

**SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL
DISSERTATION PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIP
SPRING 2009 WORKSHOP AGENDA**

STATE VIOLENCE

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**Astor Crowne Plaza, New Orleans, LA
May 28- 31, 2009**

I. Organization of the workshop

The first workshop will be organized around sessions centered on substantive and methodological questions which we view as central to the field and key to the drafting of sound dissertation proposals. This workshop will be designed to help students reflect on their research outline in light of these substantive and methodological issues. Each session will include a general discussion and a discussion of the fellows' research outlines. All fellows will therefore be in position to relate their research questions to the themes addressed in the workshop.

We will meet with fellows individually right after the session in which their work will be discussed. The meetings will take place in the order indicated in the session schedule (see below). We expect each meeting to last 30 minutes.

II. Session format

The format of each session will be as follows. We will start with a general introduction to the theme of the session. Then, the discussion will be devoted to two research outlines selected in light of their connections to the theme of the session.

Presentations

The format of the presentations will be as follows. Authors will present each other's proposal. For instance, in session 2, Jaime Alves will present Andrew Linke's research outline and vice versa.

For each session, we indicate the names of the presenters below as well as the titles of their research outlines.

Each presentation will have two parts and should not exceed 10 minutes. The first part will be a brief summary of the research outline. Please note that this summary should be brief. All the workshop participants will be expected to be cognizant with the five-page

research outlines posted on the Workspace. There will be no need to provide a lengthy summary of these outlines.

The second part will elaborate questions and points of clarification regarding methods, sources, references, and analytical claims or hypotheses. This exercise is intended to provide feedback, set forth suggestions, point to alternative research strategies if appropriate and launch the discussion.

The SSRC will provide audiovisual equipment; you are welcome to make a PowerPoint presentation.

Bibliographical references

For the purpose of situating the research projects and contrast them with previous studies, we include a few references for each session. These book chapters and articles will be posted on the DPDF Workshop. We will expect all workshop participants to have read them.

III. Session schedule

Session 1: plenary session

Thursday, 9 am – 12:30 pm

Session 2: Mapping out types of state violence; competitive and non-competitive types

Thursday 2:00-5:00 pm

Alves: State Terror, Necropower, and the Politics of Everyday Life in a Sao Paulo's Shantytown

Linke: Local Patterns of Kenyan Election Violence - Disaggregating Influential Actors and the Conditions of Conflict

References

Wilkinson, Steven I. 2004. *Votes and Violence. Electoral Competition and Ethnic Riots in India*. New York: Cambridge University Press. **Chapters 1, 5, 7.**

Uvin, Peter. 1999. "Ethnicity and Power in Burundi and Rwanda: Different Paths to Mass Violence," *Comparative Politics*, 31(3): 253-271.

Session 3: Theorizing state violence: organizational culture, strategic constraints, institutional infrastructures and ideology

Friday, 9 am – 12:30 pm

Harkins: Fear and Trembling: Religious Violence and the Crucible of Conformity in the English Reformation

Carter: On the Sources of Value for Conflict

References:

Nirenberg, David. 1996. *Communities of Violence : Persecution of Minorities in the Middle Ages*. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press. **Introduction, chapter 3, chapter 7.**

Semelin, Jacques. 2007. *Purify and Destroy. The Political Uses of Massacre and Genocide*. Translated from the French by Cynthia Schoch. New York: Columbia University Press. **Introduction, chapter 4.**

Session 4: Counterinsurgency Theory: State Violence as public policy

Friday, 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Blocq: The Use of Nonstate Actors in Counterinsurgency Campaigns

Mahajan: The Organizational and Strategic Logic of Counterinsurgency: U.S. Interventions in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Vietnam

References

Lyall, Jason and Isaiah Wilson. 2009. “Rage Against the Machines: Explaining Outcomes in Counterinsurgency Wars.” *International Organization* , 63 (1): 67-106.

Valentino, Benjamin, Paul Huth, and Dylan Balch-Lindsay. 2004. ““Draining the Sea”: Mass killing and Guerilla Warfare.” *International Organization*, 58: 375-407.

Session 5: Institutionalizing violence

Saturday, 9 am – 12:30 pm

Berda: Administrative memory and colonial legacies: a comparative analysis of colonial bureaucratic practices and their impact on contemporary border control administration in Israel and India

Rice: The Peripheral State: Chile and its Frontiers, 1860-1890

References

Ron, James. 2003. *Frontiers and Ghettos. State Violence in Serbia and Israel*. Berkeley: The University of California Press. **Introduction, chapter 3, chapter 7.**

Naimark, Norman M. 2001. *Fires of Hatred. Ethnic Cleansing in Twentieth-century Europe*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press. **Introduction, chapter 1.**

Session 6: the challenges and requirements of field work involving victims, perpetrators and witnesses

Saturday, 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Thirkill-Mackelprang: Strategic Terror or Macabre Expression: Explaining Variations in Civilian Targeting Among Paramilitaries, the State, and the FARC in Colombia

Chestnut: Rethinking State Security: Ethnic Minorities in Chinese Foreign and Domestic Policy

References

Kalyvas, Stathis. 2006. *The Logic of Violence in Civil War*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. **Introduction, chapters 4, 5, and 7.**

Session 7: Assessing sources. How to examine and "deconstruct" sources and indicators?

