

**POLI SCI 694: Qualitative Methods**  
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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

As an effort to encourage problem-driven research, this course focuses on qualitative methods and the problems that are best addressed using these methods. Among other benefits, qualitative methods allow us to examine closely causal mechanisms at close empirical proximity. Within the literature, “qualitative methods” has referred to a) small-n research design, b) more direct interrogation of the evidence instead of distant proxies, and c) methods that focus on mechanisms and processes, rather than correlations. This course will examine all three of these aspects of qualitative methods, focusing on causal inference as the main goal of social science. It also considers some problems of inference raised by qualitative methods and some strategies for dealing with them.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

- 1) Participation (25%): Students are expected to attend class regularly and to contribute to the discussion based on assigned readings.
- 2) Written Assignments (75%): Students must complete five of the six written assignments described below (worth 15% each). These are due (electronically) by midnight the day before class meets. Alternatively, students can complete two of assignments and submit a draft prospectus (worth 45%) at the end of the term.

**COURSE READINGS**

There is only one book to purchase:  
Alexander L. George and Andrew Bennett, *Case Studies and Theory Development in the Social Sciences*, Cambridge MA: The MIT Press, 2005.

Most other materials are available online at the course site. Book chapters that are not available electronically are either on reserve at the library or available from the instructor.

## SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND READINGS

### Week 1 (January 6): Course Overview and Some Crucial Starting Points

#### REQUIRED

- James Mahoney, "After KKV: The New Methodology of Qualitative Research," *World Politics* 62, 1 (January 2010): 120-47.
- Ian Shapiro, "Problems, Methods and Theories in the Study of Politics, or What's Wrong with Political Science and What to Do About It," *Political Theory* (2002): 588-611.

#### RECOMMENDED

- Gabriel Almond and Stephen Genco, "Clouds, Clocks, and the Study of World Politics," *World Politics* 29, 4 (July 1977)
- David Collier and Henry E. Brady, *Rethinking Social Inquiry: Diverse Tools, Shared Standards*, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2004, Chapters 1-2, 5, 8-9.
- Barbara Geddes, *Paradigms and Sand Castles: Theory Building and Research Design in Comparative Politics*, University of Michigan Press, 2003, Chapter 2
- John Gerring, *Social Science Methodology: A Unified Framework*, 2nd ed., Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Preface, Chapters 1, 12-13.
- Bernard Grofman, ed. *Political Science as Puzzle Solving: Interests, Identities, and Institutions in Comparative Politics*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2001.
- Gary King, Robert O. Keohane, and Sidney Verba (KKV), *Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research*, Princeton Univ Press, 1995, Chapters 1-3.
- Timothy J. McKeown, "Case Studies and the Statistical Worldview," *International Organization*, Winter 1999: 161-190.
- Donald Moon, "The Logic of Political Inquiry," In Fred Greenstein and Nelson Polsby, eds. *Handbook of Political Science*, Reading: MA: Addison-Wesley, 1975, pp3-32
- C. Wright Mills, "On Intellectual Craftsmanship," from *The Sociological Imagination*, New York: Oxford University Press, 1959, pp. 195-226.
- Robert Putnam, *Making Democracy Work: Civic Traditions in Modern Italy*, Princeton University Press, 1994, Chapter 1
- Elisabeth Wood, "Field Methods," In Charles Boix and Susan Stokes, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*. Oxford Univ. Press, 2007.

## Part I: Tools for Theory Building & Hypothesis Testing

### Week 2 (January 13): Concept Formation & Measurement

#### REQUIRED

- Robert Adcock and David Collier, "Measurement Validity: A Shared Standard for Qualitative and Quantitative Research," *APSR* 95 (2001): 529-546
- David Collier and James Mahoney, "Conceptual Stretching Revisited: Adapting Categories in Comparative Analysis," *APSR* 87 1993: 845-55.
- John Gerring, "What Makes a Concept Good?: A Criterial Framework for Understanding

- Concept Formation in the Social Sciences," *Polity* (Spring 1999): 357-93
- Gary Goertz, *Social Science Concepts: A User's Guide*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2006, Chapters 1-2.
  - Gerardo L. Munck and Jay Verkuilen, "Conceptualizing and Measuring Democracy: Evaluating Alternative Indices," *Comparative Political Studies* (2002): 5-34.

