

Size and Diversity (Part 2)

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What is the relationship between ethnic diversity and economic development?

What is ethnic diversity?

What is ethnic diversity? And how to measure it?

How does size impact the relationship between ethnic diversity and development?

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Op-Ed 1 (Feb 23)

- Must discuss small state(s) (however defined) in relation to: development, decentralization, democracy or diversity
- Word count: 800
- Target audience: educated non-academic reader (Straits Times; New York Times)
- Op-Ed 1 + Op-Ed 2 = 25% of final grade
- Prof Monroe will not look at drafts, but can come to office hours to discuss the op-ed

GA Annual Lecture: March 7

YALE-NUS LECTURE ON
GLOBAL AFFAIRS

SAVING LIBERALISM FROM CRISIS

Recent years have seen attacks on liberalism for failing, but defenders deny that liberalism ever lost its way. In this lecture, Professor Samuel Moyn from Yale University will reprise some of the themes of his recent book *Liberalism against Itself: Cold War Intellectuals and the Making of Our Times*, arguing that the best parts of liberalism have to be rescued from the mistakes of liberals in the last few decades. As the 2024 United States presidential election raises questions about the health and quality of its democracy, whether and how liberalism can and should survive is one of the most pivotal questions of our time.

Sponsor
Professor Samuel Moyn
Chancellor Kent Professor of Law and History,
Yale University

Host/Presenter
Assistant Professor Benjamin A Schupmann
Assistant Professor of Social Sciences
(Philosophy, Politics, and Economics),
Yale-NUS College

7 MARCH 2024, THURSDAY
7:00 PM - 8:15 PM SGT
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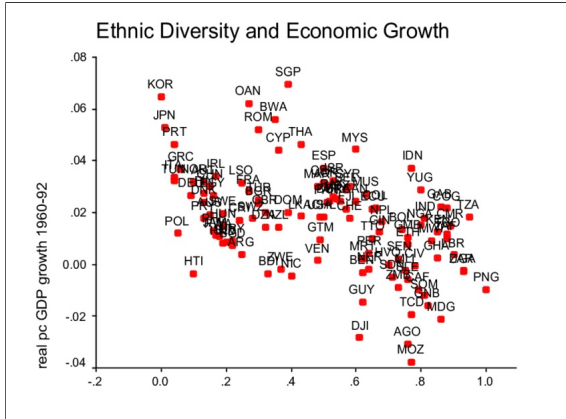
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“First-half” Participation Grade

Students will receive their
“first-half” participation grade
after break.

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Comparative Politics 101

Why might ethnic diversity undermine economic growth?

Comparative Politics 101: Ethnic Diversity and Development

- Competing preferences
- Collective action problems (weak sanctioning and accountability)
- Weak national identification → limits redistribution, sacrifice accommodation and cooperation (Campbell and Hall; Gellner)

Reading Check In

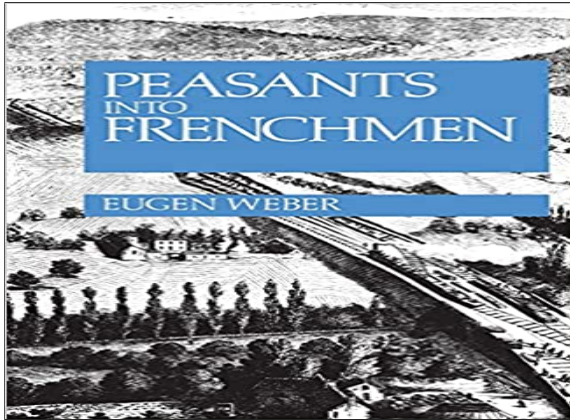
According to Campbell and Hall, why is ethnic homogeneity especially helpful for small states like Denmark to grow economically?

Comparative Politics 101: Revisited

Why might ethnic diversity *not* undermine economic development?

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↑ Economic Development ↓ Ethnic Diversity



Source: Weber, 1976

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- \uparrow Economic Development \downarrow Ethnic Diversity
- Most research uses a flawed measure of ethnic diversity

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Definition: Ethnic Identities

[An] “arbitrary subset of categories in which descent-based attributes are necessary for membership (Chandra and Wilkinson, pg. 520).”

