

Economics 237
Political Economy
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Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30-10:50 am (PDT)

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Course Description

This course covers topics in political economy. The course will be in two parts, the first half taught by Professor Lowes and the second half taught by Professor Bazzi.

We have two objectives in the course: (1) to get you familiar with topics and questions at the cutting edge of research in the rapidly growing and diverse field of political economy, and (2) to train you through repeated practice to evaluate the quality and significance of research—both others' and your own. We will also devote one class to a writing workshop where we dissect a few high quality papers to understand the formula for writing an excellent introduction (and abstract) and well-structured paper.

Part 1: Historical Political Economy with Professor Lowes

The course uses a historical and comparative approach to understanding the evolution and development of societies. In particular, we will examine research that asks whether differences in economic development today have historical roots. In addition, we will study different mechanisms and channels through which history matters. Particular attention will be paid to the role of domestic institutions and culture in explaining historical persistence.

The material covered in this portion of the course intersects political economy, economic history, development economics, and cultural economics. Additionally, there is overlap with other disciplines, such as history, psychology, political science, anthropology, archaeology, and geography.

Part 2: Conflict, Diversity, and Nation Building with Professor Bazzi

This part of the course builds on the first half with greater attention to the causes of conflict and the nation building process. We will explore the political and economic consequences of diversity as well as the role of policy in managing diverse societies. Other topics include the role of migration in facilitating cultural change and the political economy of religion in modernizing societies.

Assignments and Grading

Required assignments for the course (and grading weights) are listed below.

The goal of these is to get you working like an academic economist, writing referee reports, presenting and discussing papers, and sharing research ideas. The following website has a wealth of great ‘how to’ material related to some of these tasks:

<https://sites.google.com/site/amandayagan/writingadvice>

(1) Referee Reports (25%). You will be responsible for 2 referee reports on recent job market papers in political economy. You should begin with a one-paragraph summary of the main contribution of the paper. You should then critique the paper, starting with fundamental concerns and concluding with more minor comments. You should include constructive and realistic recommendations for improvement. Each report should be around 2 and no more than 3 single-spaced pages.

Choose one paper to referee by each date:

1. October 20:

- McGuirk, Eoin and Nathan Nunn. 2022. “Transhumant Pastoralism, Climate Change, and Conflict in Africa”
- Moscona, Jacob and Ambra Seck. 2021. “Age Set vs. Kin: Culture and Financial Ties in East Africa”
- Derononcourt, Ellora, Chi Hyun Kin, Moritz Kuhn, and Moritz Schularick. 2022. “Wealth of two nations: The U.S. racial wealth gap, 1860-1920”

- Ramos-Toro, Diego. 2020. “Social Exclusion and Social Preferences: Evidence from Colombia’s Leper Colony”

2. November 23:

- Assouad, Lydia, “Charismatic Leaders and Nation Building”
- Ghosh, Arkadev, “Religious Divisions and Production Technology: Experimental Evidence from India”
- Wang, Tianyi, “Waves of Empowerment: Black Radio and the Civil Rights Movement”

(2) Class Participation (25%). *One presentation and one discussion* of a required paper on the reading list, and the quality of classroom participation, will be a factor in assigning grades. Each presentation will last < 15 minutes. It should address: (i) the paper’s motivation (importance of the research question), (ii) data used, (iii) research design (identification strategy), and (iv) results. Present the paper as though it is your own. Each paper will also have a discussant that will provide a < 10 minute discussion of the paper that will focus on delivering a constructive critique of the study (identifying limitations and proposing extensions or improvements).

Papers to present have a † on the reading list below. Sign up for your presentation slot as a presenter and as a discussant here: <https://tinyurl.com/yhj4eh8>

(3) Research Ideas (50%). You will submit two research proposals on October 28 and December 9, respectively. These proposals should be around 2 pages in length. They should motivate and clearly articulate the research question, describe the empirical strategy including data sources and identification, and offer a brief discussion of next steps. Early results, if available, could be included as well. More generally, we want you to treat these proposals as a chance to kickstart your second year paper with early input from both of us.