#### RECOMMENDED

- David Collier and Steven Levitsky, "Democracy with Adjectives: Conceptual Innovation in Comparative Research," *World Politics* (April 1997): 430-451.
- Albert O. Hirschman, "Against Parsimony: Three Easy Ways of Complicating some Categories of Economic Discourse." *Economics and Philosophy* 1 (1985): 7-21.
- Evan Lieberman, "Taxation Data as Indicators of State-Society Relations: Possibilities and Pitfalls in Cross-National Research," *SCID* 36 (2001): 89-115.
- Giovanni Sartori, "Concept Misformation in Comparative Politics," *APSR* 64, 4 (December 1970): 1033-1053.

#### WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT #1

- Choose a core concept in Political Science (other than democracy) – preferably one that relates to your own research interests and that is arguably difficult to measure – and then do the following: a) investigate how it has been measured by other scholars; b) demonstrate the strengths and weaknesses of these approaches, and c) create your own "better" measure, clearly stating what makes it so.

### **Week 3 (January 20): Constructing & Using Typologies**

#### REQUIRED

- David Collier, Jody LaPorte, and Jason Seawright, "Putting Typologies to Work: Levels of Measurement, Concept-Formation, and Analytic Rigor," *Political Research Quarterly* 65, 1 (2012): 217-32.
- Colin Elman, "Explanatory Typologies and Property Space in Qualitative Studies of International Politics," *International Organization* (Spring 2005): 293-326.
- Edelstein, David, "Occupational Hazards: Why Military Occupations Succeed or Fail," *International Security* 29, 1 (Summer 2004): 49-56.
- George and Bennett, Chapter 11 (pp. 233-262).
- Jack Goldstone, "Understanding the Revolutions of 2011: Weaknesses and Resilience in Middle Eastern Autocracies," *Foreign Affairs* 90, 3 (May/June 2011).

#### RECOMMENDED

- Earl Babbie, "Indexes, Scales, and Typologies," In *The Basics of Social Research*, Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Publishing Company, 1999: 144-168.
- Peter Lange and Hudson Meadwell, "Typologies of Democratic Systems: From Political Inputs to Political Economy," In Howard J. Wiarda, ed., *New Directions in Comparative Politics*, Boulder, CO: Westview, 1985: 80-112.

## WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT #2

- Recast Edelstein's theory as a more complete typological theory. What are the costs and benefits of re-casting his theory in this way?

OR

- Translate Goldstone's argument into a typological theory with a summary table that you can present in a single page. Describe how you derived the table, what were the most difficult choices you made in doing so, and how this exercise helped you understand Goldstone's theory, the Arab Spring, and revolutions in general.

## Week 4 (January 27): Counterfactuals, Mechanisms, & the Comparative Method

### REQUIRED

- Tulia G. Falleti and Julia E. Lynch, "Causal Mechanisms in Political Analysis," *Comparative Political Studies* 42, 9 (September 2009): 1143-1166.
- James D. Fearon, "Counterfactuals and Hypothesis Testing in Political Science," *World Politics* 43, 2 (1991): 169-195.
- John Gerring, "Case Selection for Case-Study Analysis: Qualitative and Quantitative Techniques." In Box-Steffensmeier, Brady, and Collier, *The Oxford Handbook of Political Methodology*, NY: Oxford University Press, 2008, pp. 645-684.
- Arend Lijphart, "Comparative Politics and the Comparative Method." *American Political Science Review* vol.65 no.3 (September 1971): 682-693.
- James Mahoney and Gary Goertz, "The Possibility Principle: Choosing Negative Cases in Comparative Research," *APSR* 98, 4 (November 2004): 653-69.

### RECOMMENDED

- David Collier, and James Mahoney, "Insights and Pitfalls: Selection Bias in Qualitative Research." *World Politics* 49, 1 (1996): 56-81
- Jon Elster, *Nuts and Bolts for the Social Sciences*, NY: Cambridge University Press, 1989, Chapter 1 (pp. 3-10).
- Barbara Geddes, "How the Cases You Choose Affect the Answers You Get: Selection Bias in Comparative Politics," *Political Analysis* 2 (1990), 131-150
- John Gerring, "Causal Mechanisms Yes, But....," *Comparative Political Studies* 43, 11 (September 2010): 1499-1526.
- Adam M. Glynn and Nahomi Ichino, "Increasing Inferential Leverage in the Comparative Method: Placebo Tests in Small-n Research," *Sociological Methods & Research* (2014): 1-32.
- Richard Ned Lebow, "What's So Different About a Counterfactual?" *World Politics* 52, 4 (July 2000): 550-85.
- Levy, Jack S. "Counterfactuals and Case Studies." In *The Oxford Handbook of Political Methodology*, eds. Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier, Henry E. Brady, and David Collier. NY: Oxford University Press, pp. 627-644.
- Roger Petersen, "Mechanisms and Structures in Comparison," in J. Bowen and R. Petersen., Eds., *Critical Comparisons in Politics and Culture*, Cambridge Univ Press, 1999
- "Symposium: Case Selection, Case Studies, and Causal Inference," *Qualitative & Multi-Method Research* 6, 2 (2008).

