

POLS 103 B

Comparative Politics

Class 6:
State-making

Kahoot!

Recap

- Anarchy and political order:
 - Freeriders, roving and stationary bandits
- The state:
 - The modern state and its predecessors
 - Characteristics of modern states
 - Functions of (modern) states
 - State capacity and fragility
- International and supranational organizations

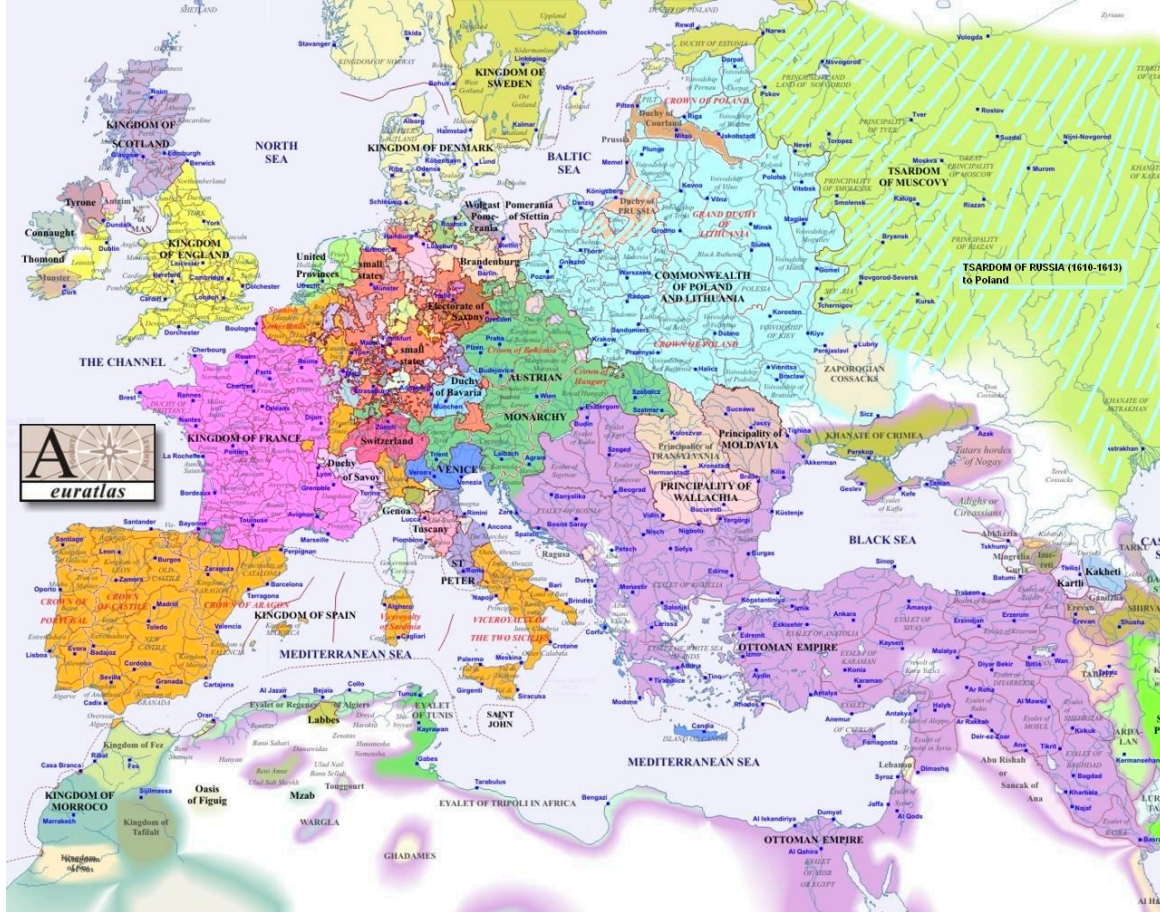


TABLE 8.1

Two Dimensions of Hierarchy and Fixed Territoriality

		Internal Sovereignty	
		<i>Fragmented</i>	<i>Consolidated</i>
	<i>Borders</i>	Italian city-states	French state
Territorial Demarcation	<i>Lack of borders</i>	Hanseatic League Feudalism	Universalist Empire Universalist Theocracy

How have modern states
emerged and become
dominant?

