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 and Maria Gallego *Leadership or Chaos.* (LC)(Springer 2013)

I have electronic copies of the following manuscripts:

Weeks 1 to 5. August 28-September 25
Norman Schofield, Leadership or Chaos chapters 1 and 2
Norman Schofield, Architects of Political Change: Constitutional Quandaries and Social Choice Theory, chapters 1 to 5.
Gregory Clark, A Farewell to Alms and articles

Part 2. Democracy
Weeks 6 and 7. October 2-9
Norman Schofield, Leadership or Chaos chapters 5 to 8

Part 3: Democratization
Weeks 8 to 11 October 16 –November 6
Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson, Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy.
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 November 13

Part 4: The Politics of Climate Change
Week 13 November 20
W. Calvin, Human Evolution and Abrupt Climate Change.
N. Stern, The Economics of Climate Change
Week 14 Thanksgiving
Part 5: Week 15
Final discussion/class presentations

**Week 16** December 4 no class completion and submission of projects