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This course is an introduction to political economy, the twilight zone where politics and economics intersect. It reviews some of the classic concepts and looks at how they are being applied in contemporary research. The syllabus is ecumenical and eclectic, on the assumption that no single approach holds all the answers. Students are expected to attain a superficial grasp of a broad range of ideas and a thorough mastery of those few approaches that appeal to them.

The first half of the course introduces some key concepts and analytical tools that you have not yet been fully exposed to in the CSS curriculum. We look at the tension between structure and agency, and the limits of rational actor explanations. The second half of the course tackles some contemporary debates and policy challenges. We will collectively choose the topics for the final two weeks.

Assessment

Students will form groups of 2-3 and make one presentation during the course of the semester. Groups will sign up on Wednesday of Week Two.

Each week students will submit a two page commentary on one or more of the week's readings, to be emailed to <prutland> by 10.00 am Wednesday. You are allowed to skip three weeks, and you will not submit a report during your presentation week, so eight assignments will be due in all.

Assessment will consist of two parts:

- 1) 20% class participation, including presentation and occasional extra credit reports.
- 3) 80% eight weekly papers, two pages in length.

Suggested book purchases

Douglass North	<i>Institutions, Institutional Change and Economic Performance</i> (1990)
Jeffrey Sachs	<i>The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time</i> (2006)
Paul Collier	<i>The Bottom Billion: Why the Poorest Countries are Failing</i> (2008)
Jack Snyder	<i>From Voting to Violence. Democratization and Nationalist Conflict</i> (2000)
Naomi Klein	<i>The Shock Doctrine: the Rise of Disaster Capitalism</i> (2007)
David Harvey	<i>A Brief History of Neoliberalism</i> (2007)
Nouriel Roubini & Stephen Mihm	<i>Crisis Economics</i> (2010)

Optional purchases, since they are available as ebooks through Olin:

Milton Friedman	<i>Capitalism and Freedom</i> (2002) [ebook]
Randall Peerenboom	<i>China Modernizes: Threat to the West or Model for the Rest?</i> (2007) [ebook]

Required readings for each week are marked with *.

All the readings [underlined in blue](#) are hyperlinked to Wesfiles.

The suggested book purchases together with some of the other books mentioned are on Olin reserve.

Additional materials, and grades, will be posted on the CSS 391 Moodle site.

Unexplained absence from three classes will be treated as withdrawal from the course.

Plagiarism (using material not written by you and without clear attribution to the source) will not be tolerated.

You are welcome to bring laptops to class but you must NOT use them for email or web surfing.

Week 1
Sept 8-10

COLLECTIVE ACTION DILEMMAS

For this week the assignment will be an exercise: choose a specific example of a collective action dilemma and model it using the prisoner's dilemma framework. Make sure you understand these concepts: free rider, public good, Tragedy of the Commons, credible commitment, Condorcet Paradox, Downs' median voter theorem.

- * Mancur Olson [*The Logic of Collective Action*](#) (1971) part 1
- * Russell Hardin [‘The free rider problem,’](#) *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*
- * Garrett Hardin [‘The Tragedy of the Commons’](#) (1968)
- * Wikipedia [Public good, Tragedy of the Commons, Prisoner's dilemma](#)
- Duncan Black [‘On the rationale of group decision-making,’](#) *Journal of Political Economy*, 56: 1, Feb. 1948, 23-34
- Anthony Downs [An Economic Theory of Democracy](#) (1958) ch. 8
- Gordon Tullock [‘Why so much stability?’](#) *Public Choice* 37: 2, 1981, 189

Week 2
Sept 15-17

STATISM AND ITS CRITICS

A review of some of the classic arguments for individualism and against the state as a trustworthy solution to collective action dilemmas.

- * Milton Friedman [*Capitalism and Freedom*](#) (1962)
- * F.A. Hayek [‘The use of knowledge in society,’](#) *American Economic Review*, 35: 4, 1945: 519-30
- James Buchanan [‘Public choice,’](#) *Policy*, 19: 3, 2003, 13-18
- James Buchanan [‘Afraid to be free,’](#) *Public Choice*, 124, 2005, 19-31
- Milton Friedman [Greed is good](#) 1979 interview on Youtube

Also a look at James Scott's left-anarchist critique of statism:

- * James Scott [*Seeing Like A State*](#) (1998), Introduction, chs. 1, 6. [also ebook]
- James Scott [‘The Moral Economy of the Peasant,’](#) ch. 6

Week 3
Sept 22-24

INSTITUTIONAL SOLUTIONS TO COLLECTIVE ACTION DILEMMAS

The rational choice answer: the evolution of institutions that resolve collective action dilemmas: the rule of law, private property, the corporation. This evolutionary story rests heavily on the UK and US cases.