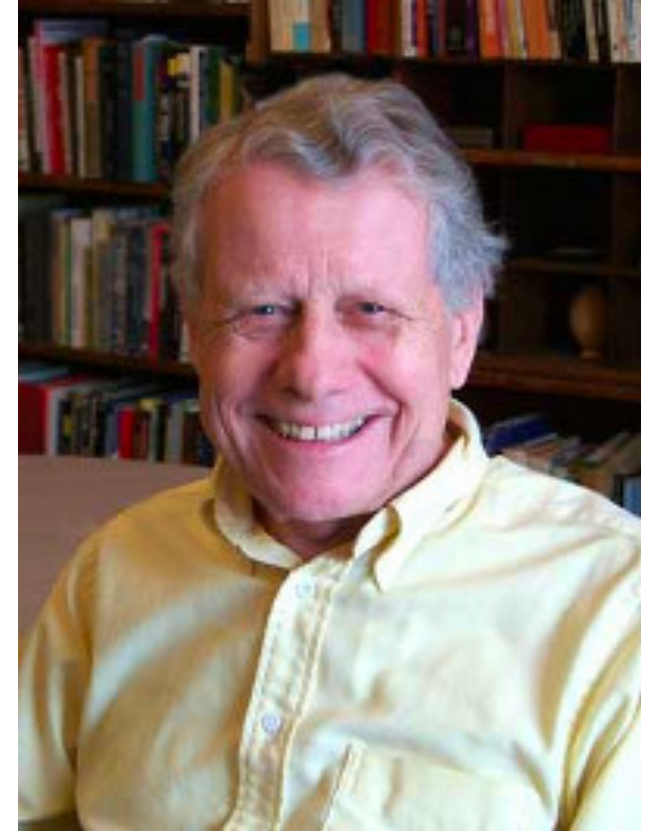
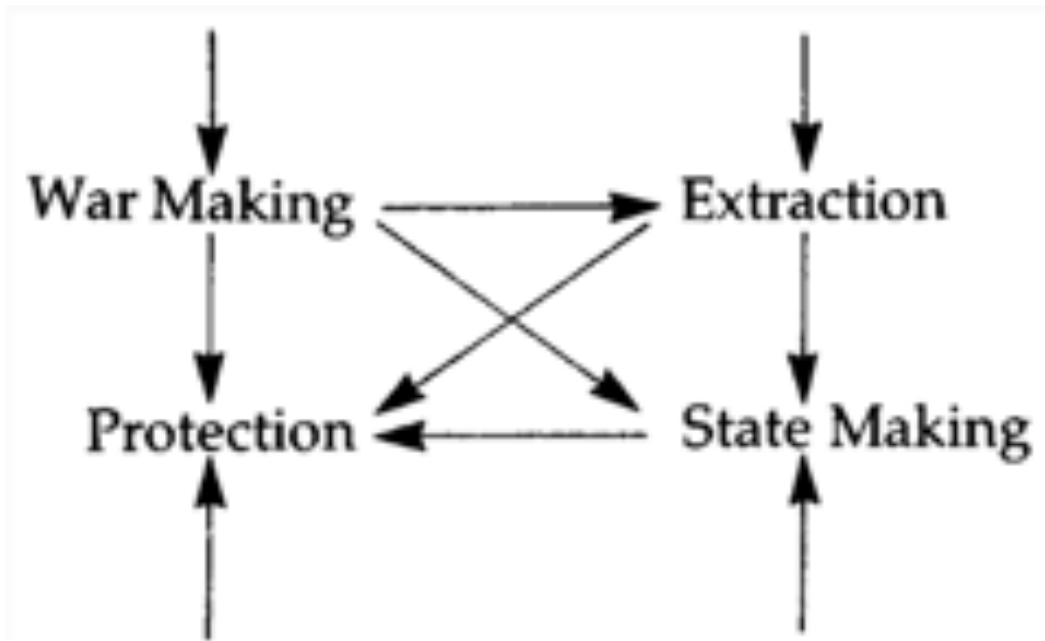
Theories of state-making

- Bellicist
- Economic
- Cultural
- Diffusion

How have modern states
emerged according to Tilly?

