**Pol 670 Regions in International Politics**

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**Syllabus**

**Course Goals:**

This research seminar has four objectives. The first is to come to grips with our extant knowledge regarding the salience of regions in international politics, and to come to understand how our knowledge base needs to be expanded. The role of regions in international politics has been extensive, yet a comparative assessment of regions has been retarded by conceptual ambiguity, theoretical inadequacies, and a lack of systematic empirical analysis based on a solid conceptual foundation. We will try to remedy some of these shortcomings by exploring alternative approaches to delineating regions and state membership in those regions; b) searching for a substantively meaningful theoretical framework for approaching regional effects; and c) through some empirical research on our part, to delineate some regional impacts on conflict and cooperation processes.

 In pursuing this objective, I’m hoping that you will seek to integrate your substantive research interests (to the extent that you have already developed them) with a stronger understanding of how regions impact on those interests.

 The second objective is to take the work we develop and create some opportunities for you to publish in significant journals of the discipline and the field. Our past seminar efforts had resulted in numerous publications in journals and two edited books. The hope is that we have sufficiently significant findings through the seminar to develop several stand-alone pieces worthy of publication, and to refine those findings after the seminar to yield some positive outcomes that will assist you to go on the market (if that is your intent).

 The third objective is to acquaint you with the trials, tribulations, and potential rewards for collaborative research. A quick perusal of most journals featuring work in IR will lead to the inescapable conclusion that most scholarship is no longer the product of a single person. Typically, scholars now work together, share their approaches and complement their strengths in creating scholarship. This is not an easy process, but it appears to be the most fruitful one presently.

 The final objective is to provide you with an assessment of your strengths and weaknesses as you move forward toward the completion of your PhD program and the development of your dissertation. In some sense the seminar will test your strengths both in terms of your conceptual/ theoretical understanding of the field, and your handling of research design and methodological issues.

**The Approach to the Seminar:**

 Typically, we would start this seminar by spending the first ten meetings reading and analyzing the extant literature in the area of comparative regional analysis. I’ve made a decision however that this would be a colossal waste of time: the literature is not very good. In fact, two of us working in this area just constructed a panel on comparative regional analysis for a global conference and had enormous difficulty finding a qualified discussant (based on the quality of the person’s work on this subject). So, rather than having your mind turn to sludge by reading not very good literature, I decided to assign a very few articles that either summarize the contours of the literature or suggest theoretical orientations and empirical findings for us to consider. I have downloaded all the required readings for you and will make them available to you at the first session of the seminar. However, if you wish to read more on your own (and you may want to do some of that for “comps”), I’ve referenced much of this literature below (Appendix A).

 Instead, I want us to focus more explicitly on what’s missing in the literature and trying to find remedies for addressing those pieces of the puzzle. As one framing device, I offer our most recent effort at conceptualizing and delineating regions and state membership in them (Volgy et al. 2017a, and Appendix F in this syllabus). In addition to that effort, the piece also lays out a theoretical approach to assessing the impact of regions on conflict, cooperation, and diffusion processes. I don’t know how strong that theoretical approach is—since I’m hoping we will be testing its impact—and if you can develop an alternative approach and seek to apply it, that is your option and you are encouraged to do so. If not, I’m assuming we all will be working with the same theoretical framework (with appropriate modifications as we proceed).

 We will have two research projects. One is going to be a coordinated one between all of us, focused on how much progress has occurred in this subfield over the last half century. The second one will be your own research project, (although you are welcome to collaborate with others in terms of sharing data, indicators, etc.). There is a list of research projects below (Appendix E), from which you can choose one for your own research. Alternatively, you can choose a project not on the list as long as it focuses on a comparative analysis of regions in some form. Either way, I expect that you will create a research design, execute it, and write up the results as you would for a presentation at a conference, or alternatively, for submission to a journal (for a list of the most commonly used databases in IR, see Appendix G).

There will be two outcomes from your individual project. The first will be a twenty-five minute presentation to the seminar, followed by feedback from all of us. We will raise questions following a formal discussant responding (each of you will be asked to also sign up as the discussant for someone else’s presentation).

Second, at the end of the semester, I will ask you to execute a written paper on the same subject, taking into account the issues we had raised with your oral presentation.

When the semester concludes, we will have a number of projects completed. I will then ask you if you are willing to do additional work to turn our cumulative results into one or more publishable papers (Inshallah!).