- Philip E. Tetlock and Aaron Belkin, eds., *Counterfactual Thought Experiments in World Politics*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1996, Chapters 1 and 12.
- Charles Tilly, "Mechanisms in Political Processes," *Annual Review of PS* 4 (2001): 21-41

### **Week 5 (February 4): Process Tracing & Comparative-Historical Analysis**

#### REQUIRED

- George and Bennett, Chapter 10 (pp. 205-32).
- Anna Grzymala-Busse, "Time Will Tell? Temporality and the Analysis of Causal Mechanisms and Processes," *Comparative Political Studies* 44, 9 (2011): 1267-1297.
- Paul Pierson, "Path Dependence, Increasing Returns, and the Study of Politics," *American Political Science Review* 94, 2 (2000): 251-67.
- James Mahoney, "The Logic of Process Tracing Tests in the Social Sciences," *Sociological Methods and Research*, March 2012.
- Dietrich Rueschemeyer and John D. Stephens, "Comparing Historical Sequences: A Powerful Tool for Causal Analysis," *Comparative Social Research* 16 (1997): 55-72.

#### RECOMMENDED

- Andrew Bennett, "Process Tracing: A Bayesian Approach," in Box-Steffensmeier, Brady, and Collier, eds., *Oxford Handbook of Political Methodology*, 2008, pp. 702-721.
- Andrew Bennett and Jeff Checkel, "Process Tracing: From Philosophical Roots to Best Practices," In Bennett and Checkel, Eds., *Process Tracing in the Social Sciences: From Metaphor to Analytic Tool*, Chapter 1 (esp. pp. 22-40).
- Andrew Bennett and Colin Elman. 2006. Complex Causal Relations and Case Study Methods: The Example of Path Dependence. *Political Analysis* 14: 250-267.
- Henry E. Brady, "Data-Set Observations versus Causal Process Observations: The 2000 U.S. Presidential Elections," In Brady & Collier eds., *Rethinking Social Inquiry*, pp. 237-42.
- Lieberman, Evan S. 2001. "Causal Inference in Historical Institutional Analysis: A Specification of Periodization Strategies." *Comparative Political Studies* 34, 9: 1011-1035.
- James Mahoney, Erin Kimball, and Kendra Koivu, "The Logic of Historical Explanation in the Social Sciences," *Comparative Political Studies* 42:1 (January 2009), pp. 114-146.
- Scott E. Page, "Path Dependence," *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 1 (2006): 87-115.
- Sidney Tarrow, "Making Social Science Work Across Space and Time: A Critical Reflection on Robert Putnam's, *Making Democracy Work*," *APSR* (June 1996): 389-397
- Sherry Zaks, "Relationships among Rivals: Contending Hypotheses and the Logic of Process Tracing." Unpublished manuscript, Dept of Political Science, UC Davis, 2011.

#### WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT #3

- Assess one of the following examples of process tracing (or one of your own choosing). Be sure to specify the set of criteria on which you are basing this assessment.
  - 1) Kristin Bakke, "Copying and learning from outsiders? Assessing diffusion from transnational insurgents in the Chechen Wars." In Jeffrey T. Checkel, Ed. *Transnational Dynamics of Civil War*, Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.
  - 2) Richard F. Fenno, Jr.. "U.S. House Members in Their Constituencies: An Exploration." *American Political Science Review* 71, 3 (1977): 883-917.

