

Soc 596a: Comparative Political Economy

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Course Description

This seminar examines macro-comparative research on political economy in the world's affluent countries. The emphasis is on analytical strategies and methods. We will focus on regression (especially pooled cross-section time-series regression), QCA/fuzzy set analysis, case studies, and small-*N* comparison. We also will consider issues associated with causal mechanisms, selection bias, and measurement. Some important techniques we will not explore include multilevel regression models, Bayesian analysis, and formal theory. The substantive issues addressed are social policy, inequality, and employment.

Requirements

Readings. The course readings are available at eres.library.arizona.edu; the password is *soc596a*. The one exception is the Huber and Stephens book, which you will need to order (through amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, etc.).

Presentation. Each student will make one in-class presentation during the semester, on the readings for a given week. Use the standard conference presentation as your model: about 20 minutes, with visual aids such as overheads, PowerPoint, and/or handouts. The objective of the presentation is to highlight one or more of the central issues addressed in the readings, to locate the authors' positions vis-à-vis those issues, and to comment critically on the state of the debate and the value of the individual contributions to it. Of course, you probably won't be able to cover all of the conceivable issues and need not place equal emphasis on each of the readings. Avoid lengthy introductions and summaries of the readings. The presentation should be *organized around an argument* — a statement about the

most fruitful way to study the topic at hand, an adoption of a particular position in a debate, or a critique of some existing line of argument. If you don't have an argument, get one!

Paper. A roughly 7,500-word paper on a topic of your choice related to the course material. Due date: Monday, December 11. You must get your topic approved by me no later than November 13. The paper can be either an empirical study or a proposal for an empirical study. If you choose to do a proposal, the paper must include: (1) a theory/literature review section that discusses various theoretical perspectives and lists propositions about the empirical outcomes that would be predicted by those perspectives; (2) a detailed description of the data and methods you would use to answer your research question. Late papers will be penalized one grade level (e.g., from A to A-minus).

Grading. Class participation will account for 50% of the course grade. The presentation and paper will each account for 25%.

Schedule

Aug. 21 Introduction

- King, Gary, Robert O. Keohane, and Sidney Verba. 1994. *Designing Social Inquiry*. Princeton University Press. Chapter 1.
- *Recommended:* Hicks, Alexander and Gøsta Esping-Andersen. 2005. "Comparative and Historical Studies of Public Policy and the Welfare State." Pp. 509-525 in *The Handbook of Political Sociology*, edited by Thomas Janoski, Robert R. Alford, Alexander Hicks, and Mildred A. Schwartz. Cambridge University Press.
- *Recommended:* Kenworthy, Lane. 2007 (forthcoming). "Sources of Equality and Inequality: Wages, Jobs, Households, and Redistribution." Chapter 3 in *Jobs with Equality*. Russell Sage Foundation.
- *Recommended:* Howell, David R. 2005. "Introduction." Pp. 3-34 in *Fighting Unemployment: The Limits of Free Market Orthodoxy*, edited by David R. Howell. Oxford University Press. Read pp. 3-23.
- *Recommended:* Kenworthy, Lane. 2007 (forthcoming). "Employment Performance and Its Determinants." Chapter 4 in *Jobs with Equality*. Russell Sage Foundation. Read pp. 1-11.

Aug. 28 Regression I

Regression — especially pooled cross-section time-series regression — is by far the most commonly used technique for quantitative macro-comparative analysis. What are its advantages and limitations?