- * Douglass North [*Institutions, Institutional Change and Economic Performance*](#) (1990)
- * Douglass C. North, John Wallis & Barry Weingast [‘Violence and the rise of open-access orders,’](#) *Journal of Democracy*, 20: 1, Jan 2009, 55-68
- Oliver Williamson [‘Transaction cost economics,’](#) ch. 1 in *The Economic Institutions of Capitalism* (1985), 15-42
- Oliver Williamson [‘The modern corporation,’](#) *J of Econ Literature*, 19:4, 1981, 1537-68
- Ronald H. Coase [‘The problem of social cost,’](#) *J of Law and Economics*, 3: 1, 1960, 1-44
- Ronald H. Coase [‘The nature of the firm’](#) *Economica*, 4: 16, Nov 1937, 386-405
- Sven Steinmo [‘Institutionalism,’](#) in Nelson Polsby (ed), *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences* (2001)
- Daron Acemoglu [‘Why not a political Coase theorem?’](#), *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 31, (2003), 620-52
- Eli M. Salzberger [‘The independence of the judiciary: An economic analysis’](#) (2001)
- Barry Weingast [‘The political foundations of democracy and the rule of law,’](#) *American Political Science Review*, 91: 2, Jun 1997, 245-63

Week 4
Sept 29

PATH DEPENDENCY

Is path dependency a usable paradigm? Can it help explain the collapse of the USSR?

- * Paul David ‘[Clio and the econometrics of QWERTY](#),’ *American Economic Review*, 75: 2, May 1985, 332-37
- * Paul Pierson ‘[Increasing returns, path dependence and the study of politics](#),’ *American Political Science Review*, 94: 2, June, 2000, 251-67
- B. Guy Peters, ‘[The politics of path dependency: political conflict in historical](#)
J. Pierre & D. King [institutionalism](#),’ *The Journal of Politics*, 67: 4, 2005, 1275-1300
- James Mahoney ‘[Path dependency in historical sociology](#),’ *Theory and Society*, 2000, 29: 4, 507-48
- Paul Pierson & ‘[Historical institutionalism in contemporary political science](#)’ in Milner
Theda Skocpol & Katznelson (eds), *Political Science: The State of the Discipline* (2002)
- Peter Rutland ‘[The Russian revolution of 1991 and the dissolution of the USSR](#)’ (2006)

Week 4
Oct 1

REVOLUTION

Why do revolutions happen – why does path dependency break down?
Are revolutions in fact possible in the contemporary world?

- * Timur Kuran ‘[Now out of never: The element of surprise in the East European](#)
 [revolution of 1989](#),’ *World Politics*, 44, Oct 1991, 7-48
- Gordon Tullock ‘[The paradox of revolution](#),’ *Public Choice*, 11, 1971 89-99
- Jack Goldstone (ed) *Revolutions: Theoretical, Comparative, and Historical Studies* (2007)
- James DeFronzo ‘[Revolutions and Revolutionary Movements](#)’ (2007) ch. 1
- Eric Selbin ‘[What was revolutionary about the Iranian revolution](#),’ *Comparative*
 Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East, 29, 1, 2009, 33-46
- Mansoor Moaddel ‘[Ideology as episodic discourse: the case of the Iranian Revolution](#),’
 American Sociological Review, 57: 3, 1992, 353-379

Week 5
Oct 6

CORRUPTION

1) Why are so many politicians and state officials corrupt?
2) What can be done to decrease corruption?