Part 1 Reading List (* indicates required readings)

1 Introduction and overview (September 22)

- Nunn, Nathan. 2009. “The Importance of History for Economic Development,” *Annual Review of Economics*, 1 (1), 65–92.
- Nunn, Nathan. 2014. “Historical Development,” *Handbook of Economic Growth, Volume 2*. Philippe Aghion and Steven Durlauf (eds). North Holland, 347–402.
- Diamond, Jared and James A. Robinson. 2010. *Natural Experiments of History*, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. Introduction and Conclusion.

2 Why Not Africa? Indigenous Characteristics (September 27)

- (*) Alsan, Marcella. 2015. “The Effect of the TseTse Fly on African Development,” *American Economic Review*, 105(1), 382–410.
- (*) Michalopoulos, Stelios and Elias Pappaioannou. 2013. “Pre-colonial Ethnic Institutions and Contemporary African Development,” *Econometrica*, 81 (1), 113–152.
- (*) Moscona, Jacob, Nathan Nunn, and James A. Robinson. 2020. “Segmentary Lineage Organization and Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa,” *Econometrica*, 88 (5): 1999–2036.
- (*) Squires, Munir. 2019. “Kinship Taxation as a Constraint to Microenterprise Growth: Experimental Evidence from Kenya,” Working paper, University of British Columbia.
- (†) Carranza Eliana, Aletheia Donald, Florian Grosset, and Supreet Kaur. 2022. “The Social Tax: Redistributive Pressure and Labor Supply,” Working paper.
- Gennaioli, Nicola, and Ilija Rainer. 2007. “The Modern Impact of Precolonial Centralization in Africa,” *Journal of Economic Growth*, 12 (3), 185–234.
- Moscona, Jacob, Nathan Nunn, and James A. Robinson. 2017. “Keeping It in the Family: Lineage Organization and the Scope of Trust in Sub-Saharan Africa,” *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, 107 (5), 565–571.
- Jack Goody. 1969. “Inheritance, Property and Marriage in Africa and Eurasia,” *Sociology*, 3(1), 55–76.

3 Why Not Africa? Slave Trades (September 29)

- (*) Nunn, Nathan and Leonard Wantchekon. 2011. “The Slave Trade and the Origins of Mistrust in Africa,” *American Economic Review*, 101(7): 3221–3252.
- (*) Nunn, Nathan. 2008. “The Long Term Effects of Africa’s Slave Trades,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 123 (1): 139–176.
- (*) Heywood, Linda. 2009. “Slavery and its Transformation in the Kingdom of Kongo: 1491–1800,” *Journal of African History*, 50: 1–22.
- Nunn, Nathan and Diego Puga. 2012. “Ruggedness: The Blessing of Bad Geography in Africa,” *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 94 (1): 20–36.

- Teso, Eduardo. 2018. “The Long-Term Effects of Demographic Shocks on the Evolution of Gender Roles: Evidence from the TransAtlantic Slave Trade,” *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 17 (2): 497–534.
- Inikori, Joseph. 2000. “Africa and the Trans-Atlantic Trade,” In Toyin Falola (ed.) *Africa: Volume I, African History Before 1885*. Durham: Carolina Academic Press.
- Fenske, James. and Namrata Kala. 2015. “Climate and the Slave Trade,” *Journal of Development Economics*, 112: 19–32.

4 Why Not Africa? Colonial Contact (October 4)

- (*) Lowes, Sara and Eduardo Montero. 2021. “Concessions, Violence, and Indirect Rule: Evidence from the Congo Free State” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, Vol. 136, No. 4, pp. 2047-2091.
- (*) Wantchekon, Leonard, Marko Klasnja, and Natalija Novta. 2015. “Education and Human Capital Externalities: Evidence from Colonial Benin,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 130: 703–757.
- Lowes, Sara and Eduardo Montero. 2021. “The Legacy of Colonial Medicine in Central Africa,” *American Economic Review*, Vol. 111, No. 4, pp. 1284-1314.
- Michalopoulos, Stelios and Elias Pappaioannou. 2014. “National Institutions and Sub-national Development in Africa,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 129 (1): 151–213.
- Huillery, Elise. 2009. “History Matters: The Long-Term Impact of Colonial Public Investments in French West Africa,” *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 1(2): 176–215.
- Mamdani, Mahmood. 2001. *When Victims Become Killers*, Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Nunn, Nathan. 2014. “Gender and Missionary Influence in Colonial Africa,” In Emmanuel Akyeampong, Robert H. Bates, Nathan Nunn, and James A. Robinson (eds) *Africa’s Development in Historical Perspective*. Cambridge University Press, pp. 249–512.
- Jedwab, Remi and Alexander Moradi. 2016. “The Permanent Effects of Transportation Revolutions in Poor Countries: Evidence from Africa”, *Review of Economics and Statistics* 98 (2): 268–284.