- If you have limited familiarity with regression analysis, begin with: Allison, Paul. 1999. *Multiple Regression: A Primer*. Pine Forge Press. Chapters 1-2.
- Shalev, Michael. 2006 (forthcoming). "Limits and Alternatives to Multiple Regression in Comparative Research." *Comparative Social Research*.
- Kenworthy, Lane. 2006 (forthcoming). "Toward Improved Use of Regression in Macro-Comparative Analysis." *Comparative Social Research*.
- Western, Bruce. 1996. "Vague Theory and Model Uncertainty in Macrosociology." *Sociological Methodology* 6: 165-192. Read pp. 165-170.
- Wallerstein, Michael. 2000. "Trying to Navigate Between Scylla and Charybdis: Misspecified and Unidentified Models in Comparative Politics." *Newsletter of the Comparative Politics Section of the American Political Science Association*, Summer: 1-2, 4, 21.
- Achen, Christopher H. 2002. "Toward a New Political Methodology: Microfoundations and ART." *Annual Review of Political Science* 5: 423-450. Read pp. 423-425, 445-449.
- Griffin, Larry J., Pamela Barnhouse Walters, Phillip O'Connell, and Edward Moor. 1986. "Methodological Innovations in the Analysis of Welfare-State Development: Pooling Cross Sections and Time Series." Pp. 101-138 in *Futures for the Welfare State*, edited by Norman Furniss. Indiana University Press.
- Berk, Richard. 2004. *Regression Analysis: A Constructive Critique*. Sage. Pp. 39-52.
- Collier, David, Henry E. Brady, and Jason Seawright. 2004. "Sources of Leverage in Causal Inference: Toward an Alternative View of Methodology." Pp. 229-266 in *Rethinking Social Theory*, edited by Henry E. Brady and David Collier. Rowman and Littlefield. Read p. 266.
- *Recommended*: Leamer, Edward E. 1983. "Let's Take the Con Out of Econometrics." *American Economic Review* 73: 31-43.
- *Recommended*: Jackman, Robert W. 1985. "Cross-National Statistical Research and the Study of Comparative Politics." *American Journal of Political Science* 29: 161-182.
- *Recommended*: King, Gary, Robert O. Keohane, and Sidney Verba. 1994. *Designing Social Inquiry*. Princeton University Press. Pp. 168-207 (on omitted variables and endogeneity).

- *Recommended:* Hicks, Alexander. 1994. "Introduction to Pooling." Pp. 169-188 in *The Comparative Political Economy of the Welfare State*, edited by Thomas Janoski and Alexander Hicks. Cambridge University Press.
- *Recommended:* Firebaugh, Glenn and Frank D. Beck. 1994. "Does Economic Growth Benefit the Masses? Growth, Dependence, and Welfare in the Third World." *American Sociological Review* 59: 631-653.
- *Recommended:* Beck, Nathaniel and Jonathan N. Katz. 1995. "What To Do (and Not To Do) with Time-Series Cross-Section Data." *American Political Science Review* 89: 634-47.
- *Recommended:* Kittel, Bernhard. 1999. "Sense and Sensitivity in Pooled Analysis of Political Data." *European Journal of Political Research* 35: 225-253.
- *Recommended:* Beck, Nathaniel. 2001. "Time-Series Cross-Section Data: What Have We Learned in the Past Few Years?" *Annual Review of Political Science* 4: 271-293.
- *Recommended:* Halaby, Charles N. 2004. "Panel Models in Sociological Research: Theory into Practice." *Annual Review of Sociology* 30: 507-544.
- *Recommended:* Kittel, Bernhard and Hannes Winner. 2005. "How Reliable Is Pooled Analysis in Political Economy? The Globalization-Welfare State Nexus Revisited." *European Journal of Political Research* 44: 269-293.
- *Recommended:* Plümper, Thomas, Vera Troeger, and Philip Manow. 2005. "Panel Data Analysis in Comparative Politics: Linking Method to Theory." *European Journal of Political Research* 44: 327-354.
- *Recommended:* Franzese, Jr., Robert J. and Jude C. Hays. 2006. "Spatial Econometric Models for the Analysis of TSCS Data in Political Science." Unpublished. Available at: www-personal.umich.edu/~franzese.
- *Recommended:* Esping-Andersen, Gøsta. 2006 (forthcoming). "Multiple Regression in Small-N Comparisons: A Reply to Michael Shalev." *Comparative Social Research*.
- *Recommended:* Pontusson, Jonas. 2006 (forthcoming). "Methods in Comparative Political Economy: Commentary on Shalev." *Comparative Social Research*.
- *Recommended:* Scruggs, Lyle. 2006 (forthcoming). "Response to Shalev." *Comparative Social Research*.
- *Recommended:* Swank, Duane. 2006 (forthcoming). "What Comparativists Really Do: A Comment on Shalev's 'Limits and Alternatives to Multiple Regression in Comparative Analysis'." *Comparative Social Research*.