- * Andrei Shleifer & Robert Vishny ‘[Corruption](#),’ *Quarterly Jour of Economics*, Aug 1993, 599-617
- Lawrence Rosen ‘[Understanding corruption](#),’ *American Interest*, Mar 2010
- [Transparency International](#) Indices, reports, analysis
- Ben & Fritz Heineman ‘[The long war against corruption](#),’ *Foreign Affairs* 85: 3 May 2006 75-86
- Jacob Svensson ‘8 questions about corruption,’ *Jour of Econ Perspectives*, 19: 3, 2005
- Susan Rose-Ackerman *Corruption and Government* (1999)
- Robert Klitgaard *Controlling Corruption* (1991)
- Robert Klitgaard *Tropical Gangsters* (1991)
- Ajit Mishra *The Economics of Corruption* (2005)

Oct 11
Monday

David Harvey “Crises, global disruptions and the future of capitalism”
Center for Humanities lecture, Russell House, 4.30 pm.

Week 5
Oct 8

NETWORK ANALYSIS

What can economists & political scientists learn from sociological analysis of networks?
What is the relationship between informal networks and formal institutional structures.
Do political scientists have the tools to study the former?

- * Mark Granovetter [‘The strength of weak ties,’](#) *American Journal of Sociology*, 78: 6, May 1973, 1360-80
- Mark Granovetter [‘The strength of weak ties: a network theory revisited,’](#) *Sociological Theory*, 1, 1983, 201-33
- Mark Granovetter [Getting a Job](#) (1995) Introduction
- Manuel Castells & Gustavo Cardoso [The Network Society](#) (2006), ch. 1, 1-21
- Mario Diani & Doug McAdams (eds.) [Social Movements and Networks](#) (2003)
- Duncan J. Watts [‘The new science of networks’](#) *Annl Rev of Sociology*, 30, 2004, 243-70
- John Scott [Social Network Analysis](#) (1999), chs. 4-5
- Movie [The Social Network](#) (released this week!)

Week 6
Oct 13-15

FROM KEYNES TO NEOLIBERALISM

While rational choice focuses on the calculation of interest, ideas also matter.
What is neoliberalism, and why did it rise in the 1990s?

- * Naomi Klein [The Shock Doctrine: the Rise of Disaster Capitalism](#) (2007)
- * David Harvey [A Brief History of Neoliberalism](#) (2007)
- Stephanie Lee Mudge [‘What is neo-liberalism?’](#) *Socio-Economic Review*, 6: 4, 2008: 703-731
- Mark Blyth [‘Structures do not come with an instruction sheet,’](#) *Perspectives on Politics*, 1: 4, 2003: 695-706
- Kenneth Hoover [‘The rise of conservative capitalism: Reagan & Thatcher Governments’](#) *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 29: 2, 1987: 245-268.
- James Tobin [‘The conservative counter-revolution in economic policy,’](#) *The Journal of Economic Education*, 14: 1, 1983:30-39
- Robert Skidelsky [‘Economists clash on shifting sands,’](#) *Financial Times*, 9 Jun 2009
- Mark Blyth [Great Transformations: Economic Ideas and Institutional Change in the 20th Century](#) (2002)
- Colin Hay [‘Review of Blyth,’](#) *RIPE*, 11:1 Feb 2004, 204-26
- Naomi Klein [Shock Doctrine](#) (video promo for her book)
- Naomi Klein [Disaster capitalism](#) (2007 interview)
- Copious Dissent [Milton Friedman vs Naomi Klein](#) (video clips)
- Hayek vs Keynes [‘Fear the boom and bust’](#) rap

Week 7
Oct 20

CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF THE 2008 CRASH

Guest lecturer: Mark Blyth, Brown University.

- * Nouriel Roubini & Stephen Mihm [Crisis Economics](#) (2010)
- * Mark Blyth [‘Bouncy castle finance,’](#) *Foreign Policy*, 14 Sep 2009
- Martin Wolf [Fixing Global Finance](#) (2010)
- Nasim Taleb [‘The fourth quadrant: A map of the limits of statistics,’](#) (2008)
- Peter Goodman [‘US Loan effort adding to housing woes.’](#) NYT, 2 Jan 2010
- Matt Taibi [‘The great American bubble machine,’](#) *Rolling Stone*, 9 July 2009.
- Carmen Reinhart & Kenneth Rogoff [‘This time its different: 800 years of financial crises,’](#) NBER, Mar 2008
- Reinhart & Rogoff [‘The aftermath of financial crises,’](#) NBER, Jan 2009
- PBS [Inside the Meltdown](#) (2009) – watch the program online

Week 7
Oct 22

RESOURCE CURSE

Are natural resources a curse or a blessing for development and democracy?

