

Concepts and Measurement in Case-Based Research

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READING LIST

Students are expected to purchase a copy of *Concepts and Methods in Social Science: The Tradition of Giovanni Sartori*, eds. David Collier and John Gerring (New York: Routledge, 2009). We will read the following selections from this volume:

- Giovanni Sartori. "Concept Misformation in Comparative Politics." Pp. 13-43.
- Giovanni Sartori. "Guidelines for Concept Analysis." Pp. 97-150.
- Christoph Kotowski. "Revolution: Untangling Alternative Meanings." Pp. 203-40.
- John Gerring and Paul A. Barresi. "Culture: Joining Minimal Definitions and Ideal Types." Pp. 241-68.
- David Collier and Steven Levitsky. "Democracy: Conceptual Hierarchies in Comparative Research." Pp. 269-88.

The additional readings for the course are as follows:

- W. B. Gallie. 1956. "Essentially Contested Concepts." *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 56: 167-98.
- Taylor Boas and Jordan Gans-Morse. 2009. "Neoliberalism: From New Liberal Philosophy to Anti-Liberal Slogan." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 44 (2): 137-61.
- Max Weber. 2004/1904. "The 'Objectivity' of Knowledge in Social Science and Social Policy." In *The Essential Weber*, ed. Sam Whimster. New York: Routledge, 359, 368-404.
- David Collier and Robert Adcock. 1999. "Democracy and Dichotomies: A Pragmatic Approach to Choices about Concepts." *Annual Review of Political Science* 2: 537-65.
- Robert Adcock and David Collier. 2001. "Measurement Validity: A Shared Standard for Qualitative and Quantitative Research." *American Political Science Research* 95 (3): 529-46.
- Michael Coppedge and John Gerring with et al. 2011. "Conceptualizing and Measuring Democracy: A New Approach." *Perspectives on Politics* 9 (2): 247-67.
- Gary Goertz and James Mahoney. 2012. *A Tale of Two Cultures: Qualitative and Quantitative Research in the Social Sciences*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton UP. Chaps. 1, 10-13.