Mechanisms

5 Culture: Concept and Definition (October 6)

- (*) Henrich, Joseph. 2015. *The Secret our Our Success: How Culture is Driving Human Evolution, Domesticating our Species, and Making us Smarter*, Princeton: Princeton University Press. Chapters 2 & 3.
- (*) Giuliano, Paola and Nathan Nunn. 2021. “Understanding Cultural Persistence and Change,” *Review of Economic Studies*, 88 (4): 1541-1581.
- Boyd, Robert and Peter J. Richerson. 2005. *The Origin and Evolution of Cultures*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Chapters 1, 2, 5.
- Nisbett, Richard. 2003. *The Geography of Thought*. New York: The Free Press.
- Rogers, Alan. 1988. “Does Biology Constrain Culture?” *American Anthropologist*, 90(4): 819–831.
- Katz et al. 1974. “Traditional Maize Processing Techniques in the New World: Traditional Alkali Processing Enhances the Nutritional Quality of Maize,” *Science*, 184: 765–773.
- Sherman, Paul W., and Jennifer Billing. 1999. “Darwinian Gastronomy,” *BioScience*, 49(6): 453–463.
- Gorodnichenko, Yuriy and Gerard Roland. 2013. “Individualism, Innovation, and Long-Run Growth,” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 108, 21316–21319.
- Gorodnichenko, Yuriy and Gerard Roland. 2017. “Culture, Institutions, and the Wealth of Nations,” *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 99 (3), 402–416.
- Guiso, Luigi, Paola Sapienza, and Luigi Zingales. 2008. “Long-Term Persistence,” *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 14 (6), 1401–1436.
- Henrich, Joseph, Robert Boyd, Sam Bowles, Colin Camerer, Herbert Gintis, Richard McElreath and Ernst Fehr. 2001. “In Search of Homo Economicus: Experiments in 15 Small-Scale Societies,” *American Economic Review*, 91(2), 73–79.

6 Cultural Persistence and Change (October 11)

- (*) Giuliano, Paola and Nathan Nunn. 2021. “Understanding Cultural Persistence and Change,” *Review of Economic Studies*, 88 (4): 1541-1581.

- (*) Bursztyn, Leonardo, Alessandra Gonzalez, and David Yanagizawa-Drott. 2020. “Misperceived Social Norms: Women Working Outside the Home in Saudi Arabia,” *American Economic Review*, 110 (10): 2997-3029.
- (*) Nunn, Nathan. 2022. “On the Dynamics of Human Behavior,” *American Economic Association Papers and Proceedings*.
- (†) Bau, Natalie. 2021. “Can Policy Change Culture? Government Pension Plans and Traditional Kinship Practices,” *American Economic Review*, 111 (6): 1880-1917.
- Rogers, Alan. 1988. “Does Biology Constrain Culture?” *American Anthropologist*, 90(4): 819–831.
- Boyd, Robert and Peter J. Richerson. 2005. *The Origin and Evolution of Cultures*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Chapters 1, 2, 5.
- Fouka, Vasiliki. 2020. “Backlash: The Unintended Effects of Language Prohibition in U.S. Schools after World War I,” *Review of Economic Studies*, 87 (1): 204-239.
- Grosjean, Pauline. 2014. “A History of Violence: The Culture of Honor as a Determinant of Homicide in the US South,” *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 12(5), 1285–1316.
- Fischer, David Hackett. 1989. *Albion’s Seed: Four British Folkways in America*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Kupperman, Karen Ordahl. 1993. *Providence Island, 1630–1641: The Other Puritan Colony*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Voth, Hans Joachim and Nico Voigtlaender. 2012. “Persecution Perpetuated: The Medieval Origins of Anti-Semitic Violence in Nazi Germany,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 127: 1339–1392.
- Guiliano, Paola and Antonio Spilimbergo. 2014 “Growing Up in a Recession,” *Review of Economic Studies*, 81 (3): 787–817.
- Madestam, Andreas and David Yanagizawa-Drott. 2011. “Shaping the Nation: The Effect of the Fourth of July on Political Preferences and Behavior in the United States,” Working paper, Bocconi University.
- Mitrunen, Matti. 2019. “Can You Make an American? Compulsory Patriotism and Assimilation of Immigrants,” Working paper, University of Chicago.
- Rao, Gautam. 2019. “Familiarity Does Not Breed Contempt: Diversity, Discrimination, and Generosity in Delhi Schools,” *American Economic Review*: 109 (3), 774–809.

