

Size and Diversity (Part 3)

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Smaller states are more cohesive.

Are smaller states more cohesive?

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Are smaller states more cohesive? Why? Why not?

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less diversity?

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How to best govern diverse polities?

Seminar Objectives: To Discuss

- Group Activity: Ethnic Politics in Small States
- Case Study : Women and Political Parties in Five Small States of the Commonwealth Caribbean

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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

Moderator
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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“First-half” Participation Grade

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

Expect an updated syllabus shortly.

Mid-Semester Feedback: Drop, Keep, Add

Take a sheet of paper. Write one thing you'd like to drop from the module, one thing to keep in the module, and one thing to add to the module for the next half of the semester.

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Ethnic Politics in Small States: How do Small States Fare?

Ethnic Politics in Small States

Use the Minority at Risk (MaR) dataset to examine and present the political status of ethnic group(s) in your small state. Be sure to explain:

- The size of your small state
- The kinds or categories of ethnic group(s) at risk in your small state
- Their grievances (political, economic) (note: check out a group's chronology)
- Possible solutions to their grievances. How does size affect success of those solutions?

Case Study A: Bahrain



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Source: Read

(Week 6, Sem 2)

Case Study B: Switzerland



Swiss Mountain Dog

Source: American Kennel Club

(Week 6, Sem 2)

Case Study C: Fiji



Sea Turtle

Source: Nature Fiji

(Week 6, Sem 2)

Instructions

- Get in groups
- Read instructions on canvas
- Answer questions (10 mins)
- Share with class (8 mins)

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What challenges do female political representatives face in small island Caribbean states?

What challenges do female political representatives face in small island Caribbean states?
What solutions do the authors propose?

To what extent are these challenges and solutions unique to small states?

Challenges

- A. Patronising attitudes and negative campaigning
- B. Economic resources
- C. Gender biased infrastructure, multifaceted role of women

Activity 1

- Get in your group and discuss your assigned challenge
- To answer: how much of this challenge is a “small” state problem?
- Share your thoughts with the class

Activity 2

- See the authors' proposed solutions to your challenge on page. 26.
- Do you agree? Have feedback? Additional suggestions?

The Quota Debate (pg.15)

Quotas are a hallmark of Consociational democracies, and used to promote female political representation in many democracies. Take five minutes to assess the pros and cons of a quota system with regards to deepening women's political representation in small states.

Stepping Back

To what extent are the best practices for governing ethnically diverse societies applicable to promoting gender equality?

Your Turn

Is smaller *worse* for gender equality (make sure you define size)?

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Next Seminar (March 4th)

- Climate Change
 - ▶ Domestic Politics (Monday)
 - ▶ International Politics (Thursday)
- First-half participation grade

Good luck with your Op-Ed!

Have a great break!