Sunday, 9 am – 12:30 pm

Tobin: From Crime to Punishment: The Holocaust Perpetrators of Einsatzkommando Tilsit, 1933-1958

Kim: Creation of Collaborators by the Imperial State: A Case Study of the Japanese Colonial Rule of Korea from 1910 to 1945.

References

Browning, Christopher R. 1998 [1991]. *Ordinary Men, Reserve Police Battalion 101 and the Final Solution in Poland*. New York: Harper. **Preface, chapters 1-8, chapter 18, Afterword.**

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FALL 2009 WORKSHOP AGENDA**

STATE VIOLENCE

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**Hilton Garden Inn, Philadelphia City Center
Thursday, September 10 – Sunday, September 13**

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This is the second of two annual DPDF workshops designed to help graduate student fellows prepare cogent and fundable dissertation proposals in their chosen field. The two goals of the second workshop are 1) to help fellows synthesize their summer research; and 2) to draft proposals for dissertation funding. The fall workshop focuses on the mechanics and the philosophy of proposal writing. The workshop also aims to challenge fellows to reflect on their summer research in ways that link meaningfully to their research field. In this, the goals of the fall workshop are closely related to the project of mapping a research field that was started during the spring workshop in New Orleans.

Fellows will come out of the second workshop with supportive networks, consisting of both mentors and cohorts of new scholars carrying out research in their fields, as well as intellectually mature dissertation proposals.

In light of your evaluations of the first workshop and our informal discussion with you during our last night dinner in New Orleans, we decided (1) to keep the format we used for the first workshop — the sessions will be centered on the specific challenges faced by individual projects — and (2) to invite a guest speaker to discuss practical and ethical issues related to field work when studying various forms of state violence.

Session organization

Each one of you developed some expertise of the proposal on which you commented last May. To give you the opportunity to assess the extent to which the revised draft of the proposal addresses the questions and comments raised in the course of the May discussion, you will be expected to review the draft proposal of the project on which you previously commented.

Thus, Patrick Tobin will critically review Jeong Chul Kim's project on collaborators in Korea — a project which Patrick already discussed in May — and Jeong will offer feedback on Patrick's project.

We will devote about one hour to each draft proposal. Each discussion will start with the critical report by the discussant. For instance, the discussion of Patrick's proposal will start with Jeong Chul's critical review.

These critical reviews should not exceed 10 minutes.

We will reverse the order of the discussions. Fellows whose work was discussed at the end of the May workshop will now be the first ones to get exposed to critical feedback.

Individual meetings

As we did in the Spring workshop, we will meet with you individually for about half an hour to discuss the specifics of your research and to wrap up the substance of the session discussion. This time however, the SSRC staff is requesting that we schedule the individual meetings inside the sessions.

As a result, the individual meetings will take place in the last hour of each session (11 am - 12 pm for the morning sessions and 4 – 5 pm for the afternoon sessions).

The exception to this rule will be **Session 4 (Friday, Sept. 11: 2:00 – 5:30 pm)** since Elisabeth Wood will lecture during this session (see below). We will meet with Ashley and Sheena right after the session.

Guest speaker: Elisabeth Wood

Elisabeth Wood, a professor of political science at Yale, will be our guest speaker. Elisabeth has researched various aspects of state violence and has written on fieldwork and the ethics of research about violence. Her presentation will focus on three themes:

- Repertoires of violence with an emphasis on their variation (with a focus on sexual violence)
- The role and dynamics of command and control structures in armed organizations in the context of conflict
- The methodological and ethical challenges of research on violence

We will relate Elisabeth Wood's presentation to the discussion of macabre expressions of violence (Ashley Thirkill-Mackelprang's proposal) and repertoires of state violence (Sheena Chestnut's proposal). It should be clear, however, that this discussion will be of relevance to all fellows since the focus will be on the practical and ethical challenges raised by the research on state violence.

Workshop Assignments

We ask fellows to complete two assignments in preparation of the workshop.

First, fellows are expected to upload a draft dissertation proposal on the DPDF Workspace (<https://workspace.ssrc.org/dpdf>) **no later than August 28 (Friday), 2009**. This proposal should not exceed 15 pages and should have five parts:

1. Which research question does the proposal tackle?
2. Which hypothetical arguments can be suggested at this stage of the research?
3. Which sources and data are being considered in support of this argument?
4. Which method(s) are being used to address the question?
5. How does the research question and the proposed answer(s) contribute to the study of state violence?

Second, we ask each fellow to upload a short memo (no longer than 5 pages) describing the broad outlines of the summer fieldwork, its particular challenges, its overall lessons, and how it did impact on the original research ideas.

We expect all fellows to be cognizant with these proposals and engage critically with them during the relevant sessions.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

ARRIVAL, Wednesday, September 9th:

Registration packets will be distributed at check in.

Session 1: Panel – The Dissertation Proposal: Strategies and Funding Sources

(Thursday, Sept. 10: 9 AM – 12:00 PM)

- Welcome and Introductions

- Dissertation Funder Presentations. Representatives of the following funding programs have agreed to make presentations: The SSRC's IDRF Program, NSF, Fulbright, and the Wenner-Gren Foundation.

Session 2: Thursday, Sept 10: 2:00 PM – 5 PM

Tobin: From Crime to Punishment: The Holocaust Perpetrators of Einsatzkommando Tilsit, 1933-1958

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Presentation by Elisabeth Wood

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Session 5: Saturday, Sept. 12: 9 AM – 12:00 PM

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