State-making through war-making

- The causal pattern of “the classic European state making experience”:



State-making through war-making

- State formation process:
 - Political dominance and war-making → War-making capacity
 - Extraction of means of war → Extractive capacity
 - Elimination of rivals + alliance formation

State-making through war-making

- Types:

- Coercion-intensive
- Capital-intensive
- Capitalized coercion

- Tilly, Charles. 1990. *Coercion, Capital, and European States, AD 990-1990*. Oxford: Blackwell, 1992

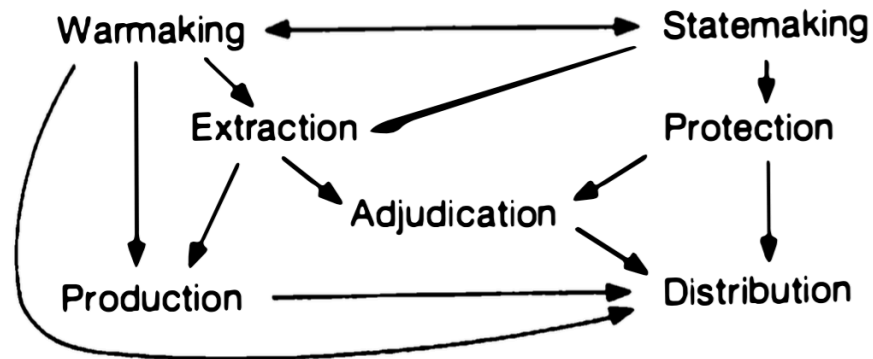
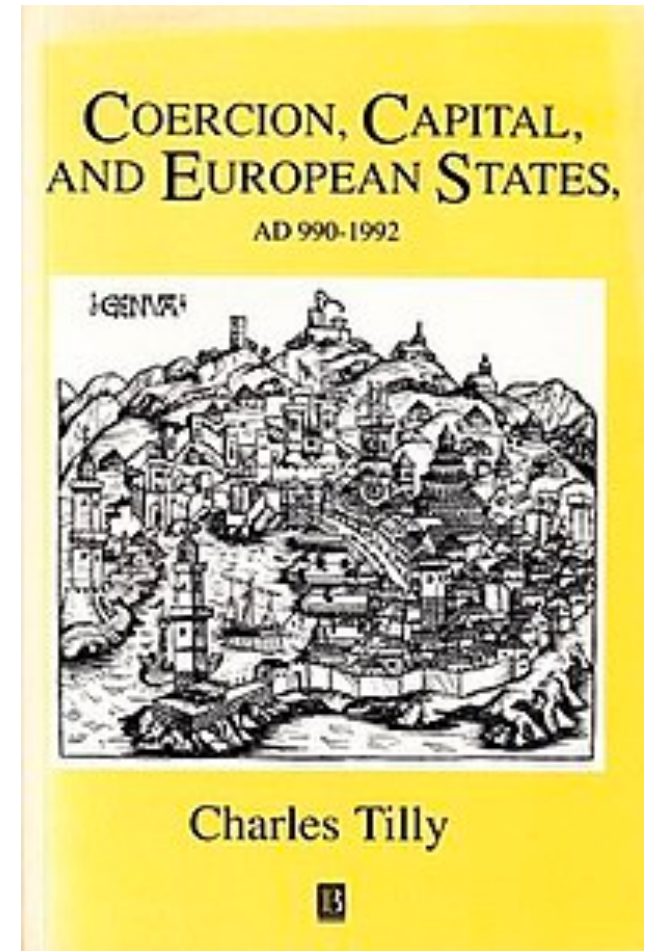
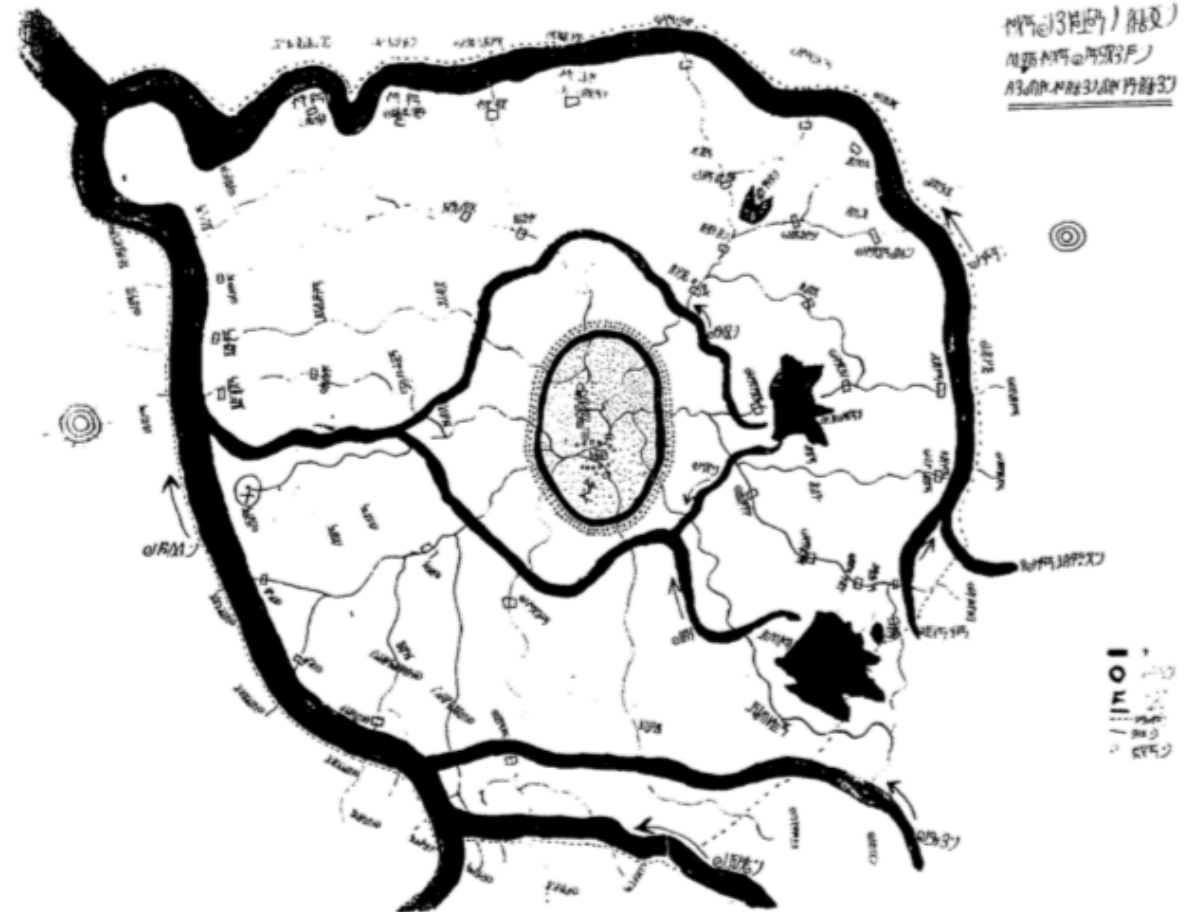
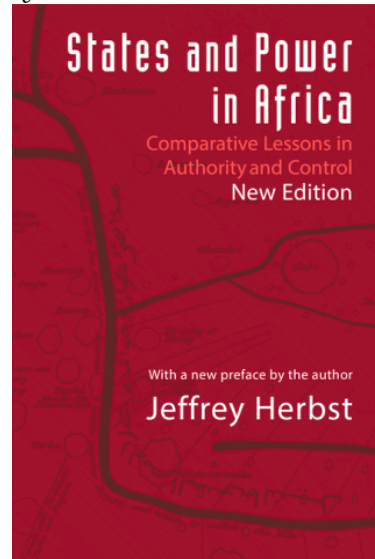


Figure 4.1 Relations among major activities of states.