**EXPECTATIONS:**

I write this section with due apologies. I do not mean to insult, and I don’t mean to belittle anyone here. The reality is that I don’t know what your expectations are about seminar interactions, so I felt the need to make mine clear. To wit (and at the risk of making this sound like the Holy Grail):

* Missing a graduate seminar is unacceptable. I will crawl on my hands and knees to get here, and I expect you to do the same.
* Coming late to a seminar is about the same as missing one: it is incredibly rude and dismissive of what we do (not to mention one of my great pet peeves). I will never come late, will probably be here ten to twenty minutes early, and I will expect you to be on time please.
* I typically do a minimum of fifteen hours of preparation (even if it may not look like it) prior to coming to a seminar. I expect in return that you do the same…thinking about the readings (when there are readings), thinking about the subject matter, and being ready to seize the discussion and guide it so that we are all learning from your involvement in the seminar.
* Which means that I expect all of us to actively engage the seminar and participate equally in the responsibility to learn in the seminar. I expect to learn as much from you as I do from constructing and offering this seminar. To help with all of that, each week’s topic includes a set of questions that should help us focus on the materials. You should be fully prepared to answer those questions during the seminar.

**Calendar of Readings and Assignments**

**Week 1 No Class: MLK Day**

**(January 20)**

**Week 2 Introduction to the seminar**

**(January 27)**

**Week 3 A Visit from Bill Thompson**

**(February 3)**

 **READING:** Thompson, 1970\*

 Thompson, 1981a

 Thompson 1981b

 Lebovic and Thompson, 2006

 Rasler et al., 2017

 Chan and Hu, 2015

**\* *The full citation for each required reading is listed in Appendix A***

***Questions to discuss***:

1. Why is the regional level of analysis so rare in IR?
2. Must one examine 2 or more regions to do comparative regional analysis?
3. What kinds of questions should be logically excluded from comparative regional analysis?

**Week 4 Regions: A Review of the Literature + Discussion of Joint Project**

**(February 10)**

 **READINGS:** Thompson, 1973

 Volgy et al. 2017a

 Fawn, 2009

 Sbragia, 2008

 Basedau and Kollner, 2007

 Ahram, 2011

 ***Questions to ponder and discuss***:

1. How would you summarize a) The progress made on understanding regions in international relations? b) What seem to be the major holes in the literature? c) What seem to be promising areas to pursue for future research?
2. Which individual project would you wish to pursue?
3. Why? How does it fit into the extant literature on regions?
4. How would you want to proceed in terms of a workable research design?
5. To what extent does this project choice correspond with your more general research interest(s) in international politics?

**Week 5 What’s a region? Some Conceptual and Empirical Issues**

**(February 17)**

 **READINGS:** Zakhirova, 2012

 (see again) Volgy et al., 2017a

 Powers and Goertz, 2011

 Buzan and Weaver, 2003, Chapter 3 **an**d/**or** Paul, 2012, Chapter 2

 Acharya, 2007

 (optional) Thompson and Volgy 2017

 ***Questions to discuss***:

1. What are the similarities and differences in these alternative conceptualizations of regions? Why the differences?
2. What are the strengths and weaknesses of each of these approaches?
3. Think about two meta-regions (the Americas and Africa): how do these alternative conceptualizations carve out regions and states in these two meta-regions?
4. Can you think of an alternative approach that may be more useful?

**Week 6 Theories and Regions: Security as Focus**

**(February 24)**

 **READINGS:** Frazier and Stewart-Ingersoll. 2010

 Buzan and Waever, 2003, Chapter 3

 Acharya, 2009, Chapter 1

 Weisiger, 2017

 Ba, 2009, Chapter 1

 Miller, 2017

 ***Questions to discuss***:

1. What are the key differences in theoretical approaches to regional security?
2. Should regions be treated differently when considering security issues compared to other issues facing regions? Why?
3. What key variables predict best to stable security relationships within regions?

**Week 7 Theories and Regions: The role of Major and Regional Powers**

**(March 2)**

 **READINGS:** Volgy et al., 2017b

 McDonald, 2015

 Prys, 2010

 Destradi, 2010

 Lake, 2009

 Nolte, 2010

 (optional) Cline et al., 2011, Ebert and Flemes, 2018

 ***Questions to discuss***:

1. What’s a regional power? What differences and similarities in these readings regarding the delineation of regional powers? What’s the difference between regional and major powers?
2. Are all regional powers the same? What would constitute key differences between them?
3. What contextual considerations appear to be key to regional powers ordering relationships in their regions?
4. Can we figure out conditions under which external major powers are likely to penetrate some regions but not other?