7 Individualism and WEIRD Psychology (October 13)

- (*) Goody, Jack. 1983. *The Development of the Family and Marriage in Europe*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Chapter 3.
- (*) Gorodnichenko, Yuriy and Gerard Roland. 2017. “Culture, Institutions, and the Wealth of Nations,” *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 99(3): 402–416.
- (*) Schulz, Jonathan, Duman Bahrami-Rad, Jonathan P. Beauchamp, and Joseph Henrich. 2019. “The Church, Intensive Kinship, and Global Psychological Variation,” *Science*, 366(6466): eaau5141.
- (*) Enke, Benjamin. 2019. “Kinship, Cooperation, and the Evolution of Moral Systems,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 134(2): 953–1019.
- (†) Bahrami-Rad, Duman, Jonathan Beauchamp, Joseph Henrich, and Jonathan Schulz. 2022. “Kin-based Institutions and Economic Development” Working Paper.
- Goody, Jack. 1983. *The European Family*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers.
- Todd, Emmanuel. 1989. *The Explanation of Ideology: Family Structure and Social Systems*. New York: Blackwell Publishers.
- Nisbett, Richard E. 2003. *The Geography of Thought: How Asians and Westerns Think Differently... and Why*. New York: Free Press.
- MacFarlane, Alan. 1978. *The Origins of English Individualism*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Matsuda, T., and R. Nisbett. 2001. “Attending Holistically vs. Analytically: Comparing the Context Sensitivity of Japanese Americans,” *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 81: 922–934.
- Nisbett, Richard. 2003. *The Geography of Thought*. New York: The Free Press.
- Gorodnichenko, Yuriy and Gerard Roland. 2013. “Individualism, Innovation, and Long-Run Growth,” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 108, 21316–21319.
- Greif, Avner and Guido Tabellini. 2010. “Cultural and Institutional Bifurcation: China and Europe Compared,” *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, 100 (2), 135–140.
- Schulz, Jonathan. 2016. “The Church’s Ban on Consanguineous Marriages, Kin-Networks, and Democracy,” CeDEX Discussion Paper 2016-16.
- Akbari, Mahsa, Duman Bahrami-Rad, and Erik Kimbrough. 2016. “Kinship, Fractionalization, and Corruption,” Working paper.

8 The Interplay of Culture and Institutions (October 18)

- (*) Tabellini, Guido. 2008. “The Scope of Cooperation: Values and Incentives,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 123 (3), 905–950.
- (*) Lowes, Sara, Nathan Nunn, James A. Robinson and Jonathan Weigel. 2017. “The Evolution of Culture and Institutions: Evidence from the Kuba Kingdom,” *Econometrica*, 85 (4), 1065–1091.
- (†) Heldring, Leander. 2021. “The Origins of Violence in Rwanda’,” *Review of Economic Studies*, 88 (2): 730–763.
- Dell, Melissa, Nathan Lane, and Pablo Querubin. 2018. “The Historical State, Local Collective Action, and Economic Development in Vietnam,” *Econometrica*, 86 (6): 2083–2121.
- Becker, Sascha O., Katrin Boeckh, Christa Hainz, and Ludger Woessmann. 2016. “The Empire is Dead, Long Live the Empire! Long-Run Persistence of Trust and Corruption in the Bureaucracy,” *Economic Journal*, 126 (590), 40–74.
- Fischer, David Hackett. 1989. *Albion’s Seed: Four British Folkways in America*. New York: Oxford University Press.

