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Organization, Violence, and the State

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DESCRIPTION

This is a graduate-level reading course on the sociology of war, violence, and the modern state, with an emphasis on the organizational and institutional aspects of collective violence and state-building. Because it is not a regular seminar, the readings below are presented in sequence but not as weekly class meetings.

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