State Capacity: Concepts, Causes, Consequences

Duke University, Department of Political Science
Workshop, April 12-13, 2019
Rubenstein Library, Room 249 (Carpenter Conference Room)

Friday, April 12: beginning of proceedings: 8:30am

Light breakfast at the conference site: 8:00am

1. Conceptual Preliminaries: What Do We Make of State Capacities?
   (9:00am - 10:30am)

Juan Pablo Luna (Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile) and Hillel David Soifer (Temple University, presenting. A survey measure of state capacity: advantages and challenges.

Discussant: Diego Romero (Duke University)

Erik Wibbels (Duke University). Seeing the State: Measuring State Capacity Across Geography.

Discussant: Hillel Soifer (Temple University)

Coffee break 10:30am – 10:45am

2. Causes of State Capacity Formation I: In the Scope of the Bellicist Paradigm
   (10:45 - 1:00pm)

Mark Dincecco (University of Michigan) and Yuhua Wang (Harvard University). The Monopoly over Violence in a Late Modernizer. Evidence from Imperial China

Discussant: Dean Dulay (Duke University)

Peng Peng (Duke University). War, Bureaucracy, and State Capacity: Evidence from Imperial China

Discussant: Didac Queralt (Yale University)

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Discussant: Serkant Adiguzel (Duke University)

1:00pm Lunch (catered by Palace International http://www.thepalaceinternational.com/)
3. Causes of State Capacity Formation II: Foreign Powers and Colonial Legacies (2:30pm - 4:45pm)

*Dean Dulay (Duke University)*. *The Search for Spices and Souls: Religious Colonization, State Formation, and Development in the Philippines*

Discussant: Mark Dincecco (University of Michigan)

*Melissa Lee (Princeton University)*. *Crippling Leviathan: How Foreign Subversion Weakens the State.*

Discussant: Mateo Villamizar-Chaparro (Duke University)

*Christopher Paik (New York University, Abu Dhabi) and Jessica Vechbanyongratana (Chulalongkorn University)*. *Mandala Matters: Former Tributary States and Modern Civil Conflict in Thailand.*

Discussant: Sunny Nillasithanukroh (Duke University)

**Coffee and end of afternoon sessions 4:45pm – 5:00pm**


Saturday, April 13: beginning of proceedings: 9am

Light breakfast at the conference site: 8:30am

4. Causes of State Capacity Formation III: Comparing Theories and New Contenders? (9:00am - 10:30am)


Discussant: Carl Dahlström (University of Gothenburg)

*Jonathan K. Hanson (University of Michigan)*. *Laying the Foundations of the State: Identifying the Constituent Factors of State Building.*

Discussant: Kerem Yildirim (Sabanci University and Duke University)

Coffee break 10:30am – 10:45am
5. Causes of State Capacity Formation IV: Domestic Elites and Institutions 
(10:45am – 1:00pm)

Rasmus Broms (University of Gothenburg, presenting) and Andrej Kokkonen (Aarhus University). Inheritance Regimes: Medieval Family Structures and Current Institutional Quality.

Discussant: Hongshen Zhu (Duke University)

Francisco Garfias (University of California, San Diego, presenting) and Emily A. Sellars (Yale University). From Conquest to Centralization: Domestic Conflict and the Transition to Direct Rule.

Discussant: Jeremy Spater (Duke University)


Discussant: Rasmus Broms (University of Gothenburg)

1:00pm Lunch (catered by Mediterranean Deli, Bakery, and Café, Chapel Hill: https://mediterraneandeli.com/ )

6. Consequences of State Capacity 
(2:30pm – 4:45pm)

Pawel Charasz and Jan Vogler (Duke University). The External and Internal Determinants of State Capacity: The Impact of EU Funding on Local Government Capabilities

Discussant: Melissa Lee (Princeton University)

Carl Dahlström (University of Gothenburg, presenting), Mihály Fazekas (CEU Budapest), David E. Lewis (Vanderbilt University). Partisan Procurement: Contracting with the United States Federal Government, 2003-2015

Discussant: Xiaoshu Gui (Duke University)

Pablo Beramendi (Duke University) and Melissa Rogers (Claremont Graduate School). Geography, Capacity, and Inequality.

Discussant: Jonathan Hanson (University of Michigan)

Dinner: 6:00pm. Restaurant Elements, Chapel Hill. 2110 Environ Way, Chapel Hill, NC 27517 (near the Chapel Hill Aloft, off NC 54) http://www.elementsofchapelhill.com/