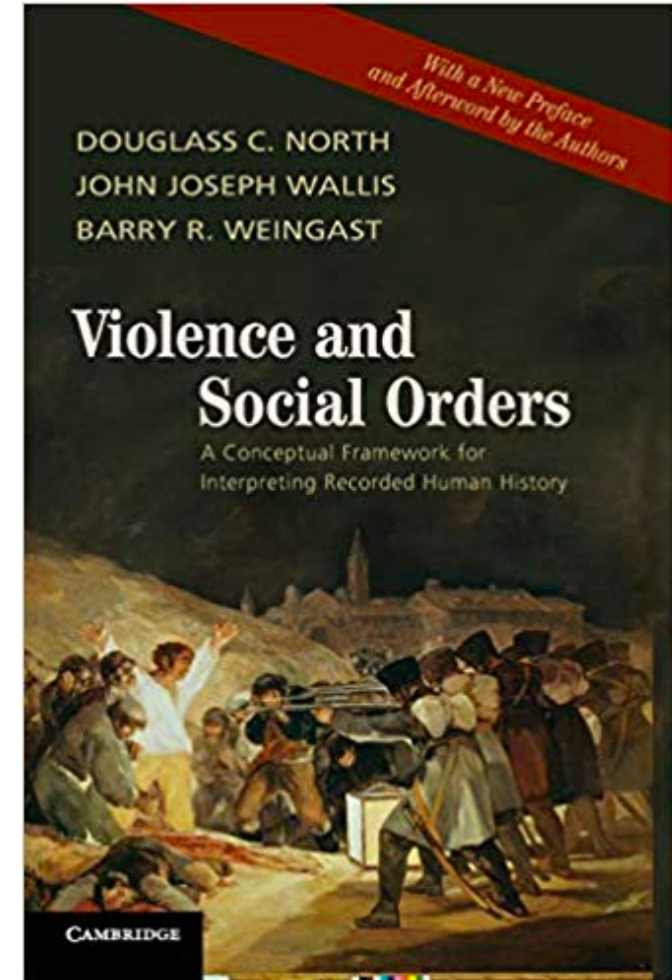
State-making through war-making outside Europe

- Herbst:
 - Power “as a series of concentric circles radiating out from the core”
 - Herbst, Jeffrey. 2000. *States and Power in Africa: Comparative Lessons in Authority and Control*. Princeton: PUP.



Material interests and state-making

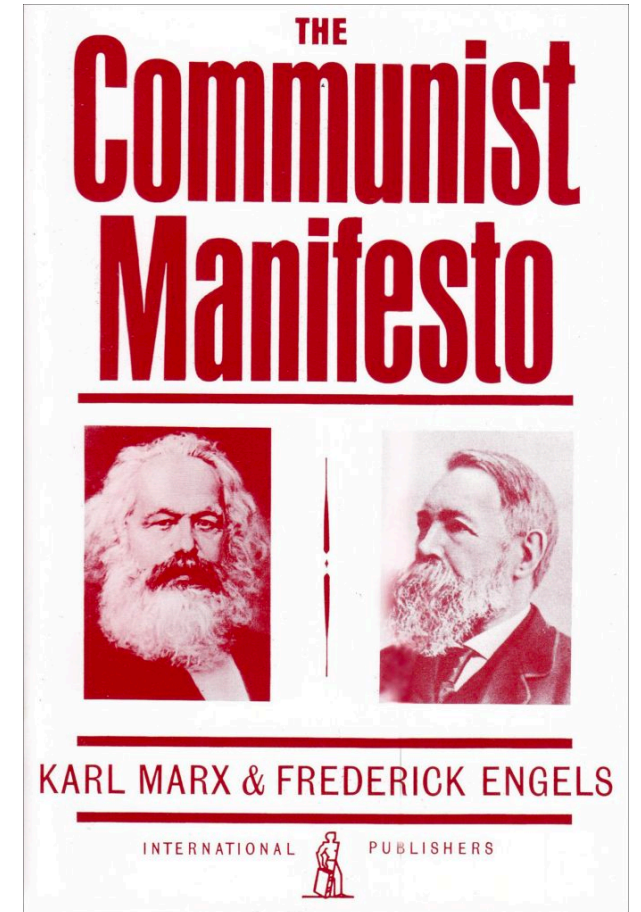
- Natural states
- Open access orders
 - North, Douglass Cecil, John Joseph Wallis, and Barry R. Weingast. 2009. *Violence and social orders: a conceptual framework for interpreting recorded human history*. Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press.



