

Boston College
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Contention in Global South

It is very common for ordinary citizens to use contentious methods to make claims in the global south. In this course we investigate the shapers and movers of contention in global south. We particularly focus on the effect of political institutions, repression political economy, migration, ethnicity, organizations, and tactics of protestors. States are also actively involved in sponsoring moving in the global south, and revolutions also make an important class of contentious politics in the global south. These topics make the structuring categories for this graduate seminar.

In this course we aim to learn about the main research questions asked about contention in global south and the literature developed to answer such questions. We also want to learn about different methodologies and sources of data used by different researchers, and form our own research proposals about contention in global south.

Academic Integrity:

You must maintain academic integrity through all exams, quizzes, and written assignments. Please read carefully the provisions [here](#), make certain you understand and adhere to them, and ask me to clarify any questions you have.

Course Requirements:

Participation and Class assignments (20 points):

Active participation in class discussion is a major requirement for this course. Everyone is also responsible for leading the discussion for two class sessions.

Reading notes (30 points):

For each reading, please note the research question, main argument, research design and data description, and the analysis. Your weekly reading notes should offer reflections on the readings including critical observations, identification of further questions to pursue, applicability of concepts and theories in the reading to other cases, and so forth. For each reading, please also include the full bibliography.

Paper (50 points): In addition to the weekly reading notes and initiating discussion, the other major requirement is a research paper. Your paper can take one of three forms: (1) research proposal, (2) literature review, or (3) an empirical paper. Your paper will be developed through an initial plan (due

Friday, February 17th), a rough draft on Friday April 7rd, and a final version due at the end of the 2 semester (May 2nd). I will provide a separate handout describing this assignment in greater detail. We will set aside time for everyone to discuss and get feedback on their papers throughout the semester.

Date	Topic	Reading
January 17	Introduction	Tilly, Charles, and Sidney Tarrow. 2015. <i>Contentious Politics</i> . 2nd edition. New York, NY: Oxford University Press. "Making Claims"
January 24	Political Institutions	<p>Almeida, Paul D. 2003. "Opportunity Organizations and Threat-Induced Contention: Protest Waves in Authoritarian Settings." <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> 109(2):345–400. doi: 10.1086/378395.</p> <p>Robertson, Graeme B. 2007. "Strikes and Labor Organization in Hybrid Regimes." <i>American Political Science Review</i> 101(4):781–98. doi: 10.1017/S0003055407070475.</p> <p>Reuter, Ora John, and Graeme B. Robertson. 2015. "Legislatures, Cooptation, and Social Protest in Contemporary Authoritarian Regimes." <i>The Journal of Politics</i> 77(1):235–48. doi: 10.1086/678390.</p> <p>Inclán, María de la Luz. 2008. "From the ¡Ya Basta! To the Caracoles: Zapatista Mobilization under Transitional Conditions." <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> 113(5):1316–50. doi: 10.1086/525508.</p> <p>Chin, John, Wonjun Song, and Joseph Wright. 2022. "Personalization of Power and Mass Uprisings in Dictatorships." <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> 1–20. doi: 10.1017/S0007123422000114.</p> <p>Cornell, Agnes, and Marcia Grimes. 2015. "Institutions as Incentives for Civic Action: Bureaucratic Structures, Civil Society, and Disruptive Protests." <i>The Journal of Politics</i> 77(3):664–78. doi: 10.1086/681058.</p>
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March 7

March 14 Strategies &
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April 11	Revolutions	Beissinger, Mark R. 2022. <i>The Revolutionary City</i> . Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press.
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April 25	Democratization	Kadivar, Mohammad Ali. 2022. <i>Popular Politics and the Path to Durable Democracy</i> . Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press.
May 2	Student Presentations	