- * Terry Lynn Karl [‘The perils of the petro-state,’](#) *Jour of Internat Affairs*, 53: 1, fall 1999
- Michael L. Ross [‘The political economy of the resource curse,’](#) *World Politics*, 51:1, Jan. 1999, 297-322
- Michael L. Ross [‘Does oil hinder democracy?’](#) *World Politics*, 53: 3, 2001, 325-361
- Michael Herb [‘No representation without taxation? Rents, development, and democracy,’](#) *Comparative Politics*, 37: 3, April 2005, 297-317
- Jeffrey Sachs & Andrew Warner [‘The curse of natural resources,’](#) *European Economic Review*, 45 2001, 827-38
- Richard Auty [‘The political economy of resource-driven growth,’](#) *European Economic Review*, 45, 2001, 839-46

Oct 28
4.30 pm

How governments and protestors exploit new technology in China

Freeman Center lecture by Dr. Irene Wu, Federal Communications Commission.

Week 8
Oct 27-29

THE CHALLENGE OF DEVELOPMENT

Does aid help or hinder development? Do you believe in the Collier or Sachs solutions? Or was Milton Friedman right all along?

- * Paul Collier *The Bottom Billion* (2008)
- * Jeffrey Sachs *The End of Poverty* (2006)
- * Andrei Shleifer [‘The age of Milton Friedman,’](#) *Journal of Economic Literature*, 47: 1, Mar. 2009, 123–35
- Institute for Development Studies [Concern for the Bottom Billion](#) (responses to Collier) 2008
- William Easterly [‘The big push déjà vu: A review of Jeffrey Sachs’s *The End of Poverty*,’](#) *Journal of Economic Literature*, 44: 2, Mar 2006, 118-127
- William Easterly [Can the West save Africa? *J of Econ Literature*, 47: 2 Jun 2009 373-47](#)
- William Easterly [‘Does foreign aid add up?’](#), *Foreign Policy*, Aug 2001
- William Easterly *The White Man’s Burden* (2005)
- Dambisa Moyo *Dead Aid. Why Aid is Not Working* (2009)
- [Globalization debate](#) Joseph Stiglitz, Jeffrey Sachs, and Mark Malloch-Brown (2003)

Week 9
Nov 3-5

DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT

Does democracy help or hinder development? What can we learn from big-N studies?

- * Carles Boix [Democracy and Redistribution](#) (2003) 1-59, also ch. 7
- * Morton Halperin et al [The Democracy Advantage: How Democracies Promote Prosperity and Peace](#), (2005), ch. 5
- * Amartya Sen [‘Democracy as a universal value,’](#) *Journal of Democracy*, 10: 3, July 1999, 3-17
- James A. Robinson & Daron Acemoglu [‘Economic development and democracy,’](#) *Annual Reviews of Political Science*, 9, 2006, 503-27
- Robinson & Acemoglu *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy* 2006
- Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson & James Robinson [‘The colonial origins of comparative development’](#)
- Dani Rodrik et al [‘Institutions Rule: The primacy of institutions over geography and integration in economic development,’](#) *Journal of Economic Growth*, 2004, 9: 2, 131-65
- Adam Przeworski et al [‘Modernization: Facts and theories,’](#) *World Politics*, 49:2, 1997 155-83
- Carles Boix & S. Stokes [‘Endogenous democratization,’](#) *World Politics* 55: 4, Jul 2003, 517-49

Week 10
Nov 10

DEMOCRACY AND CONFLICT

How does democracy cope with economic inequality and ethnic division?
Is majoritarianism and electoral competition enough?

- * Jack Snyder *From Voting to Violence* (2000)
- Paul Collier *Wars, Guns, and Votes* (2010)
- Chris Blattman 'Civil war,' *Journal of Economic Literature*, 48: 1, Mar 2010, 3-57
- James D. Fearon & David D. Laitin '[Ethnicity, insurgency, and civil war](#),' *American Political Science Review*, 97: 1 (Feb 2003), 79-90

Week 10
Nov 12

EUROPEAN VARIETIES OF CAPITALISM

What is the distinctive model of capitalism that has evolved in Europe, and how is it facing up to the challenges of globalization? Does globalization produce convergence or divergence in the forms of capitalist institutions in different nations?