9 Conflict and Group-Selection (October 20)

- (*) Nunn, Nathan and Raul Sanchez de la Sierra. 2017. “Why Being Wrong can be Right: Magical Warfare Technologies and the Persistence of False Beliefs,” *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, 107 (5), 582–587.
- (*) Bauer, Michal, Christopher Blattman, Julie Chytilova, Joseph Henrich, Edward Miguel, and Tamar Mitts. 2016. “Can War Foster Cooperation?” *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 30(3): 249–274.
- (*) Francois, Patrick, Thomas Fujiwara, and Tanguy van Ypersele. 2018. “The Origins of Human Pro-Sociality: Cultural Group Selection in the Workplace and the Laboratory,” *Science Advances*, 4 (9): eaa2201.
- (†) McGuirik, Eoin and Nathan Nunn. 2021. “Transhumant Pastoralism, Climate Change, and Conflict in Africa.” Working Paper.
- Henrich, Joseph. 2004. “Cultural Group Selection, Coevolutionary Processes and Large-Scale Cooperation,” *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 53 (1): 3–35.
- Tilly, Charles. 1992. *Coercion, Capital, and European States, AD 990–1992*. New York: Basil Blackwell.

- Dincecco, Mark and Massimiliano Gaetano Onorato. 2017. *From Warfare to Wealth*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Nicola Gennaioli and Hans Joachim Voth. 2015. “State Capacity and Military Conflict,” *Review of Economic Studies*, 82: 1409–1448.
- Acemoglu, Daron, Tarek A. Hassan, and James A. Robinson. 2011. “Social Structure and Development: A Legacy of the Holocaust in Russia,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 126 (2), 895–946.
- Acemoglu, Daron, Davide Cantoni, Simon Johnson, and James A. Robinson. 2011. “The Consequences of Radical Reform: The French Revolution,” *American Economic Review*, 101 (7), 3286–3307.
- Dincecco, Mark and Massimiliano Gaetano Onorato. 2016. “Military Conflict and the Rise of Urban Europe,” *Journal of Economic Growth*, 21, 259–282.
- Iyigun, Murat. 2008. “Luther and Suleyman,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 123(4), 1465–1494.
- Besley, Timothy and Marta Reynal-Querol. 2014. “The Legacy of Historical Conflict Evidence from Africa,” *American Political Science Review*, 108(2), 319–336.

10 Gender, Marriage, and Family (October 25)

- (*) Alesina, Alberto, Paola Giuliano, and Nathan Nunn 2013. “On the Origins of Gender Roles: Women and the Plough,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 128(2): 469–530.
- (*) Lowes, Sara. 2022. “Kinship Structure and the Family: Evidence from the Matrilineal Belt,” Working paper, UCSD.
- (†) Becker, Anke. 2021. “On the Origins of Restrictions on Women’s Sexuality,” Working paper, Harvard University.
- Voigtlaender, Nico and Hans-Joachim Voth. 2013. “How the West “Invented” Fertility Restriction,” *American Economic Review*, 103(6): 2227–2264.
- Lowes, Sara. 2021. “Matrilineal Kinship and Gender Differences in Competition,” *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, Vol. 192, pp. 36–57.
- Gneezy, Uri, Kenneth L. Leonard and John A. List. 2009. “Gender Differences in Competition: Evidence from a Matrilineal and a Patriarchal Society,” *Econometrica*, 77(5), 1637–1666.

- Ben Yishay, Ariel and Pauline Grosjean. 2017. “The Fish is the Friend of Matriliney: Reef Density and Matrilineal Inheritance,” *Journal of Development Economics*, 127: 234–249.
- Grosjean, Pauline and Rose Khattar. 2018. “It’s Raining Men! Hallelujah? The Long-Run Consequences of Male-Biased Sex Ratios,” *Review of Economic Studies*, 86: 723–754.
- Teso, Eduardo. 2018. “The Long-Term Effects of Demographic Shocks on the Evolution of Gender Roles: Evidence from the TransAtlantic Slave Trade,” *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 17 (2): 497–534.
- Campa, Pamela and Michel Serafinelli. 2018. “Politico-Economic Regimes and Attitudes: Female Workers Under State-Socialism,” *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 101 (2): 233–248.

