

國際比較研究方法

Methods in Comparative International Research

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Class Time:

5/29(一) 18:30-21:20 密集課
5/30(二) 18:30-21:20 密集課
5/31(三) 10:00-13:00 密集課
5/31(三) 18:30-20:30 專題演講
6/01(四) 18:30-21:20 密集課
6/02(五) 18:30-21:20 密集課

Overview

This class introduces students to different research designs in comparative and international analysis. The discussion will be based mainly on examples of high-impact studies. Methods covered include cross-national large-N survey, ethnography, interview, small-N comparison, paired comparison, and process tracing. Through intensive engagement with the readings, which are composed of classics and cutting-edge research, students are expected to develop critical appreciation of the diverse methodological strategies underlying different empirical studies and the capability of employing some of the methods in their research.

Requirements

1. Attendance and Participation (25%):

2. Class presentation (25%):

Each student is to select one topic (topic 2 thru 10) to present on. In the presentation, you are expected to summarize, discuss, and critique one of the readings other than the required reading, with a focus on the reading's method. Presenters are expected to prepare at least one question about the article's method for the class to discuss. The presentation should last no more than 15 min.

4. Term paper (50%):

Each student is required to write a term paper (including tables, figures, and references, about 3,000 words in Chinese or 2,000 words in English) term paper. The paper should be based on a particular research that the student identifies and use at least one of the methods covered in the class. The student is expected to summarize, discuss, and critique the research, with a focus on methodological issues just like in the class presentation. Each student should confirm with me what research he or she chooses for the

paper by **TBD**. Paper is due on **TBD**. Each student is required to present to the class a very brief introduction to the research one chooses for the paper in the last class (**TBD**)

Class Schedule

May 29

1 Introduction and Overview

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2. International Survey

*Harzing, A.W., Reiche, B.S. and Pudelko, M., 2013. "Challenges in international survey research: A review with illustrations and suggested solutions for best practice." *European Journal of International Management*, 7(1), pp.112-134.

1a. World Values Survey: <https://www.worldvaluessurvey.org/wvs.jsp>

1b. Peyper, C.; van Eyden, R.; Blackmore, S. 2021 "The Road to Progressive Political Institutions: Revisiting the Link between Education and Democracy"
<https://www.worldvaluessurvey.org/WVSPublicationsPapers.jsp>

2a. General Social Survey: <https://gss.norc.org/>

2b. Smith, Tom W. Fu, Yang-Chih 2014 "The Globalization of Surveys"
<https://gss.norc.org/Documents/reports/cross-national-reports/CNR34.pdf>

3. Peter Evans and James E. Rauch 1999. "Bureaucracy and Growth: A Cross-National Analysis of the Effects of "Weberian" State Structures on Economic Growth" *American Sociological Review* Vol. 64, No. 5 (Oct., 1999), pp. 748-765

3 Cross-National Quantitative Analysis

*Herkenrath M. Quantitative Cross-National Analysis as a Research Tool in the Sociology of Developing Countries: A Critical Examination. *Current Sociology*. 2002;50(4):517-530.
doi:10.1177/0011392102050004003

Hendrix CS, Salehyan I. Climate change, rainfall, and social conflict in Africa. *Journal of Peace Research*. 2012;49(1):35-50. doi:10.1177/0022343311426165

Carla Martinez Machain I and T. Clifton Morgan 2013. "The Effect of US Troop Deployment on Host States' Foreign Policy." *Armed Forces & Society* 39(1) 102-123

Erik Gartzke 2007. "The Capitalist Peace." *American Journal of Political Science*. Volume 51, Issue 1

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4. Ethnography

*Wedeen, L., 2010. "Reflections on ethnographic work in political science." *Annual Review of Political Science*, 13(1), pp.255-272.

Geertz, C., 2000 [1972]. Deep play: Notes on the Balinese cockfight. In *Culture and politics* (pp. 175-201). Palgrave Macmillan, New York.

Freeman, D., 2000. "Sex and hoax in Samoa." (CA Forum) *Current anthropology*, 41(4), pp.609-622.

Farmer, P., 2004. "An anthropology of structural violence." *Current anthropology*, 45(3), pp.305-325.

5. Interview

- *Leech, B. (2002). "Interview Methods in Political Science." *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 35(4), 663-664. doi:10.1017/S1049096502001117
- Hopewell, Kristen. 2015 "Different paths to power: The rise of Brazil, *India and China at the World Trade Organization.*" *Review of international political economy* 22, no. 2 (2015): 311-338.
- Erin Metz McDonnell. 2017. "Patchwork Leviathan: How Pockets of Bureaucratic Governance Flourish within Institutionally Diverse Developing States." *American Sociological Review*. Volume: 82 issue: 3, page(s): 476-510
- Kennedy, Scott. 2007 "Transnational political alliances: An exploration with evidence from China." *Business & Society* 46, no. 2 (2007): 174-200.

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6. Small N Comparison

- *Mahoney, James. 2000. Strategies of causal inference in small-N analysis. *Sociological methods & research*, 28(4), pp.387-424.
- Goodwin, Jeff, and Theda Skocpol. "Explaining revolutions in the contemporary Third World." *Politics & Society* 17.4 (1989): 489-509.
- Dan Slater and Nicholas Rush Smith. 2016. "The Power of Counterrevolution: Elitist Origins of Political Order in Postcolonial Asia and Africa." *American Journal of Sociology* 2016 121:5, 1472-1516
- James Mahoney 2003. "Long - Run Development and the Legacy of Colonialism in Spanish America." *American Journal of Sociology* Vol. 109, No. 1 (July 2003), pp. 50-106

7. Paired Comparison

- *Tarrow S. "The Strategy of Paired Comparison: Toward a Theory of Practice." *Comparative Political Studies*. 2010;43(2):230-259. doi:10.1177/0010414009350044
- Barry Eidlin 2016. "Why Is There No Labor Party in the United States? Political Articulation and the Canadian Comparison, 1932 to 1948" *American Sociological Review*. Volume: 81 issue: 3, page(s): 488-516
- Marcus Kurtz. 2009. "The social foundations of institutional order: Reconsidering war and the "resource curse" in third world state building" *Politics & Society* 37 (4), 479-520
- Chibber, Vivek. 2002. "Bureaucratic Rationality and the Developmental State." *American Journal of Sociology*. 107, no. 4 (January 2002): 951-989.

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10. Mixed method

- *Timans, R., Wouters, P. and Heilbron, J., 2019. "Mixed methods research: what it is and what it could be." *Theory and Society*, 48(2), pp.193-216.
- Hudson, V. Bowen, D., & Nielsen, P. 2015. "Clan Governance and State Stability: The Relationship between Female Subordination and Political Order." *American Political Science Review*, 109(3), 535-555. doi:10.1017/S0003055415000271
- Mohammad Ali Kadivar. 2018. "Mass Mobilization and the Durability of New Democracies." *American Sociological Review*. Volume: 83 issue: 2, page(s): 390-417

Carlo Koos & Jan Pierskalla 2016 The Effects of Oil Production and Ethnic Representation on Violent Conflict in Nigeria: A Mixed-Methods Approach, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 28:5, 888-911,

11. Conclusion & preview of individual student papers