- C. Martin & K. Thelen '[The state and coordinated capitalism](#),' *World Politics*, 60: 1 2007, 1-36
- Vivienne Schmidt '[Bringing the state back in yet again](#),' *World Politics*, 61: 3, 7/09 516-46
- Peter Hall & David Soskice (eds.) *Varieties of Capitalism: The Institutional Foundations of Comparative Advantage* (2001), ch. 1
- Andreas Nolke & Arajan Vliegthart '[Enlarging the varieties of capitalism: East Central Europe](#),' *World Politics*, 61: 4, Oct 2009, 670-702
- Daniel Ziblatt '[How did Europe democratize?](#),' *World Politics*, 58: 1, 2006, 311-38
- Peter Gourevitch 'The role of politics in economic development,' *Annual Review of Political Science* 11: 1, 2008, 137-159.

Week 11
Nov 17-19

THE BEIJING CONSENSUS

China seems to be demonstrating that you can have capitalism without democracy.
Will China's growth pattern continue for the foreseeable future?
Will the Chinese Communist Party stay in power indefinitely?
Can China serve as a model for other struggling countries?

- * Orion Lewis & Jessica Teets *A China Model?* (2009)
- * Yan Sun '[Corruption, growth, and reform](#),' *Current History*, Sept 2005
- * Randall Peerenboom *China Modernizes: Threat to the West or Model for the Rest?* (2007)
Chs. 1,2 9 [ebook, can be read through the Olin catalog entry]
- Yingyi Qian '[How reform worked in China](#),' in Dani Rodrik (ed), *In Search of Prosperity* (2003) 297-333
- Yingyi Qian '[Transformation in China](#),' (2005)
- Mark Leonard *What Does China Think?* (2008)
- Minxin Pei *China's Trapped Transition: Limits of Developmental Autocracy* 2008
- Dali Yang *Remaking the Chinese Leviathan* (2004)
- Lee Branstetter & Nicholas Lardy '[China's Embrace of Globalization](#),' NBER WP #12373, 07/06
- Ian Bremmer *The End of the Free Market?* (2009)
- Goldman Sachs '[Dreaming with the BRICs](#)' (2003)
- Larry Diamond '[Liberation technology](#),' *Journal of Democracy*, 21: 3, July 2010, 69-83

Week 13
Dec 3

TOPICS IN DEMOCRATIC THEORY

What is the state of democracy in the world today?
Is democracy all that it is cracked up to be?
What is the relationship between rights and representation? [Zakaria]
How can systems of representation be improved, or should we be satisfied with the Schumpeterian minimum?

Arch Puddington Freedom House Ian Shapiro	' <u>Erosion of Freedom intensifies</u> ,' Freedom House 2010. <i>Freedom in the World 2010 Survey</i> ' <u>The state of democratic theory</u> ,' in Ira Katznelson & Helen Milner (eds.) <i>Political Science. The State of the Discipline</i> (2002), 235-65
Russell Dalton et al John E. Mueller Larry Diamond & Leonardo Molrino	' <u>Understanding democracy</u> ,' <i>Journal of Democracy</i> , 18: 4, Oct 2007 <i>Capitalism, Democracy and Ralph's Pretty Good Grocery</i> , 243-53 ' <u>The quality of democracy</u> ,' <i>Journal of Democracy</i> , 15: 4, Oct. 2004, 20-31
David Beetham Fareed Zakaria Alan Wolfe Ian Shapiro	' <u>Freedom as the foundation</u> ,' <i>Journal of Democracy</i> , 15: 4, Oct 2004 ' <u>The rise of illiberal democracy</u> ,' <i>Foreign Affairs</i> , 76: 6, Nov 1997 <i>Does American Democracy Still Work?</i> (2006) <i>The State of Democratic Theory</i> (2005)

Week 13
Dec 5

ISLAM AND DEMOCRACY

What is the relation between Islam and democracy?
How to explain the democratic deficit in the Arab world?