- 3) Daniel Lerner, *The Passing of Traditional Society: Modernizing the Middle East*. New York: The Free Press, 1958.
- 4) Scott D. Sagan, *The Limits of Safety: Organizations, Accidents, and Nuclear Weapons*, Princeton University Press 1995, Chapters 1-2 (esp. pp. 1-14, 45-52).
- 5) Kenneth A. Schultz, *Democracy and Coercive Diplomacy*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2001.
- 6) Theda Skocpol, Herbert Gans, and Ziad Munson. "A Nation of Organizers: The Institutional Origins of American Civic Life." *APSR* 94, 3 (2000): 527-46.
- 7) Nina Tannenwald, "The Nuclear Taboo: The United States and the Normative Basis of Nuclear Non-Use." *International Organization* 53, 3 (1999): 433-68.
- 8) Vesla M. Weaver, "Frontlash: Race and the Development of Punitive Crime Policy." *Studies in American Political Development* 21 (Fall 2007): 230-65.

## **Part II: Modes of Qualitative Data Collection**

### **Week 6 (February 10): CLASS CANCELLED**

### **Week 7 (February 18): Interviewing**

#### REQUIRED

- Karen S. Kurasaki, "Intercoder Reliability for Validating Conclusions Drawn from Open-Ended Interview Data," *Field Methods*. August 2000 12: 179-194.
- Diana Kapiszewski and Lauren M. MacLean, "Qualitative Interviewing in the Field: In-Depth Interviews, Focus Groups, and Oral Histories," Chapter 6 in Kapiszewski and MacLean, Eds., *Field Research in Political Science*, Unpublished manuscript.
- Julia Lynch, "Aligning Sampling Strategies with Analytic Goals," Erik Bleich and Robert Pekkanen, "How to Report Interview Data," and Cathie Jo Martin, "Crafting Interviews to Capture Cause and Effect," In Layna Mosley, ed., *Interview Research in Political Science*. Cornell University Press, 2013.

#### RECOMMENDED

- Melani Cammett, "Positionality and Sensitive Topics: Matched Proxy Interviewing as a Research Strategy," and Lee Ann Fujii, "Working with Interpreters." In Layna Mosley, ed., *Interview Research in Political Science*. Cornell University Press, 2013.
- Lee Ann Fujii, "Shades of Truth and Lies: Interpreting Testimonies of War and Violence," *Journal of Peace Research* 47, 2 (2010): 231-241.
- Steinar Kvale and Svend Brinkmann, *InterViews: Learning the Craft of Qualitative Research Interviewing*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2009.
- Sharon W. Rivera, Polina M. Kozyreva, and Eduard G. Sarovskii, "Interviewing Political Elites: Lessons from Russia," *PS: Political Science & Politics* 35 4 (Dec. 2002): 683-688.
- Herbert Rubin and Irene Rubin, *Qualitative Interviewing. The Art of Hearing Data*, 2nd ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2005, Chapters 6-9.
- Joe Soss, "Talking Our Way to Meaningful Explanations: A Practice-Centered View of Interviewing for Interpretive Research," Chapter 6 in Dvora Yanow and Peregrine

Schwartz-Shea, eds, *Interpretation and Method: Empirical Research Methods and the Interpretive Turn*, ME Sharpe, 2006 (pp. 127-49).

- "Symposium: Interview Methods in Political Science," *PS: Political Science and Politics* 35, 4 (2002): 663-688.
- Oisín Tansey, "Process Tracing and Elite Interviewing: A Case for Non-Probability Sampling." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 40(4), 2007.

#### WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT #4

- Design your own questionnaire for a structured or semi-structured interview. Identify what concepts and variables the questions are designed to measure and for which type of respondent the questionnaire is designed. Anticipate ways in which your questions might not work as planned (i.e., elicit the type of information you want).

### **Week 8 (February 24): Archival Research & Historiography**

#### REQUIRED

- Scott A. Frisch, Douglas B. Harris, Sean Q. Kelly, and David C.W. Parker, *Doing Archival Research in Political Science*, Cambria Press 2012, Chapter 1 (pp. 35-60).
- Marcus Kreuzer, "Historical Knowledge and Quantitative Analysis: The Case of the Origins of Proportional Representation," *APSR* 104, 2 (2010): 369-392.
- Ian Lustick, "History, Historiography, and Political Science: Multiple Historical Records and the Problem of Selection Bias," *APSR* 90, 3 (1996): 605-618.
- Rose McDermott et al., Symposium on Data Collection and Collaboration/Qualitative Data Archiving. *PS: Political Science and Politics* 43, 1 (2010): 15-58.
- Cameron Thies, "A Pragmatic Guide to Qualitative Historical Analysis in the Study of International Relations," *International Studies Perspectives* 3, 4 (2002): 351-372.