Sept. 4 No class: Labor Day

Sept. 11 Regression II

- Brooks, Clem and Jeff Manza. 2006. "Social Policy Responsiveness in Developed Democracies." *American Sociological Review* 71: 574-494.
- Kenworthy, Lane. 2006. "Reconsidering the Effect of Public Opinion on Social Policy Generosity in Affluent Democracies."
- Iversen, Torben and Anne Wren. 1998. "Equality, Employment, and Budgetary Restraint: The Trilemma of the Service Economy." *World Politics* 50: 507-546.
- Kenworthy, Lane. 2004. *Egalitarian Capitalism*. Russell Sage Foundation. Pp. 13-18 and chapter 5.
- Kenworthy, Lane. 2007 (forthcoming). *Jobs with Equality*. Russell Sage Foundation. Chapters 1 and 7.

- *Recommended*: Hicks, Alexander. 1999. *Social Democracy and Welfare Capitalism*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press. Chapters 6 and 7.
- *Recommended*: Iversen, Torben and Thomas R. Cusack. 2000. "The Causes of Welfare State Expansion: Deindustrialization or Globalization?" *World Politics* 52: 313-49.
- *Recommended*: Garrett, Geoffrey and Deborah Mitchell. 2001. "Globalization, Government Spending, and Taxation in the OECD." *European Journal of Political Research* 39: 145-177.
- *Recommended*: Beckfield, Jason, David Brady, and Martin Seeleib-Kaiser. 2005. "Economic Globalization and the Welfare State in Affluent Democracies." *American Sociological Review* 70: 921-948.
- *Recommended*: Alderson, Arthur S. and François Nielsen. 2002. "Globalization and the Great U-Turn: Income Inequality Trends in 16 OECD Countries." *American Journal of Sociology* 107: 1244-1299.
- *Recommended*: Bradley, David, Evelyne Huber, Stephanie Moller, François Nielsen, and John Stephens. 2003. "Distribution and Redistribution in Postindustrial Democracies." *World Politics* 55: 193-228.
- *Recommended*: Hall, Peter A. and Robert J. Franzese, Jr. 1998. "Mixed Signals: Central Bank Independence, Coordinated Wage Bargaining, and European Monetary Union." *International Organization* 52: 505-535.
- *Recommended*: Kenworthy, Lane. 2003. "Do Affluent Countries Face an Incomes-Jobs Tradeoff?" *Comparative Political Studies* 36: 1180-1209.
- *Recommended*: Baker, Dean, Andrew Glyn, David R. Howell, and John Schmitt. 2005. "Labor Market Institutions and Unemployment: Assessment of the Cross-Country Evidence." Pp. 72-118 in *Fighting Unemployment: The Limits of Free Market Orthodoxy*, edited by David R. Howell. Oxford University Press.
- *Recommended*: Bacarro, Lucio and Diego Rei. 2006. "Institutions Determinants of Unemployment in OECD Countries." Discussion Paper 160. International Institute for Labour Studies. Available at: www.ilo.org/inst.

- *Recommended:* OECD. 2006. "Reassessing the Role of Policies and Institutions for Labour Market Performance: A Quantitative Analysis." Pp. 207-243 in *OECD Employment Outlook*. Paris: OECD.

Sept. 18 Graphing

All analysis requires data reduction. But often social scientists go too far. Since inferences frequently vary depending on model specification, the cases and time periods analyzed, measurement choices, and related factors, informed readers should be shown as much of the raw data as possible. How can one best comply with this wish without overloading the paper or book with data? What are the most effective ways to present various types of data?

- Cleveland, William S. 1994. *The Elements of Graphing Data*. Hobart Press. Chapters 1-3.
- *Recommended:* Tufte, Edward R. 2001. *The Visual Display of Quantitative Information*. Second edition. Graphics Press.
- *Recommended:* Wilkinson, L. 2001. "Graphical Methods: Presentation." Pp. 6368-6379 in *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*. Amsterdam: Elsevier.
- *Recommended:* Gelman, Andrew, Christian Pasarica, and Rahul Dodhia. 2002. "Let's Practice What We Preach: Turning Tables into Graphs." *The American Statistician* 56: 121-130.
- *Recommended:* Cleveland, William S. 1993. *Visualizing Data*. Hobart Press.