Pippa Norris & Ronald Inglehart Fares Braizat Larry Diamond	' <u>Islam and the West</u> . Testing the clash of civilizations thesis,' May 2002 ' <u>What Arabs think</u> ,' <i>Journal of Democracy</i> , 21: 4, Oct. 2010, 131-138 ' <u>Why are there no Arab democracies?</u> ' <i>Journal of Democracy</i> 21: 1, (Jan 2010): 93-112
Charles Kurzman & Ijlal Naqvi Vali Nasr Adrian Karatnycky	' <u>Do Muslims vote Islamic?</u> ,' <i>Journal of Democracy</i> , 21: 2 April 2010, 50-63 ' <u>The rise of "Muslim Democracy"</u> ,' <i>Jr. of Democracy</i> , 16: 2, Apr 2005 ' <u>Moslem countries & the democracy gap</u> ,' <i>Journal of Democracy</i> , 13: 1, Jan. 2002
Pippa Norris & Ronald Inglehart Ronald Inglehart & Christian Welzel	<i>Sacred and Secular. Religion and Politics Worldwide</i> (2000) <i>Modernization, Cultural Change, and Democracy: The Human Development Sequence</i> (2005)

MOSLEM MINORITIES AND GROUP RIGHTS

Stephanie Giry Jane Freedman	' <u>France and its Moslems</u> ,' <i>Foreign Affairs</i> , 85: 5 (Sept 2006) 87-104 ' <u>Secularism as a barrier to integration in France</u> ,' <i>International Migration Review</i> , 42: 3 (2004) 5-25
Will Kymlicka Will Kymlicka & Christine Straehle Brian Barry	<i>Multicultural Citizenship</i> (1995), 11-26 on 'Multination states' ' <u>Cosmopolitanism, nation-states, and minority nationalism</u> ,' <i>European Journal of Philosophy</i> , 7: 1 (April 1999), 65-85 <i>Culture and Equality: An Egalitarian Critique of Multiculturalism</i> (2001)

WEEK 14
Dec 10-12

THE INTERNET, THE MARKET AND DEMOCRACY

There are multiple aspects to this issue, from questions of regulation and property rights; through to the likely impact of the Internet on political life, in both democracies and dictatorships.

- Larry Diamond 'Liberation technology,' *Journal of Democracy*, 21: 3, July 2010, 69-83
- Malcolm Gladwell "Small Change. Why the revolution will not be tweeted," *The New Yorker*, October 4, 2010
- The Economist* "A cyber house divided," 2 Sept. 2010.
- Robert Farris & "Madison and the smart mob," *Fletcher Forum of World Affairs*, 32: 2, 2008
- Bruce Etling
- Vincent Price "Citizens Deliberating Online: Theory and Some Evidence" (Harvard, 2006)
- Mark Belinsky Google's Internet at Liberty Conference, Budapest, 7 October 2010
- Jared Keller "Evaluating Iran's 'Twitter revolution," *Atlantic*, 21 June 2010.
- Nicholas Gruen "Adam Smith 2.0: Emergent Public Good, Intellectual Property and the Rhetoric of Remix" (May 2009)
- Yochai Benkler "Coase's Penguin, or linux and the nature of the firm," *Yale Law Journal*, 112, 2002.
- Yochai Benkler "Commons-based Peer Production and Virtue," *The Journal of Political Philosophy*, 14: 4, 2006, 394-419
- & Helen Nissenbaum
- Yochai Benkler "After Selfishness - Wikipedia 1. Hobbes 0 at Half Time" (youtube)
- Lawrence Lessig "The internet under siege," *Foreign Policy*, (November/December 2001).
- Oped debate "Room for debate on net neutrality," *New York Times*, 10 August 2010.
- Chris Anderson & "The web is dead. Long live the internet," *Wired*, 17 August 2010.
- Michael Wolff
- Thomas W. Hazlett "Is Google more open than Apple?," *Financial Times*, 15 July 2010.
- Tim Wu "Network neutrality, broadband discrimination," *Journal of Telecommunications and High Technology Law*, 2, 141, 2003.
- Tim Wu & Lawrence Lessig "Why a neutral network," August 2003.

Books:

- Jonathan Zittrain *The Future of the Internet--And How to Stop It* (2008)
- Matthew Hyndman *The Myth of Digital Democracy* (2008)
- Cass Sunstein *Republic.com 2.0* (2009)
- Clay Shirky *Here Comes Everybody: The Power of Organizing Without Organizations* (2009)
- James Surowiecki *The Wisdom of Crowds* (2005)
- Yochai Benkler *The Wealth of Networks: How Social Production Transforms Markets and Freedom* (2007)