

Seminar on Institutions and Governance

116 Old Chemistry Building
Duke University
1508 Pinecrest Road

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Program

1. 9:30 – 10:30 “The History and Politics of Secret Ballot”
Emerson Niou, Duke University
2. 10:45 – 11:45 “Development Aid, Governance, and Research:
(Mis)Adventures at the Interface between Public Policy
and Academics”
Erik Wibbels, Duke University

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Emerson Niou is Professor of Political Science at Duke University. He is the co-author of *The Balance of Power*, Cambridge University Press, 1989. His recent publications include: “A Theory of Economic Sanctions and Issue Linkage,” with Dean Lacy, *Journal of Politics*, 2004; “Term Limits as a Response to Incumbency Advantage,” with Kongpin Chen, *Journal of Politics*, May 2005; “External Threat and Collective Action,” with Guofu Tan, *Economic Inquiry*, 2005; “Economic Interdependence and Peace: A Game-Theoretic Analysis,” *Journal of East Asian Studies*, 2007; “Strategic Voting in

Plurality Elections,” with Daniel Kselman, *Political Analysis*, 2010. His current projects include studies of institutions and governance in China, security balance in the Taiwan Strait, and theories of alliance formation.



Erik Wibbels is professor of political science at Duke University and the co-general editor of the [Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics](#) series. His research focuses on development, redistribution and political geography and has been published by Cambridge University Press, *World Politics*, *International Organization*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review* and other journals. He also works with bilateral and multilateral donors to improve the design and evaluation of governance programming. Current major projects include an attempt to combine surveys and satellite imagery to identify slums in India and understand the

conditions under which residents achieve formal recognition and successfully attract public services; an impact evaluation of a large, district-level governance program in Ghana; and work on how the geographic emergence and spread of state authority impact long-term economic development at the local level.

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The blue marker on the map is the position of 116 Old Chemistry Building.