Sept. 25 QCA/Fuzzy-Set Analysis

Qualitative comparative analysis (QCA) is better equipped than regression to identify multiple configurations of causes that lead to the same outcome and to assess hypothesized sufficient or necessary (rather than probabilistic) causes. What are the strengths and limitations of QCA?

- Ragin, Charles C. 1994. "Introduction to Qualitative Comparative Analysis." Pp. 299-319 in *The Comparative Political Economy of the Welfare State*, edited by Thomas Janoski and Alexander Hicks. Cambridge University Press.
- Hicks, Alexander, Joya Misra, and Tang Nah Ng. 1995. "The Programmatic Emergence of the Social Security State." *American Sociological Review* 60: 329-349.
- Ragin, Charles C. and Benoit Rihoux. 2004. "Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA): State of the Art and Prospects." *Qualitative Methods Newsletter*, Fall: 3-13.

- Epstein, Jessica, Daniel Duerr, Lane Kenworthy, and Charles Ragin. 2006. "Comparative Employment Performance: A Fuzzy-Set Analysis." Contribution to *Method and Substance in Macro-Comparative Analysis*.
- Kittel, Bernhard. 2006. "Statistical Narratives and the Properties of Macro-Level Variables: Labor Market Institutions and Employment Performance in Macrocomparative Research." Contribution to *Method and Substance in Macro-Comparative Analysis*.
- *Recommended:* Rubinson, Claude and Charles C. Ragin. 2006 (forthcoming). "New Methods for Comparative Research?" *Comparative Social Research*.
- *Recommended:* Ragin, Charles C. 2000. *Fuzzy-Set Social Science*. University of Chicago Press.
- *Recommended:* Ragin, Charles C. 2003. "Turning the Tables: How Case-Oriented Research Challenges Variable-Oriented Research." In *Rethinking Social Inquiry: Diverse Tools, Shared Standards*, edited by Henry E. Brady and David Collier. Rowman and Littlefield.
- *Recommended:* Ragin, Charles C. 2006. "The Limitations of Net-Effects Thinking." Unpublished.
- *Recommended:* Lieberman, Stanley. 2001. "Book Review of *Fuzzy-Set Social Science*." *Contemporary Sociology* 30: 331-334.
- *Recommended:* Goldthorpe, John H. 2000. *On Sociology: Numbers, Narratives, and the Integration of Research and Theory*. Oxford University Press. Chapter 3.
- *Recommended:* Seawright, Jason. 2005. "Qualitative Comparative Analysis vis-à-vis Regression." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 40: 3-26.
- *Recommended:* Stryker, Robin and Scott Eliason. 2006. "The Welfare State, Family Policies, and Women's Labor Force Participation: Combining Fuzzy-Set and Statistical Methods to Assess Causal Relations and Estimate Causal Effects." Contribution to *Method and Substance in Macro-Comparative Analysis*.
- *Recommended:* Hicks, Alexander and Lane Kenworthy. 2006. "Family Policies and Women's Employment: A Regression Analysis." Contribution to *Method and Substance in Macro-Comparative Analysis*.

Oct. 2 Case Studies

What is the role of case studies in social science? What are their advantages and drawbacks? Can a case study be comparative?

- George, Alexander L. and Andrew Bennett. 2004. *Case Studies and Theory Development in the Social Sciences*. MIT Press. Pp. 3-36, 73-79.

- Gerring, John. 2004. "What Is a Case Study and What Is It Good For?" *American Political Science Review* 98: 341-354.
- Manow, Philip and Eric Seils. 2000. "Adjusting Badly: The German Welfare State, Structural Change, and the Open Economy." Pp. 264-307 in *Welfare and Work in the Open Economy. Volume II: Diverse Responses to Common Challenges*, edited by Fritz W. Scharpf and Vivien A. Schmidt. Oxford University Press.
- Visser, Jelle. 2002. "The First Part-Time Economy in the World: A Model To Be Followed?" *Journal of European Social Policy* 12: 23-42.
- Campbell, John L. and Ove K. Pedersen. 2007 (forthcoming). "The Varieties of Capitalism and Hybrid Success: Denmark in the Global Economy." *Comparative Political Studies*.

