunities and Peasant Mobilization in Central America," *Comparative Politics* 23(3): 253-274.
- Traugott, Mark, ed. 1995. *Repertoires and Cycles of Collective Action*. Durham, NC: Duke

University Press.

- Tilly, Charles. [1985]1997. "War Making and State Making as Organized Crime," in *Roads from Past to Future* (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield), 165-191. Originally published in *Bringing the State Back In*, ed. Peter Evans, Dietrich Rueschemeyer, and Theda Skocpol (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1985).
- Davenport, Christian. 2007. "State Repression and Political Order," *Annual Review of Political Science* 10: 1-23.
- Davenport, Christian. 2007. *State Repression and the Domestic Democratic Peace*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Davenport, Christian, Hank Johnston, and Carol Mueller, eds. 2005. *Repression and Mobilization*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.
- Davenport, Christian, ed. 2000. *Path to State Repression: Human Rights Violations and Contentious Politics*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.
- Przeworski, Adam, Michael E. Alvarez, José Antonio Cheibub, and Fernando Limongi. 2000. *Democracy and Development: Political Institutions and Material Well-being in the World, 1950-1990*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Alvarez, Mike, José Antonio Cheibub, Fernando Limongi, and Adam Przeworski. 1996. "Classifying Political Regimes," *Studies in Comparative International Development* 31(2): 3-36.
- Sartori, Giovanni. 1987. *The Theory of Democracy Revisited*. Chatham, NJ: Chatham House.
- Tilly, Charles. 2007. *Democracy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Week 6: Symbolic Action and Nonviolence as Contentious Interaction – November 9

Required Readings:

- Williams, Rhys H. 2004. "The Cultural Contexts of Collective Action: Constraints, Opportunities, and the Symbolic Life of Social Movements," in *The Blackwell Companion to Social Movements*, ed. David A. Snow, Sarah A. Soule, and Hanspeter Kriesi (Oxford: Blackwell), 91-115.
- Gurr, Ted Robert (2000). "Nonviolence in Ethnopolitics: Strategies for the Attainment of Group Rights and Autonomy," *PS: Political Science and Politics* 33(2): 155-160.
- McAdam, Doug, and Sidney Tarrow (2000). "Nonviolence as Contentious Interaction," *PS: Political Science and Politics* 33(2): 149-154.

Recommended Readings:

- Lichbach, Mark I. 2003. *Is Rational Choice Theory All of Social Science?* Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.
- Battani, Marshall, David R. Hall, and Rosemary Powers. 1997. "Cultures' structures: Making

meaning in the public sphere," *Theory and Society* 26/6: 781-812.

- Petersen, Roger D. 2002. *Understanding Ethnic Violence: Fear, Hatred, and Resentment in Twentieth-Century Eastern Europe*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Kane, Anne. 1997. "Theorizing Meaning Construction in Social Movements: Symbolic Structures and Interpretation during the Irish Land War, 1879-1882," *Sociological Theory* 15(3): 249-276.
- Ross, Marc Howard. 1997. "Culture and Identity in Comparative Political Analysis," in *Comparative Politics: Rationality, Culture, and Structure*, ed. Mark Irving Lichbach and Alan S. Zuckerman (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), 42-80.
- _____. 2007. *Cultural Contestation in Ethnic Conflict*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- _____. 2009a. "Culture in Comparative Political Analysis," in *Comparative Politics: Rationality, Culture, and Structure*, second edition, ed. Mark Irving Lichbach and Alan S. Zuckerman (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press), 134-161.
- _____. 2009b. "Cultural Contestation and the Symbolic Landscape: Politics by Other Means?" in *Culture and Belonging in Divided Societies: Contestation and Symbolic Landscape*, ed. Marc Howard Ross (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press), 1-24.
- Kane, Anne. 2011. *Constructing Irish National Identity: Discourse and Ritual during the Land War, 1879-1882*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Sewell, Jr., William H. 1999. "The Concept(s) of Culture," in *Beyond the Cultural Turn: New Directions in the Study of Society and Culture*, ed. Victoria E. Bonnell and Lynn Hunt (Berkeley: University of California Press), 35-61; reprinted in *Logics of History: Social Theory and Social Transformation* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press), 152-174.
- Wedeen, Lisa. 1999. *Ambiguities of Domination: Politics, Rhetoric, and Symbols in Contemporary Syria*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- _____. 2002. "Conceptualizing Culture: Possibilities for Political Science," *American Political Science Review* 96(4): 713-728.
- Schock, Kurt. 2003. "Nonviolent Action and Its Misconceptions: Insights for Social Sciences," *PS: Political Science and Politics* 36(4): 705-712.
- _____. 2005. *Unarmed Insurrections: People Power Movements in Nondemocracies*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.
- Seidman, Gay W. 2000. "Blurred Lines: Nonviolence in South Africa," *PS: Political Science and Politics* 33(2): 161-168.
- _____. 2001. "Guerrillas in their midst: Armed struggle in the South African anti-apartheid movement," *Mobilization* 6/2: 111-127.
- Scott, James C. 1985. *Weapons of the Weak: Everyday Forms of Peasant Resistance*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- _____. 1989. "Everyday Forms of Resistance," *Copenhagen Journal of Asian Studies* 4: 33-62.
- Sharp, Gene. 1963. *Non-Violent Action: An Introductory Outlines for Study Groups*. London: Friends Peace Committee.
- _____. 1973. *The Politics of Nonviolent Action*. Boston: P. Sargent Publisher.
- _____. 2003. *From Dictatorship to Democracy: A Conceptual Framework for Liberation*. Cambridge, MA: Albert Einstein Institution.

- Ackerman, Peter, and Christopher Krueger. 1994. *Strategic Nonviolent Conflict: The Dynamics of People Power in the Twentieth Century*. Westport, CT: Praeger.
- Ackerman, Peter, and Jack DuVall. 2000. *A Force More Powerful: A Century of Nonviolent Conflict*. New York: Praeger.
- Ackerman, Peter, and Berel Rodal. 2008. "The Strategic Dimensions of Civil Resistance," *Survival* 50/3: 111-126.
- Dudouet, Véronique. 2008. *Nonviolent Resistance and Conflict Transformation in Power Asymmetries*. http://www.berghof-handbook.net/documents/publications/dudouet_handbook.pdf
- Stephan, Maria J., and Erica Chenoweth. 2008. "Why Civil Resistance Works: The Strategic Logic of Nonviolent Conflict," *International Security* 33/1: 7-44.
- Chenoweth, Erica, and Adria Lawrence, eds. 2010. *Rethinking Violence: States and Non-State Actors in Conflict*. MIT Press.
- Chenoweth, Erica, and Maria J. Stephan. 2010. "Mobilization and Resistance: A Framework for Analysis," in *Rethinking Violence: States and Non-State Actors in Conflict*, ed. Erica Chenoweth and Adria Lawrence (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press), 249-275.
- Chenoweth, Erica, and Maria J. Stephan. 2011. *Why Civil Resistance Works: The Strategic Logic of Nonviolent Conflict*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Nepstad, Sharon Erickson. 2011. *Nonviolent Revolutions: Civil Resistance in the Late 20th Century*. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press.
- Pearlman, Wendy. 2011. *Violence, Nonviolence, and the Palestinian National Movement*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.