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“You are coded as A if your parents and grandparents were also coded as As (Fearon and Latin, 2000).”

Warm Up

- Which of these identities are ethnic?
 - ▶ Male
 - ▶ Hispanic
 - ▶ Black
 - ▶ Gay
 - ▶ Catholic
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What are some limitations of descent based definitions of ethnicity in the study of politics?

- When does ancestry stop (Great-grandparents)??
- Not all descent-based ethnic identities matter for politics.
- Structure > Agency

Nominal vs. Activated Ethnic Identities (Chandra and Wilkinson)

- **Nominal:** Ethnic categories in which an individual is eligible for membership based on the attributes that she or he possesses.
- **Activated:** Ethnic categories in which she or he professes membership or to which she or he is assigned by others as a member.

Nominal vs. Activated Ethnic Identities (Chandra and Wilkinson)

“All individuals have a repertoire of nominal ethnic identity categories.....The ethnic identity that an individual actually activates is chosen from this repertoire (p.520).”

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Why is the distinction between nominal and activated ethnic identities important for the study of ethnic politics?

Nominal vs. Activated Ethnic Identities (Chandra and Wilkinson)

- Many cross-national datasets that measure ethnic diversity do not distinguish between nominal vs. activated
 - ▶ Ethnic Fractionalization Index: the probability that two randomly drawn individuals are not from the same ethnic group.

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 - ▶ Which ethnic identities to choose?
 - ▶ What if ethnic identities overlap (Black *and* Hispanic)?
 - ▶ What if ethnic identities change over time?

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Belgium

Consociational Democracy (Lijphart)

- Power-sharing arrangements among ethnic groups
- Inclusion > Majoritarianism
- Clear and formal distinctions across groups
- Elites must transcend cleavages (multi-ethnic elite cartels committed to the state)

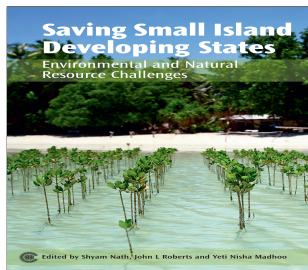
Your Turn

What are some possible pitfalls of Ljiphart's Consociational Model?

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According to Madhoo and Nath, why are ethnic relations mostly harmonious in Mauritius? (take 5 minutes to write down your thoughts)

Sources of Ethnic Harmony in Mauritius

- Economic Development
- Social spending
- Civil Society
- “Natural” borders and little “pre-colonial” population
- Consensus (Consociational) vs Integrative democracy (pg. 37)

What role, if any, is size playing in promoting ethnic harmony in Mauritius?

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Check In: Consociational Democracy

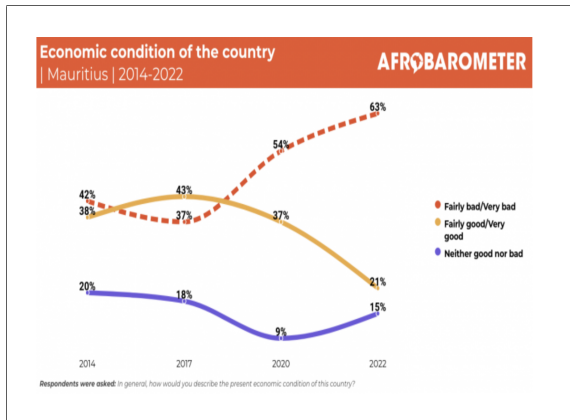
- Read Freedom House's 2022 [Mauritius Report](#)
- Find examples of:
 - ▶ Democratic governance (strong and weak) Consociational governance

Sources of Ethnic Conflict in Mauritius



Source: Satinicoco

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Source: Afrobarometer

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Next Seminar (Feb 22)

- Case Study (Diversity Part 3)
 - ▶ Women and Political Parties in Five Small States of the Commonwealth Caribbean

Have a great week!