



WORKSHOP

Politics Over Ethnicity: Revisiting the Ethnic Diversity and Public Goods Provision Hypothesis

Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI) · C. Elisabets, 10 · 08001 Barcelona
Friday 16 May – Saturday 17 May 2014

A large and influential body of work in political economy argues that ethnic diversity impedes public goods provision. This workshop pursues a critical reassessment of the ethnic diversity and public goods provision scholarship. It seeks to do this most directly by revisiting and nuancing the empirical claim itself. Further a shift to solidly political conceptualizations of both ethnicity and public goods provision is proposed, by focusing on ethnic mobilization and a state's capacity to provide social services and more generally to reach through society and implement policy decisions. Substantively the workshop seeks to move away from the predominant emphasis on the actions of ethnic groups to a focus on how states respond to these ethnic actions. The contributing papers argue that the strategic interests, affective attachments and normative commitments of state actors influence how states respond to ethnic mobilization, and may therefore be usefully seen as causal pathways through which ethnic mobilization influences state capacity. This analytical shift also suggests a long-run historical focus on how patterns of state formation influence ethnic mobilization and state responses to it. Specifically, close attention to the legacies of nation-building and preexisting levels of state capacity helps to address the endogeneity problems that prevail in the existing political economy scholarship.

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- 9:30 Welcome and workshop introduction
Prerna Singh and Matthias vom Hau
- 10:00 Politics over diversity: A statecentered approach to ethnicity and public goods provision (background/framing paper)
Prerna Singh and Matthias vom Hau
Chair: Juan Diez Medrano
Discussants: Sam Hickey, Robert Fishman
- 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:15 Revisiting the ethnic diversity and public goods provision hypothesis: Evidence from the Middle East and sub-Saharan Africa
Erin McDonnell and Eleanor Gao
Chair: Diego Muro
Discussants: Sam Hickey, David Samuels
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Ethnic mobilization, elite threat perceptions, and state capacity state capacity to provide public goods I
Harris Mylonas and Keith Darden
Chair: Prerna Singh
Discussants: Juan Diez Medrano, Diego Muro
- 15:00 Ethnic mobilization, elite threat perceptions, and state capacity state capacity to provide public goods II
Hillel Soifer and Dan Slater (Skype)
Chair: Matthias vom Hau
Discussants: Juan Diez Medrano, David Samuels
- 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:15 Ethnic mobilization, elite normative commitments, and state capacity to provide public goods
Maritza Paredes, Lauren MacLean (in absence)
Chair: David Samuels
Discussants: Giovanni Cappoccia, Robert Fishman

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9:30	Ethnicity, the legacies of state making, and public goods provision I Andreas Wimmer, Rinchan Mirza Chair: David Samuels Discussants: Juan Diez Medrano, Yannis Karagiannis	12:30	Lunch
11:15	Coffee break	13:30	Wrap-up Perna Singh and Matthias vom Hau Chair: Juan Diez Medrano Discussants: David Samuels, Robert Fishman, Giovanni Cappoccia
11:30	Ethnicity, the legacies of state making, and state capacity II Jason Wittenberg Chair: Yannis Karagiannis Discussant: Giovanni Cappoccia	15:00	Conclusion

Practical Information

Venue	Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI) Elisabets 10, 08001 Barcelona Ground Floor Tel. 93 412 11 89 www.ibei.org	Registration	By invitation only. Please contact Matthias vom Hau, mvomhau@ibei.org
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