In the last few years a number of important books have appeared that combine elements of economics reasoning and political science, in an effort to understand the wide variation in economic development in the world. This course will deal with the logic apparatus underpinning these books. In addition, the course will introduce the student to the theoretical apparatus that can be used to examine democratic institutions in the developed world, and the success or otherwise of moves to democratization in the less developed world.

**Requirements.** Students will be expected to work on two short research papers, either empirically or theoretically based. The total length of these essays should be approximately 20pp. If time permits, there will be an opportunity for students to make a presentation of their work at the end of the semester.

My books and articles are available on my website at [http://polisci.wustl.edu/norman_schofield](http://polisci.wustl.edu/norman_schofield)

**Required Books**


This book will be available in the bookshop.

Norman Schofield, *Leadership or Chaos*, (LC) manuscript.

I have electronic copies of the following manuscripts:


**Additional Readings**

Gregory Clark, *A Farewell to Alms*, Princeton University Press (2007) and essays by Clark


Paul Collier, *Wars Guns and Votes*, Harper, 2009 and essays by Collier

Weeks 1 to 5. January 17-February 14
Norman Schofield, *Leadership or Chaos* chapters 1 and 2
Gregory Clark, *A Farewell to Alms* and articles

Part 2. Democracy

Weeks 6 and 7. February 21-28

Norman Schofield, *Leadership or Chaos* chapters 5 to 8

Week 8: Mid term break March 5-11.

Part 3: Democratization

Weeks 9 to 11 March 13 –March 27
Douglass North, Barry Weingast and John Wallis, *Violence and Social Orders*.
Paul Collier. *Wars, Guns and Votes*
Readings on “Failed States” by Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson

Part 3: International Political Economy – The Atlantic Constitution and The Emergence of International Institutions after WWII

Week 12 April 3-5.

Part 4: The Politics of Climate Change

Week 13 April 10 and 12
W. Calvin, *Human Evolution and Abrupt Climate Change*.
N.Stern, *The Economics of Climate Change*

Part 5: Final discussion/class presentations

Week 14 April 17-9
Week 15 April 24-26 no class completion of projects