**Week 8 No Class: Spring Break**

**(March 9)**

**Week 9 Theories and Regions: Cooperation and Regional Architecture**

**(March 16)**

 **READINGS:** Allen, 2018

 Goldsmith, 2006

 Haftel, 2007

 Solingen, 2008

 Acharya and Johnston, 2007, Chapter 1

 ***Question to discuss***:

1. How can we best characterize and compare regional organization across regions?
2. What appear to be the conditions that facilitate the creation of substantial regional organization in some regions but not others?
3. Is it only regions with dominant powers that are able to generate substantial regional organization?

**Week 10 No Class: ISA Annual Conference**

**(March 23)**

**Week 11 Issues /Problems/Concerns: Our Research Projects**

**(March 30)**

**Week 12 Individual Project I**

**(April 6)**

**Week 13 Individual Project II**

**(April 13)**

**Week 14 Individual Project III**

**(April 20)**

**Week 15 Individual Project IV**

**(April 27)**

**Week 16 Group Research Project Outcomes**

**(May 4)**

**Appendix A: A non-exhaustive (albeit exhausting) set of References on Comparative Regional Analysis:** Both some oldies and newer efforts.

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**APPENDIX B: Thompson’s Classifications**

***Table 1: Twenty-one Regional Subsystem Attributes or Conceptual Components***\*

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|  | Conceptual Component |
| 1. | Proximity, a primary stress on a geographical region. |
| 2.  | Actors’ pattern of relations or interactions exhibit a particular degree of regularity or intensity. |
| 3.  | Intrarelatedness – a condition wherein a change at one point in the system affects other points. |
| 4.  | Internal recognition as a distinctive area. |
| 5. | External recognition as a distinctive area. |
| 6. | One or more actors. |
| 7.  | At least two actors. |
| 8. | At least three actors. |
| 9. | Small powers only. |
| 10. | Units of power are relatively inferior to units in the dominant system. |
| 11. | Subordination in the sense that a change in the dominant system will have a greater effect on the subsystem than the reverse and there is more intensive and influential penetration of the subsystem by the dominant system than the reverse. |
| 12. | Geographical-historical zone. |
| 13. | Some degree of shared ethnic, linguistic, cultural, social and historical bonds. |
| 14. | A relatively integrated and unified area. |
| 15. | Some evidence of integration or a professed policy of achieving forthcoming economic, political, or social integration. |
| 16. | Functionally diffuse. |
| 17. | Explicit institutional relations or subsystem organization. |
| 18. | Autonomy – intrasystem actions and responses predominate over external influences.  |
| 19. | A distinctive configuration of military forces. |
| 20. | A regional equilibrium of local forces. |
| 21. | Common developmental status. |

\*Source: From Thompson and Volgy, 2017, based on Thompson, 1973

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**APPENDIX D: Journals to be Covered in Joint Project**:

*American Political Science Review*

*American Journal of Political Science*

*British Journal of Political Science*

*Conflict Management and Peace Science*

\**European Journal of International Relations*

*\*International Area Studies Review*

*International Interactions*

\**International Security*

*Journal of Politics*

*Journal of Peace Research*

*Journal of Conflict Resolution*

*Foreign Policy Analysis*

*International Interactions*

*International Studies Quarterly*

*International Organization*

*\*World Politics*

**APPENDIX E: Some Potential Research Projects**

There is one of two options (unless you can integrate them into one) you can pursue for your individual research project:

 The ***first*** is to take an ongoing research effort that you are/have been pursuing and apply it to the theme of this seminar, integrating your interest with ours. Some of those projects may not be amenable to this framework, but many of them can be.

 The ***second*** alternative is to focus on one of the topics below:

1. Why is there substantial variation in the extent to which some regions create a thick architecture of governance mechanisms while others have a much thinner (or virtually none) architecture? And what difference does it make to relations between states in the region?
2. Why are some regions more successful in producing “effective” institutions of regional governance while others are not? What is an effective institution?
3. Some regions appear to be more “porous” than others. Is there a way of identifying systematically which regions are more or less porous to outside penetration by external powers and what seem to be the reasons for variation in such porousness?
4. Political “shocks” are judged to be important to researchers studying international politics and foreign policy because such shocks tend to disrupt bureaucratic inertia and path dependencies. Are some regions more exposed to such shocks than other regions and what are the behavioural consequences of such exposure?
5. Regional organizations occur one of two ways: either created by a major or regional power or without such assistance in regions where there are no regional powers. Does that matter? Are regional organizations created by major powers more effective than regional organizations created without the involvement of major powers?