Part 2 Reading List (* indicates required readings)

11 Economic Shocks and Conflict (October 27, November 1)

- (*) Miguel, Edward, Shanker Satyanath, and Ernest Sergenti. 2004. “Economic shocks and civil conflict: An instrumental variables approach,” *Journal of Political Economy*, 2004, 112 (4), 725–753.
- (*) Dube, Oeindrila and Juan Vargas. 2013. “Commodity Price Shocks and Civil Conflict: Evidence from Colombia,” *The Review of Economic Studies*, 80 (4): 1384–1421.
- (*) Nicolas Berman, Dominic Rohner, and Mathias Thoenig. 2017. “This mine is mine! How minerals fuel conflicts in Africa,” *American Economic Review*, 107 (6): 1564–1610.
- (*) McGuirk and Burke. 2020. “The Economic Origins of Conflict in Africa,” *Journal of Political Economy*, 128 (10): 3940–3997.
- (*) (†) Konig, Michael, Dominic Rohner, Mathias Thoenig, and Fabrizio Zilibotti. 2017. “Networks in conflict: Theory and evidence from the great war of Africa,” *Econometrica*, 85 (4): 1093–1132.
- Bazzi, Samuel and Christopher Blattman. 2014. “Economic Shocks and Conflict: Evidence from Commodity Prices,” *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, 6 (4): 1–38.
- Berman, Nicolas and Mathieu Couttenier. 2015. “External shocks, internal shots: the geography of civil conflicts,” *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 97 (4): 758–776.

- Dell, Melissa, Benjamin Feigenberg, and Kensuke Teshima. 2019. “The Violent Consequences of Trade-Induced Worker Displacement in Mexico,” *American Economic Review: Insights*, 1 (1): 43–58.
- Miguel, Edward and Shanker Satyanath. 2011. “Re-examining economic shocks and civil conflict,” *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 3 (4): 228–232.
- Ciccone, Antonio, “Economic shocks and civil conflict: A comment,” *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 3 (4): 215–227.
- Dube, Oeindrila, Omar Garcia-Ponce, and Kevin Thom. 2016. “From Maize to Haze: Agricultural Shocks and the Growth of the Mexican Drug Sector,” *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 14 (5): 1181–1224.
- Harari, Mariaflavia and Eliana La Ferrara. 2018. “Conflict, Climate and Cells: A disaggregated analysis,” *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 100 (4): 594–608.
- Nunn, Nathan and Nancy Qian. 2014. “Aiding conflict: the impact of US food aid on civil war,” *American Economic Review*, 104 (6): 1630–1666.
- de la Sierra, Raul Sanchez. 2020. “On the origin of states: Stationary Bandits and Taxation in Eastern Congo,” *Journal of Political Economy*, 128 (1): 32–74.

12 Diversity and Conflict (November 3 and 8)

- (*) Esteban, Joan and Debraj Ray. 2011. “Linking conflict to inequality and polarization,” *American Economic Review*, 101 (4): 1345–1374.
- (*) Esteban, Joan, Laura Mayoral, and Debraj Ray. 2012. “Ethnicity and conflict: An empirical study,” *American Economic Review*, 102 (4), 1310–1342.
- (*) Michalopoulos, Stelios and Elias Pappaioannou. 2016. “The Long-Run Effects of the Scramble for Africa,” *American Economic Review*, 106 (7), 1802–1848.
- (*) Desmet, Klaus, Ignacio Ortuno-Ortin, and Romain Wacziarg. 2017. “Culture, Ethnicity, and Diversity,” *American Economic Review*, 107 (9), 2479–2513.
- Arbatli, Cemal Eren, Quamrul H. Ashraf, Oded Galor, and Marc Klemp. 2020. “Diversity and Conflict,” *Econometrica*, 88 (2): 727–797.
- Amodio, Francesco and Chiovelli, Giorgio. 2018. “Ethnicity and violence during democratic transitions: Evidence from South Africa,” *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 16 (4): 1234–1280.
- Guariso, Andrea and Rogall, Thorsten. 2021. “Rainfall Inequality, Political Power, and Ethnic Conflict in Africa,” Working Paper.