#### RECOMMENDED

- Colin Elman and Miriam Fendius Elman, eds. *Bridges and Boundaries: Historians, Political Scientists, and the Study of International Relations*. MIT Press, 2001.
- Conal Furay and Michael J. Salevouris, Part I and Part III, In *The Methods and Skills of History: A Practical Guide*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition Wiley-Blackwell, 2009.
- Michael Moss, "Archives, the Historian and the Future." In *Companion to Historiography*, edited by Michael Bentley. London: Routledge, 1997: 960-973.
- Quentin Skinner, *Visions of Politics: Regarding Method (Volume I)*, Cambridge University Press, 2002, Chapter 1 (pp. 1-7) and Chapter 4 (pp. 57-102).
- Marc Trachtenberg, *The Craft of International History*, Appendix I and II, available at: <http://www.sscnet.ucla.edu/polisci/faculty/trachtenberg/methbk/AppendixI.html>  
<http://www.sscnet.ucla.edu/polisci/faculty/trachtenberg/methbk/AppendixII.html>

### **Part III: Applications: Putting Qualitative Methods to Work**

#### **Week 9 (March 2): NO CLASS -- SPRING BREAK**

## Week 10 (March 9): Case Studies

### REQUIRED

- Gerring, John. "What Is a Case Study and What Is It Good For?" *American Political Science Review* 98, 2 (May 2004): 341-354.
- George and Bennett, Part II Chapters 3-6 (pp. 67-124).

### RECOMMENDED

- Douglas Dion, "Evidence and Inference in the Comparative Case Study," *Comparative Politics* 30 (1998): 127-45
- John Gerring. *Case Study Research: Principles and Practices*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007.
- Timothy J. McKeown, "Case Studies and the Statistical World View: Review of King, Keohane, and Verba's 'Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research,'" *International Organization* 53, 1 (Winter 1999): 161-190.

### WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT #5

- Identify an exemplary use and execution of case studies in Political Science (article or book chapter) and justify your choice (i.e., what makes it exemplary).

### OR

- Write a proposal of no more than 5 pages, for a research project that aims to contribute to causal explanation through case studies. Be very clear about the causal hypothesis and provide at least a brief statement of the causal logic and hypothesized mechanism(s). In the remainder of your research proposal pay special attention to issues of case selection (which you should discuss in light of course readings), and be sure to specify how you will carry out the research for (each of) the cases.

## Week 11 (March 16): Surveys – Designing Questions & Interpreting Results

### REQUIRED

- J. A. Harkness, M. Braun, B. Edwards, T.P. Johnson, L. Lyberg, P. Ph. Mohler, B.E. Pennell, & T.W. Smith (eds.), *Survey Methods in Multinational, Multiregional and Multicultural Contexts*, NY: Wiley, 2010, Chapters 1-4, 10 and either 27, 30, or 31.
- S. Jha, V. Rao, and M. Woolcock, "Governance in the Gullies: Democratic Responsiveness and Leadership in Delhi's Slums," *World Development* 35, 2(2007): 230-246.
- Donald R. Kinder and Lynn M. Sander, "Mimicking Political Debate with Survey Questions: The Case of White Opinion on Affirmative Action for Blacks," *Social Cognition* 8 (1990): 73-103.
- Sam D. Sieber, "The Integration of Fieldwork and Survey Methods," *American Journal of Sociology* 78, 6 (May 1973): 1335-1359.
- Melani Cammett, "Political Loyalty and Access to Welfare," Chapter 5 in *Compassionate Communalism: Welfare and Sectarianism in Divided Societies*, Cornell Univ. Press, 2014.
- Lily L. Tsai, "Quantitative Research and Issues of Political Sensitivity in Rural China." In Allen Carlson et al., Eds., *Contemporary Chinese Politics: New Sources, Methods, and Field Strategies*, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010.