- *Recommended:* Ragin, Charles C. 2001. "Case-Oriented Research." Pp. 1519-1525 in *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*. Amsterdam: Elsevier.
- *Recommended:* George, Alexander L. and Andrew Bennett. 2004. *Case Studies and Theory Development in the Social Sciences*. MIT Press.
- *Recommended:* Collier, David, James Mahoney, and Jason Seawright. 2004. "Claiming Too Much: Warnings about Selection Bias." Pp. 85-102 in *Rethinking Social Theory*, edited by Henry E. Brady and David Collier. Rowman and Littlefield.
- *Recommended:* Ryscavage, Paul. 1999. *Income Inequality in America*. M. E. Sharpe.
- *Recommended:* Nielsen, François and Arthur S. Alderson. 2001. "Trends in Income Inequality in the United States." Pp. 355-385 in *Sourcebook of Labor Markets*, edited by Ivar Berg and Arne L. Kalleberg. Plenum.
- *Recommended:* Reed, Deborah and Maria Cancian. 2001. "Sources of Inequality: Measuring the Contributions of Income Sources to Rising Family Income Inequality." *Review of Income and Wealth* 47: 321-333.
- *Recommended:* Hills, John. 2004. *Inequality and the State*. Oxford University Press. Chapters 2, 4.
- *Recommended:* Ferrera, Maurizio and Elisabetta Gualmini. 2000. "Italy: Rescue from Without?" Pp. 351-398 in *Welfare and Work in the Open Economy, Volume II: Diverse Responses to Common Challenges*, edited by Fritz W. Scharpf and Vivien A. Schmidt. Oxford University Press.
- *Recommended:* Deakin, Simon and Hannah Reed. 2000. "River Crossing or Cold Bath? Deregulation and Employment in Britain in the 1980s and 1990s." Pp. 115-147 in *Why Deregulate Labour Markets?* edited by Gøsta Esping-Andersen and Marino Regini. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Oct. 9 Small-*N* Comparison

Much macro-comparative research takes the form of "small-*N* comparative case studies." What types of variables are used? How are cases selected? What kinds of inferences can be drawn? How could such studies be improved?

- George, Alexander L. and Andrew Bennett. 2004. *Case Studies and Theory Development in the Social Sciences*. MIT Press. Pp. 153-160.
- Mahoney, James. 2000. "Strategies of Causal Inference in Small-*N* Analysis." *Sociological Methods and Research* 28: 387-424.
- Mahoney, James. 2003. "Strategies of Causal Assessment in Comparative Historical Analysis." Pp. 337-372 in *Comparative Historical Analysis in the Social Sciences*, edited by James Mahoney and Dietrich Rueschmeyer. Cambridge University Press. Read pp. 339-353 on "Nominal Comparison and the Question of Determinism."
- Lieberman, Stanley. 1991. "Small *N*'s and Big Conclusions: An Examination of the Reasoning in Comparative Studies Based on a Small Number of Cases." *Social Forces* 70: 307-320.
- Schettkat, Ronald. 2005. "Is Labor Market Regulation at the Root of European Unemployment? The Case of Germany and the Netherlands." Pp. 262-283 in *Fighting Unemployment: The Limits of Free Market Orthodoxy*, edited by David R. Howell. Oxford University Press.
- Misra, Joya and Nina Topp. 2006. "Do Family Policies Shape Women's Employment: A Comparative Historical Analysis of France and the Netherlands." Contribution to *Method and Substance in Macro-Comparative Analysis*.

- *Recommended*: King, Gary, Robert O. Keohane, and Sidney Verba. 1994. *Designing Social Inquiry*. Princeton University Press. Chapter 6.
- *Recommended*: Pierson, Paul. 1994. *Dismantling the Welfare State? Reagan, Thatcher, and the Politics of Retrenchment*. Cambridge University Press.
- *Recommended*: Myles, John. 1998. "How to Design a 'Liberal' Welfare State: A Comparison of Canada and the United States." *Social Policy and Administration* 32: 341-364.
- *Recommended*: Gosling, Amanda and Thomas Lemieux. 2004. "Labor Market Reforms and Changes in Wage Inequality in the United Kingdom and the United States." Pp. 275-312 in *Seeking a Premier Economy*, edited by David Card, Richard Blundell, and Richard B. Freeman. University of Chicago Press.
- *Recommended*: Björklund, Anders. 2000. "Going Different Ways: Labour Market Policy in Denmark and Sweden." Pp. 148-180 in *Why Deregulate*

Labour Markets? edited by Gøsta Esping-Andersen and Marino Regini. Oxford University Press.