**APPENDIX F: Rhamey/Volgy Regions in the Post-Cold War Era**

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| States (N = 138) and Regions (N = 11), and Border States (N = 55), 2001 - 2010 |
| *Region* | *Core States* | *Periphery States* | *Region* | *Core States* | *Periphery States* |
| **Northern America** | Canada |  | **Horn of Africa** | Eritrea |  |
|  | Cuba |  |   | Ethiopia |  |
|  | Mexico |  |   | Somalia |  |
|  | United States |  | **Maghreb** | Algeria |  |
| **Southern America** | Argentina | Paraguay |   | Morocco |  |
|  | Bolivia |  |   | Tunisia |  |
|  | Brazil |  | **East Asia** | Cambodia | Australia |
|  | Chile |  |   | China | Brunei |
|  | Colombia |  |   | Indonesia | East Timor |
|  | Ecuador |  |   | Japan | Fiji |
|  | Uruguay |  |   | Korea (North) | Kiribati |
|  | Venezuela |  |   | Korea (South) | Marshall Islands |
| **Middle East** | Azerbaijan |  |   | Laos | Micronesia |
|  | Bahrain |  |   | Malaysia | Nauru |
|  | Egypt |  |   | Myanmar | New Zealand |
|  | Iran |  |   | Nepal | Palau |
|  | Iraq |  |   | Philippines | Papua New Guinea |
|  | Jordan |  |   | Singapore | Samoa |
|  | Kuwait |  |   | Taiwan | Solomon Islands |
|  | Lebanon |  |   | Thailand | Tonga |
|  | Qatar |  |   | Vietnam | Tuvalu |
|  | Saudi Arabia |  |   |  | Vanuatu |
|  | Syria |  | **South Asia** | Afghanistan | Maldives |
|  | United Arab Emirates |  |   | Bangladesh |  |
| **Europe** | Albania | Andorra |   | India |  |
|  | Austria | Iceland |   | Pakistan |  |
|  | Belarus | Kosovo |   | Tajikistan |  |
|  | Belgium | Liechtenstein |   | Sri Lanka |  |
|  | Bosnia | Moldova | **Border States** | Antigua and Barbuda |  |
|  | Bulgaria | Montenegro |   | Armenia |  |
|  | Croatia | San Marino |   | Bahamas |  |
|  | Cyprus |  |   | Barbados |  |
|  | Czech Republic |  |   | Belize |  |
|  | Denmark |  |   | Benin |  |
|  | Estonia |  |   | Bhutan |  |
|  | Finland |  |   | Burkina Faso |  |
|  | France |  |   | Cameroon |  |
|  | Georgia |  |   | Cape Verde |  |
|  | Germany |  |   | Central African Republic |  |
|  | Greece |  |   | Chad |  |
|  | Hungary |  |   | Comoros |  |
|  | Ireland |  |   | Costa Rica |  |
|  | Israel |  |   | Djibouti |  |
|  | Italy |  |   | Dominica |  |
|  | Latvia |  |   | Dominican Republic |  |
|  | Lithuania |  |   | El Salvador |  |
|  | Luxembourg |  |   | Equatorial Guinea |  |
|  | Macedonia |  |   | Gabon |  |
|  | Netherlands |  |   | Gambia |  |
|  | Norway |  |   | Grenada |  |
|  | Poland |  |   | Guatemala |  |
|  | Portugal |  |   | Guinea-Bissau |  |
|  | Romania |  |   | Guyana |  |
|  | Russia |  |   | Haiti |  |
|  | Serbia |  |   | Honduras |  |
|  | Slovakia |  |   | Jamaica |  |
|  | Slovenia |  |   | Kazakhstan |  |
|  | Spain |  |   | Kyrgyzstan |  |
|  | Sweden |  |   | Libya |  |
|  | Switzerland |  |   | Madagascar |  |
|  | Turkey |  |   | Malawi |  |
|  | Ukraine |  |   | Mali |  |
|  | United Kingdom |  |   | Malta |  |
| **West Africa** | Ghana |  |   | Mauritania |  |
|  | Guinea |  |   | Mauritius |  |
|  | Ivory Coast |  |   | Monaco |  |
|  | Liberia |  |   | Mongolia |  |
|  | Nigeria |  |   | Nicaragua |  |
|  | Sierra Leone |  |   | Niger |  |
| **Southern Africa** | Angola | Lesotho |   | Oman |  |
|  | Botswana | Swaziland |   | Panama |  |
|  | Mozambique |  |   | Sao Tome y Principe |  |
|  | Namibia |  |   | Senegal |  |
|  | South Africa |  |   | Seychelles |  |
|  | Zambia |  |   | St. Kitts and Nevis |  |
|  | Zimbabwe |  |   | St. Lucia |  |
| **Central Africa** | Burundi |  |   | St. Vincent and Grenadines |
|  | Congo (Dem. Rep.) |  |   | Suriname |  |
|  | Congo (Rep.) |  |   | Togo |  |
|  | Kenya |  |   | Trinidad and Tobago |  |
|  | Rwanda |   |   | Turkmenistan |  |
|  | Sudan |   |   | Uzbekistan |  |
|  | Tanzania |  |   | Yemen |  |
|   | Uganda |   |   |   |   |

