Research Seminar

**Week 2 Background and historical Origins**

Friday, January 27

Lecture: What Research is and how researchers think about it?

Assignment: pick a topic you want to research

**Week 3 Resource Curse I**

Friday, February 3

Lecture: Moving from a topic to a question

Workshop: make a research question on the topic of your interest

Assignment: polish your research question

A Manual – Chapter 2

<https://politicalscienceguide.com/what-is-research/the-research-question-2/>

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<https://savannahstate.libguides.com/c.php?g=815875&p=5822938>

**Week 4 Resource Curse II**

Friday, February 10

Lecture: Collect data (where to find and how to read an academic paper)

Workshop: group practice, pick a reading from the list and summarize it

Assignment:

1. Start reading generously to understand, then critically to engage and evaluate
2. Find 3 academic papers on your research topic and summarize it

As students to hand in their research questions

Prepare a list of readings for students to practice

Divide students into groups, make them pick one reading from the list before going back to groups to work

Give students a timeline to work on (e.g. 15 minutes skim the paper – focus on the abstract and introduction and conclusion, 10 minutes to jot down the summary as a group – doesn’t have to type it out)

Come back as a class, make each group to explain the paper to the class – see if the others can get a sense.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2010/07/09/how-to-read-research-papers/>

<https://politicalscienceguide.com/research/collecting-data/>

**Week 5 Foreign Investment and Nationalization**

Friday, February 17

Lecture: hypotheses and argument

Workshop: make hypotheses

Assignment: polish your hypotheses

<https://politicalscienceguide.com/what-is-research/formulatingextraction-hypotheses/>

12 Weeks – Week 2

**Week 6 Privatization and Neoliberalism**

Friday, February 24

Lecture: literature review

Workshop: poke a hole and craft your claims

Assignment: Write a literature review of at least 4 academic pieces (you have two weeks to do it)

12 Weeks – Week 5

<https://politicalscienceguide.com/what-is-research/the-literature-review/>

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**Week 7 From Neoliberalism to Resource Nationalism**

Friday, March 3 – midterm exam

**Week 8 Spring Break (no class)**

**Week 9 Relations with the United States**

Friday, March 17

Lecture: research approaches

Workshop: choose a research approach

Assignment: decide on a research approach and write the methods of your paper

(big lecture week)

12 Weeks – Week 7

creating explanations: dependent variable, independent variable, causal mechanism

<https://politicalscienceguide.com/research/concepts-and-measurements/>

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<https://politicalscienceguide.com/research/>

Methods: How will you be collecting information and how will you be evaluating your research hypotheses? <https://politicalscienceguide.com/what-is-research/research-proposal-and-prospectuses/>

**Week 10 China Boom**

Friday, March 24

Workshop: methods

Lecture: making a proposal

Assignment:

1. Go back to your methods, list the sources of the information/evidence you need.
2. Do the research, make an outline/roadmap of the body part of your paper, write at least two sentences in each part.

12 Weeks – Week 8, Week 9

How to make outlines

**Week 11 Bolivia – struggling between privatization and nationalization**

Friday, March 31

Workshop: outline of the paper, explain how you organize the evidence

Lecture: opening and concluding your article

Assignment:

1. write a summary of your paper as if you are reading a journal article
2. keep writing the body part of the paper, start the introduction and conclusion

**Week 12 Peru – leave it to the market and conflict management**

Friday, April 7

Presenting your research projects with your summaries

Ten minutes each student

5 minutes pitch, you are encouraged to make a poster

5 minutes Q&A

**Week 13 Ecuador & Venezuela: Oil and “Socialism”**

Friday, April 14

Presenting your research projects with your summaries

**Week 14 Brazil – another model to manage oil wealth?**

Friday, April 21

Presenting your research projects with your summaries

**Week 15 Chile: Escaping the Resource Curse? (Quality of institutions)**

Friday, April 28

Presenting your research projects with your summaries

**Week 16 Conclusion**