- *Recommended:* Hemerijck, Anton, Brigitte Unger, and Jelle Visser. 2000. "How Small Countries Negotiate Change: Twenty-Five Years of Policy Adjustment in Austria, the Netherlands, and Belgium." Pp. 175-263 in *Welfare and Work in the Open Economy, Volume II: Diverse Responses to Common Challenges*, edited by Fritz W. Scharpf and Vivien A. Schmidt. Oxford University Press.

Oct. 16 Combining Large-*N* and Small-*N* Analysis

Large-*N* and small-*N* analysis need not be mutually exclusive. How can the two be productively combined?

- Lieberman, Evan S. 2005. "Nested Analysis as a Mixed-Method Strategy for Comparative Research." *American Political Science Review* 99: 435-452.
- Huber, Evelyne and John D. Stephens. 2001. *Development and Crisis of the Welfare State*. University of Chicago Press.
- *Recommended:* Tarrow, Sidney. 2004. "Bridging the Quantitative-Qualitative Divide." Pp. 171-179 in *Rethinking Social Theory*, edited by Henry E. Brady and David Collier. Rowman and Littlefield.
- *Recommended:* Swank, Duane. 2002. *Global Capital, Political Institutions, and Policy Change in Developed Welfare States*. Cambridge University Press.
- *Recommended:* Kenworthy, Lane. 2007 (forthcoming). "Women-Friendly Policies." Chapter 6 in *Jobs with Equality*. Russell Sage Foundation.

Oct. 23 Causal Mechanisms

Good empirical social science goes beyond identification of an empirical association between an explanatory variable and an outcome coupled with a plausible account of why the two may be causally linked. It also aims to test the purported causal mechanism(s) empirically.

- Goldthorpe, John H. 2000. *On Sociology: Numbers, Narratives, and the Integration of Research and Theory*. Oxford University Press. Chapters 7 and 6.
- George, Alexander L. and Andrew Bennett. 2004. "Process Tracing and Historical Explanation." Chapter 10 in *Case Studies and Theory Development in the Social Sciences*. MIT Press.
- Collier, David, Henry E. Brady, and Jason Seawright. 2004. "Sources of Leverage in Causal Inference: Toward an Alternative View of Methodol-

ogy." Pp. 229-266 in *Rethinking Social Theory*, edited by Henry E. Brady and David Collier. Rowman and Littlefield. Read p. 250-264.

- *Recommended*: Kiser, Edgar and Michael Hechter. 1991. "The Role of General Theory in Comparative-Historical Sociology." *American Journal of Sociology* 97: 1-30.
- *Recommended*: Hedström, Peter and Richard Swedberg. 1996. "Social Mechanisms." *Acta Sociologica* 39: 281-308.
- *Recommended*: Stryker, Robin. 1996. "Beyond History versus Theory: Strategic Narrative and Sociological Explanation." *Sociological Methods and Research* 24: 304-352.
- *Recommended*: Galbraith, James K. 1998. "The Skill Fallacy." Pp. 23-36 in *Created Unequal*. University of Chicago Press.
- *Recommended*: Kenworthy, Lane. 2002. "Corporatism and Unemployment in the 1980s and 1990s." *American Sociological Review* 67: 367-388.

Oct. 30 Selection Bias and Counterfactuals

Selection bias occurs when the cases used for analysis are allocated nonrandomly to categories or levels of an explanatory variable of interest and the allocative process also has an impact on the dependent variable. What are the implications? What can be done to address it?