**APPENDIX G: Some Tried and True Data Sets for International Politics Research**

**Humanitarian Military Interventions** at Gromes and Dembinski, 2019, “Practices and outcomes of humanitarian military interventions: a new data set,” *International Interactions*, 45,6: 1032-1048.

**International Military Interventions** at <https://www.k-state.edu/polsci/intervention/>

**Military Interventions by Powerful States** at <https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataset.xhtml?persistentId=hdl:1902.1/15519&studyListingIndex=0_85795c0dd5026ff9b72c9a8c5854>

**Third Party Peacekeeping Missions** at <https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataset.xhtml?persistentId=doi:10.7910/DVN/P7GYTS>

**Maddison GDP and population data** at <https://www.rug.nl/ggdc/historicaldevelopment/maddison/releases/maddison-project-database-2018>

**World Bank Data on GDP, Inflation, and other economic indicators** at<https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GDP.PCAP.KD?locations=BS>

**Military expenditure data and arms transfers** at SIPRI <https://www.sipri.org/databases>

**COW and COW related Databases:**

***State System membership***:

 <http://www.correlatesofwar.org/data-sets/state-system-membership>

 ***COW country codes***:

 <http://www.correlatesofwar.org/data-sets/cow-country-codes>

***Territorial change***:

 <http://www.correlatesofwar.org/data-sets/territorial-change/territorial-change-1816-2008-v4-01>

***Militarized Interstate Disputes 4.2***:

<http://www.correlatesofwar.org/data-sets/MIDs>

 ***Maoz’s dyadic version***: <http://psfaculty.ucdavis.edu/zmaoz/dyadmid.html>

***National Material Capabilities***:

<http://cow.dss.ucdavis.edu/data-sets/national-material-capabilities/national-material-capabilities-v4-0>

***Direct Contiguity***:

<http://correlatesofwar.org/data-sets/direct-contiguity>

***Intergovernmental Organizations***:

 <http://www.correlatesofwar.org/data-sets/IGOs>

 ***FIGO version of IGO’s***: (see my web page)

***Diplomatic Exchange***:

<http://www.correlatesofwar.org/COW2%20Data/Diplomatic/Diplomatic.html>

***War Data***:

 <http://www.correlatesofwar.org/data-sets/COW-war>

***Formal Alliances*** (Gibler)

 <http://www.correlatesofwar.org/data-sets/formal-alliances>

***Bilateral Trade***:

<http://www.correlatesofwar.org/COW2%20Data/Trade/Trade.html>

**The ISSUE Correlates of War Project:**

<http://www.paulhensel.org/icow.html>

**Water Disputes (transboundary) Database**:

<http://www.transboundarywaters.orst.edu/>

**Alliance Treaty Obligations and Provisions Data (ATOP):**

 <http://atop.rice.edu/>

**Diplomatic Exchange Data**

<https://www.volgy.org/projects-and-data>

**Strategic Rivalry database (Thompson’s version)** (I have the newest updates)

**International Crisis Behavior Project:**

 <http://www.cidcm.umd.edu/icb/>

**Events Data:**

 KEDS: <http://web.ku.edu/~keds/>

 IDEA: (1984 to present) (SGPP has data on our web page)