In what conditions do
natural states give way to
open access orders?

Class interests and state-making

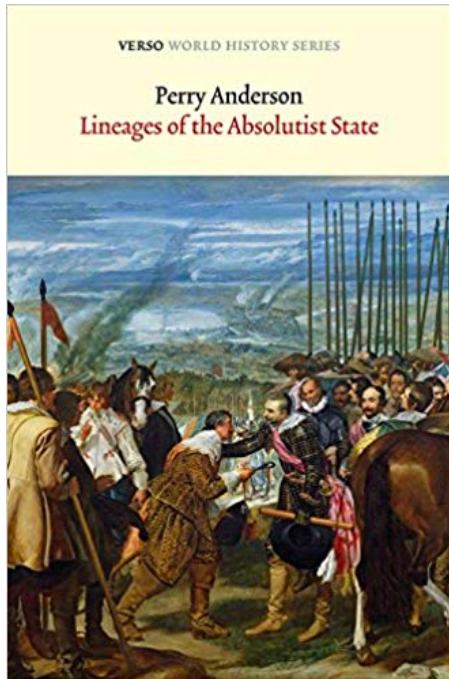
- Marx and Engels:
 - “The executive of the modern state is nothing but a committee for managing the common affairs of the whole bourgeoisie.”
 - Marx, Karl, and Frederick Engels. 1848. “Manifesto of the Communist Party.”



Class interests and state-making

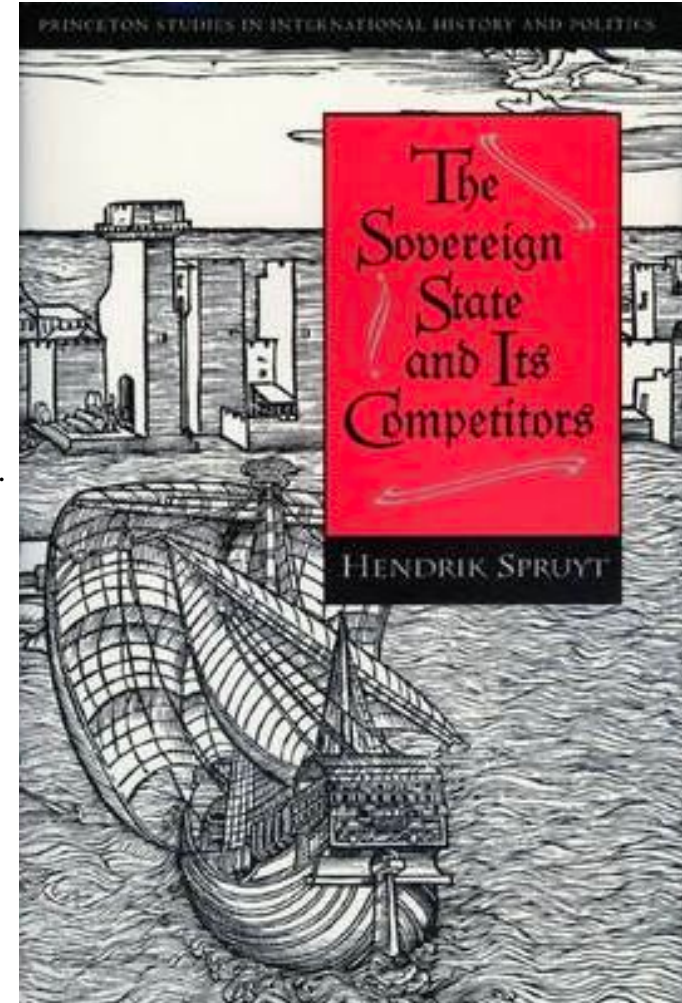
- The absolutist state as "a redeployed and recharged apparatus of feudal domination, designed to clamp the peasant masses back into their traditional social position"

- Anderson, Perry. 2013. *Lineages of the Absolutist State*. London: Verso.