- Geddes, Barbara. 1990. "How the Cases You Choose Affect the Answers You Get: Selection Bias in Comparative Politics." Pp. 131-150 in *Political Analysis*, edited by James A. Stimson. University of Michigan Press.
- Ebbinghaus, Bernhard. 2003. "How the Cases You Choose Limit the Questions You Ask: Selection Problems in Comparative Research Designs." Unpublished.
- Fearon, James D. 1991. "Counterfactuals and Hypothesis Testing in Political Science." *World Politics* 43: 169-195.
- George, Alexander L. and Andrew Bennett. 2004. *Case Studies and Theory Development in the Social Sciences*. MIT Press. Pp. 167-170, 230-232.
- Sekhon, Jasjeet S. 2004. "Quality Meets Quantity: Case Studies, Conditional Probability, and Counterfactuals." *Perspectives on Politics* 2: 281-293.
- *Recommended*: Esping-Andersen, Gøsta and Adam Przeworski. 2001. "Quantitative Cross-National Research Methods." Pp. 12649-12655 in *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*. Elsevier.
- *Recommended*: Przeworski, Adam. 2006. "Identifying the Causal Effect of Political Regimes on Employment." Contribution to *Method and Substance in Macro-Comparative Analysis*.

- *Recommended*: Lieberman, Stanley. 1985. *Making It Count*. University of California Press. Chapters 2, 6, 10.
- *Recommended*: King, Gary, Robert O. Keohane, and Sidney Verba. 1994. *Designing Social Inquiry*. Princeton University Press. Chapter 4.
- *Recommended*: King, Gary and Langche Zeng. 2004. "When Can History Be Our Guide? The Pitfalls of Counterfactual Inference." Unpublished. Department of Government, Harvard University.

Nov. 6 Measurement

Valid inferences depend on good data, concepts, and measures. Do macro-comparative researchers pay enough attention to these issues?

- Allan, James P. and Lyle Scruggs. 2004. "Political Partisanship and Welfare State Reform in Advanced Industrial Countries." *American Journal of Political Science* 48: 496-512.
- Kenworthy, Lane. 2007 (forthcoming). "Government Benefits." Chapter 8 in *Jobs with Equality*. Russell Sage Foundation. Pp. 1-10.
- Adema, Willem. 2000. "Revisiting Real Social Spending Across Countries: A Brief Note." *OECD Economic Studies* 30: 191-197.
- Kenworthy, Lane and Bernhard Kittel. 2003. "Indicators of Social Dialogue: Concepts and Measurements." Working Paper 5. Statistical Development and Analysis Unit, International Labour Organization (ILO), Geneva. Read pp. 19-23 ("Methods of Data Collection").
- *Recommended*: King, Gary, Robert O. Keohane, and Sidney Verba. 1994. *Designing Social Inquiry*. Princeton University Press. Pp. 151-166.
- *Recommended*: Atkinson, Anthony B. and Andrea Brandolini. 2001. "Promise and Pitfalls in the Use of 'Secondary' Data-Sets: Income Inequality in OECD Countries as a Case Study." *Journal of Economic Literature* 39: 771-799.
- *Recommended*: Atkinson, Anthony B. and Andrea Brandolini. 2006. "The Panel-of-Countries Approach to Explaining Income Inequality: An Interdisciplinary Research Agenda." Pp. 400-448 in *Mobility and Inequality: Frontiers of Research in Sociology and Economics*, edited by Stephen L. Morgan, David B. Grusky, and Gary S. Fields. Stanford University Press.
- *Recommended*: Alderson, Arthur S., Jason Beckfield, and François Nielsen. 2005. "Exactly How Has Income Inequality Changed? Patterns of Distributional Change in Core Societies." Working Paper 422. Luxembourg Income Study. Available at: www.lisproject.org.
- *Recommended*: Budge, Ian. 2000. "Expert Judgments of Party Policy Positions: Uses and Limitations in Political Research." *European Journal of Political Research* 37: 103-113.

- *Recommended:* Kenworthy, Lane. 2001. "Wage-Setting Measures: A Survey and Assessment." *World Politics* 54: 57-98.
- *Recommended:* Howell, David. 2005. "Beyond Unemployment." *Challenge*, January-February: 5-28.
- *Recommended:* Goertz, Gary. 2005. *Social Science Concepts*. Princeton University Press.

Nov. 13 No class: Veterans Day

Nov. 20, Nov. 27, and Dec. 4 Presentation of student papers