 COPDAB: (1948-78) <http://www.icpsr.org/cocoon/ICPSR/STUDY/07767.xml>

 WEIS: (1968-1978) <http://webapp.icpsr.umich.edu/cocoon/ICPSR-STUDY/05211.xml>

**Minorities at Risk Project:**

 <http://www.cidcm.umd.edu/mar/>

**Regime Databases:**

 ***Polity IV***: <http://www.systemicpeace.org/polity/polity4.htm>

 ***Gleditsch modifications***: <http://privatewww.essex.ac.uk/~ksg/polity.html>

 ***Freedom House***: <http://www.freedomhouse.org/template.cfm?page=1>

 ***Polyarchy data base***: <http://www.prio.no/CSCW/Datasets/Governance/Vanhanens-index-of-democracy/>

 ***Revolutionary Leaders database*** (Colgan): <https://sites.google.com/site/jeffdcolgan/data>

***Political Extraction Capacity*** (I have the new data)

***Quality of Governance indicators*** (World Bank): [http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/WBI/EXTWBIGOVANTCOR/0,,contentMDK:20771165~menuPK:1866365~pagePK:64168445~piPK:64168309~theSitePK:1740530,00.html](http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/WBI/EXTWBIGOVANTCOR/0%2C%2CcontentMDK%3A20771165~menuPK%3A1866365~pagePK%3A64168445~piPK%3A64168309~theSitePK%3A1740530%2C00.html)

 ***Transparency and corruption index***: <http://www.transparency.org/policy_research/surveys_indices/cpi>

 Sustainable Governance index: <http://www.sgi-network.org/>

**PRIO Armed Conflicts Data:**

 <http://www.prio.no/CSCW/Datasets/Armed-Conflict/>

**GTD Global Terrorism Database:** <https://www.start.umd.edu/data-tools/global-terrorism-database-gtd>

**Rand Database on Global Terrorism:**

<https://www.rand.org/nsrd/projects/terrorism-incidents/download.html>

**Global Power Projection data (Thompson):** I have the update

**Military Expenditures Databases:**

 ***SIPRI***: <http://www.sipri.org/databases>

 ***ACDA***: available from COW; also from ICPSR at <http://search.icpsr.umich.edu/ICPSR/query.html?col=abstract&col=series&rq=0&nh=50&op0=&rf=3&fl0=subject:&ty0=p&tx0=ICPSR+XI.D.&fl1=availability:&ty1=w&op1=-&tx1=restricted>

**Multilateral Peace Operations**: <http://www.sipri.org/databases/pko>

**Economic Data: (GDP, GDP/capita, GDP growth)**

 ***Penn World Tables***: <http://cid.econ.ucdavis.edu/pwt.html>

 ***World Development Indicators*** (World Bank): [http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/DATASTATISTICS/0,,menuPK:232599~pagePK:64133170~piPK:64133498~theSitePK:239419,00.html](http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/DATASTATISTICS/0%2C%2CmenuPK%3A232599~pagePK%3A64133170~piPK%3A64133498~theSitePK%3A239419%2C00.html)

***Gleditsch Trade and GDP data***: <http://www.correlatesofwar.org/>

**Globalization Indicators**: <http://globalization.kof.ethz.ch/>

**Human Rights Database:**

 ***UN***: <http://www.unhchr.ch/tbs/doc.nsf>

 ***Rohn’s World Treaty index***: <http://depts.washington.edu/hrights/Treaty/trindex.html>

**State Centrality Measures**:

<http://psfaculty.ucdavis.edu/zmaoz/datasets.htm>

**WTO Dispute Cases:**

<https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/dispu_e/dispu_status_e.htm> and by country:

 <https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/dispu_e/dispu_by_country_e.htm>

**Regional Trade Agreements:**

<http://rtais.wto.org/UI/PublicMaintainRTAHome.aspx>

**Ethnic Heterogeneity data:**

Fractionalization index: <http://www.nsd.uib.no/macrodataguide/set.html?id=16&sub=1>

 Ethnic polarization: <https://www.aeaweb.org/articles.php?doi=10.1257/0002828054201468>

**Geographic and Resources databases**:

 <http://www.prio.no/CSCW/Datasets/Geographical-and-Resource/>

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**NewGene Software and variables:** <http://www.newgenesoftware.org/>

**EUGene Software and variables:** <http://www.eugenesoftware.org/>