## RECOMMENDED

- Henry E. Brady, "Contributions of Survey Research to Political Science." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 33, 1 (March 2000): 47-7.
- Gary King, Christopher J.L. Murray, Joshua A. Salomon, and Ajay Tandon, "Enhancing the Validity and Cross-cultural Comparability of Survey Research," *American Political Science Review* 98, 1 (February 2004): 191-207.
- Nora Cate Schaeffer and Stanley Presser, "The Science of Asking Questions." *Annual Review of Sociology* 29 (2003): 65-88.
- Frederic C. Schaffer, "Thin Descriptions: The Limits of Survey Research on the Meaning of Democracy," *Committee on Concepts and Methods Working Paper 45*, November 2010.
- Norbert Schwarz, "Self-reports: How the questions shape the answers," *American Psychologist*, Vol 54(2), Feb 1999, 93-105.
- Seymour Sudman and Norman M. Bradburn, *Asking Questions: A Practical Guide to Questionnaire Design*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1982.

## WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT #6

- Critique an existing survey questionnaire, focusing on how well it actually measures the concepts and variables the questions it intends to measure and elicits the type of information it seeks. Your critique need not involve the entire questionnaire but rather a subset of survey questions.

OR

- Critique existing approaches to eliciting mass public opinion regarding a core concept in Political Science such as *democracy* or *participation*. Include a literature review.

## Week 12 (March 30): Natural & Field Experiments

### REQUIRED

- Thad Dunning, "Introduction: Why Natural Experiments?" and "The Central Role of Qualitative Evidence," Chapter 1 and Chapter 7 in *Natural Experiments in the Social Sciences*, Cambridge University Press, 2012.
- Alan S. Gerber, and Donald Green, "Field Experiments and Natural Experiments," *Oxford Handbook of Political Methodology*, Oxford University Press, 2008, pp. 357-381.
- Elizabeth Levy Paluck, "The Promising Integration of Qualitative Methods and Field Experiments," *ANNALS, AAPSS*, 628 (2010): 59-71.
- Daniel Posner, "The Political Salience of Cultural Difference: Why Chewas and Tumbukas are Allies in Zambia and Adversaries in Malawi." *APSR* 98 (2004).
- Leonard Wantchekon, "Clientelism and Voting Behavior: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Benin," *World Politics* 55 (2003): 399-422.

### RECOMMENDED

- Christopher Blattman, 2008. "From Violence to Voting: War and Political Participation in Uganda." *American Political Science Review* 103 2 (2008): 231-247.
- Sebastian Galiani Di Tella, and Ernesto Schargrotsky, "The Formation of Beliefs: Evidence from the Allocation of Land Titles to Squatters," *Quarterly Journal of Economics* (2007): 209-241.

- Thad Dunning, "Improving Causal Inference: Strengths and Limitations of Natural Experiments," *Political Research Quarterly* 61, 2 (2008): 282-293.
- Daniel Hidalgo, *Digital Democratization: Suffrage Expansion and the Decline of Political Machines in Brazil*, 2012.
- Edmund J. Malesky, "Battling Onward: The Debate Over Field Research in Developmental Economics and its Implications for Comparative Politics." *Qualitative & Multi-Method Research* 6, 2 (2008).
- Rose McDermott, "Experimental Methods in Political Science," *Annual Review of Political Science* 5 (2002): 31-61
- Jasjeet S. Sekhon and Rocía Titunik, "When Natural Experiments are Neither Natural nor Experiments," *APSR* 106, 1 (2012): 35-57.
- Susan Stokes, "The Opportunities & Limits of Field Experiments," *APSA-CP* 21, 1 (2010).

### **Week 13 (April 6): NO CLASS - MPSA**

### **Week 14 (April 13): Mixed Methods/Multi-method Research**

#### REQUIRED

- David Collier and Colin Elman, "Qualitative and Multi-method Research: Organizations, Publications, and Reflection on Integration." In Box-Steffensmeier, Brady, and Collier, Eds., *Oxford Handbook of Political Methodology* (Oxford, 2008), pp. 779-795.
- Evan Lieberman, "Nested Analysis as a Mixed-Method Strategy for Comparative Research," *American Political Science Review* 99:3 (2005), pp. 435-52.
- Soledad Loaeza, Randy Stevenson, and Devra C. Moehler. 2005. "Symposium: Should Everyone Do Fieldwork?" *APSA-CP* 16(2) 2005: 8-18.
- Jack Snyder and Erica D. Borghard, "The Cost of Empty Threats: A Penny, Not a Pound," *APSR* 105 3 (August 2011): 437-56.
- Guillermo Trejo, "Religious Competition and Ethnic Mobilization in Latin America: Why the Catholic Church Promotes Indigenous Movements in Mexico," *American Political Science Review* 103, 3 (2009): 323-42.

### **Week 15 (April 20): Prospectus Workshop**