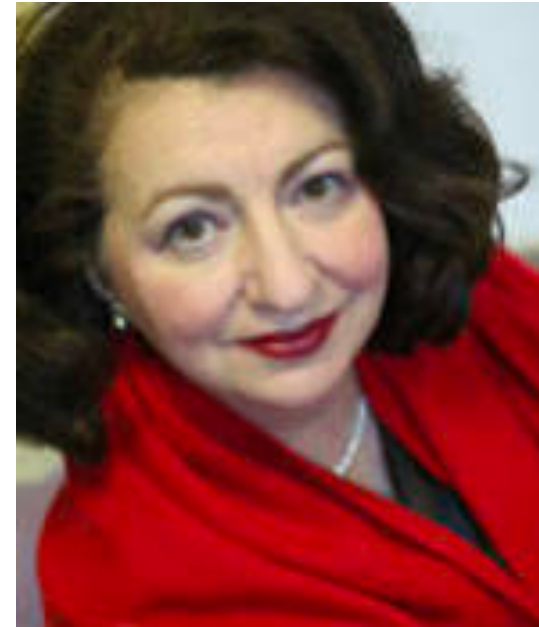
Economic and political development in state-making

- War-making +
- Standardization of currencies and measures, establishment of clearer territorial boundaries
→ economic development
- Spruyt, Hendrik. 2005. *The sovereign state and its competitors: an analysis of systems change*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.



What has been the role of
'culture' in state-making?

Nationalism, religion, and state-making



Diffusion of states

- Spruyt: ‘mutual empowerment’
- World society theory:
 - Isomorphism
- Andrews, Pritchett, and Woolcock:
 - Isomorphic mimicry
 - Andrews, Matt, Lant Pritchett, and Michael Woolcock. 2017. “Building State Capability : Evidence, Analysis, Action.” Oxford: Oxford University Press.

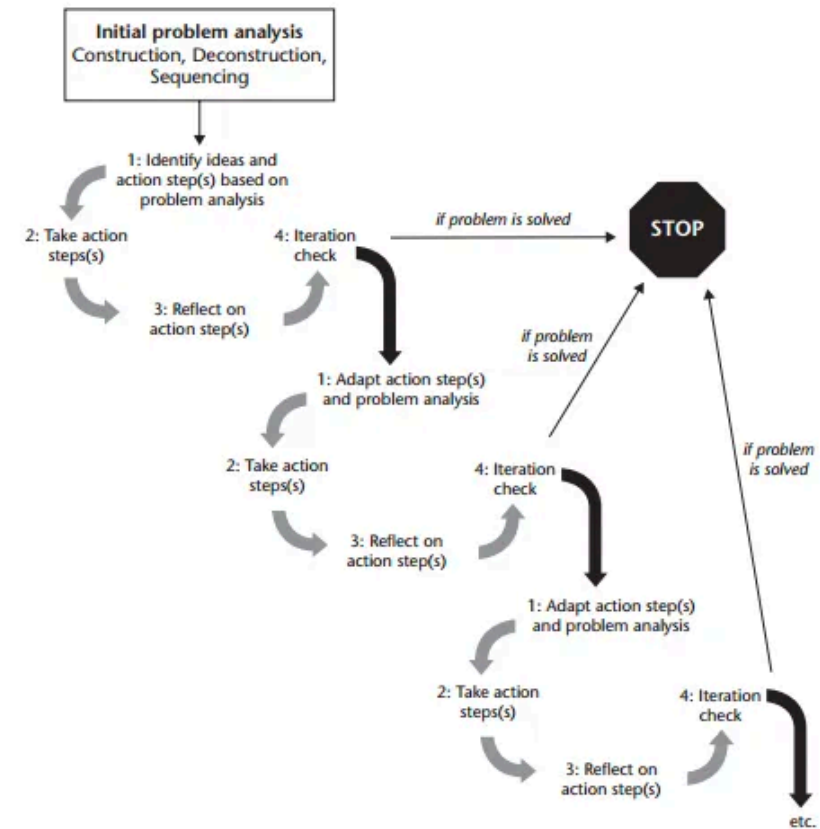


Figure 8.2. The iterative process in simple form

Which theory best explains
the formation of the
American state?