- Mitra, Anirban and Ray, Debraj. 2014. “Implications of an economic theory of conflict: Hindu-Muslim violence in India,” *Journal of Political Economy*, 122 (4): 719-765.
- Alesina, Alberto, William Easterly, and Janina Matuszeski. 2011. “Artificial States,” *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 9 (2): 246-277.
- Mueller, Hannes, Dominic Rohner, and David Schonholzer. 2021. “Ethnic Violence Across Space,” *Economic Journal*.
- Alesina, Alberto, Stelios Michalopoulos, and Elias Pappaioannou. 2016. “Ethnic Inequality,” *Journal of Political Economy*, 124 (2): 424-488.
- Esteban, Joan and Debraj Ray. 2008. “On the salience of ethnic conflict,” *American Economic Review*, 98 (5), 2185-2202.
- Mitra, Anirban and Debraj Ray. 2014. “Implications of an economic theory of conflict: Hindu-Muslim violence in India,” *Journal of Political Economy*, 122 (4): 719-765.

13 Policy Solutions? (November 10)

- (*) Bazzi, Samuel and Matthew Gudgeon. 2021. “The Political Boundaries of Ethnic Divisions,” *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 13 (1): 235-66.
- (*) (†) Fetzer, Thiemo. 2020. “Can workfare programs moderate conflict? Evidence from India,” *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 18 (6): 3337-3375.
- Mueller, Hannes and Rauh, Christopher. forthcoming. “The Hard Problem of Conflict Prediction,” *Journal of the European Economic Association*.
- Mueller, Hannes and Rauh, Christopher. 2018. “Reading between the lines: Prediction of political violence using newspaper text,” *American Political Science Review*, 112 (2): 358-375.
- Bazzi, Samuel, Robert A. Blair, Christopher Blattman, Oeindrila Dube, Matthew Gudgeon, and Richard Peck. forthcoming. “The promise and pitfalls of conflict prediction: evidence from Colombia and Indonesia.” *Review of Economics and Statistics*.

14 Migration, Schools, and Nation Building (November 15, 17, 21)

- (*) Bazzi, Samuel, Arya Gaduh, Alexander D. Rothenberg, and Maisy Wong. 2019. “Unity in diversity? How intergroup contact can foster nation building,” *American Economic Review*, 109 (11), 3978-4025.

- (*) (†) Atkin, David, Eve Colson-Sihra, and Moses Shayo. 2021. “How Do We Choose Our Identity? A Revealed Preference Approach Using Food Consumption,” *Journal of Political Economy*, 129 (4): 1193-1251.
- (*) Bazzi, Samuel, Martin Fiszbein, and Mesay Gebresilashe. 2020. “Frontier culture: The roots and persistence of ‘rugged individualism’ in the United States,” *Econometrica*, 88 (6): 2329-2368.
 → when discussing this paper, we will go through the publication process from start to finish to give a sense of how the review process works
- (*) Fouka, Vasiliki, Soumyajit Mazumder, and Marco Tabellini. forthcoming. “From Immigrants to Americans: Race and Assimilation During the Great Migration.” *Review of Economic Studies*.
- (*) Sequeira, Sandra, Nathan Nunn, and Nancy Qian. 2020. “Immigrants and the Making of America,” *Review of Economic Studies*, 87 (1): 382-419.
- (*) Abramitzky, Ran, Leah Boustan, and Katherine Eriksson. 2021. “Do immigrants assimilate more slowly today than in the past?” *American Economic Review: Insights*, 2 (1): 125-41.
- Bazzi, Samuel, Masyhur Hilmy, and Benjamin Marx. 2021. “Islam and the State: Religious Education in the Age of Mass Schooling,” *NBER Working Paper*.
- Calderon, Alvaro, Vasiliki Fouka, and Marco Tabellini. 2021. “Racial Diversity and Racial Policy Preferences: The Great Migration and Civil Rights.” *Working Paper*.
- Cantoni, Davide, Yuyu Chen, David Y. Yang, Noam Yuchtman, and Y. Jane Zhang. 2017. “Curriculum and Ideology,” *Journal of Political Economy*, 125 (21): 338-392.
- Bandiera, Oriana, Myra Mohnen, Imran Rasul, and Martina Viarengo. 2019. “Nation-building through compulsory schooling during the age of mass migration,” *The Economic Journal*, 129 (617): 62-109.
- Alesina, Alberto, Paola Giuliano, and Bryony Reich. 2021. “Nation-building and education,” *The Economic Journal*, 131 (638): 2273-2303.
- Alesina, Alberto, Bryony Reich, and Alessandro Riboni. 2020. “Nation-building, nationalism, and wars,” *Journal of Economic Growth*, 25 (4): 381-430.
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