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The State

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The requirements of the seminar are class participation an oral presentation at the end of the semester, a 15-20 page research paper based on primary sources ; a mandatory rough draft of the paper is due on 3/23 and the final draft is due at the last class.

Readings are on reserve at Butler or Lehman Library

Thursday 1/19 1.Introduction

1/26 2. State, nation and nationalism : Ernest Gellner :  
Nation and nationalism, Cornell Uni Press, 1983, Culture, Identity and Politics  
(chap 1) Cambridge Uni Press. 1987

2/2 3 Theories of the State revisited :  
Wallerstein (Modern World System. I, chap 5, P.Anderson Lineages of the Absolutist State. NLB.1974. chap 1 and 2., Stein Rokkan « The Territorial Structuring of Western Europe ». in S.Rokkan and D.Urwin eds. Economy, Territory,Identity.Sage.1983.chap 2 See C.Tilly.Big Structures , Large Processes, Huge Comparisons.Russel Sage Fondation.1982.chap 8.

2/9 4 State as an explaining variable.

Tilly Charles, The formation of National States in Western Europe .Princeton.1975 ( for instance, chap on the police). Skocpol (States and social revolution. Cambridge Uni Press, 1979. Birnbaum States and collective action :European experiences Cambridge. 1988, (chap on trade unionism and on idéologies), Gary Marks, Doug McAdam, « Social movements and the changing structure of opportunity », West European Politics. April 1996.  
Migdal, Strong Societies, Weak States.Princeton.1988.

2/16 5. States and elite recruitment :

C.W Mills ; The Power elite. New edition.1999. G.Domhoff. Power elite and the State. New York.1990. P.Birnbaum. The Heights of power. University of

Chicago Press. 1983. Steve Fraser and Gary Gerstle ed. Ruling America. Harvard U Press. 2005. A. Steen Political elites and the new Russia. Routledge. 2003

2/23 6. Citizenship, minority's integration and the State

Pierre Birnbaum. The Jews of the Republic. Stanford Uni Press. Stanford. 1994.

Roger Brubaker, Citizenship and Nationhood in France and Germany, Harvard Uni Press. 1993

Michael Walzer. On Toleration. Harvard Uni Press. 1997.

3/2 7. Antisemitism and the State

Peter Pulzer. Jews and The German State. Blackwell. 1992

Pierre Birnbaum. Antisemitism in France. Blackwell. 1992

R. Cohen, « Jews and the State » and Hasia Diner, « Jews, the American South and the Quandary of Self-Interest ». in Jews and The State. Dangerous Alliances and the Perils of Privilege. Ezra Mendelsohn ed. Studies in contemporary Jewry. 2003. Vol 19.

3/9 8 The retreat of the State

Susan Strange. The retreat of the State. Cambridge. 1996

Linda Weiss. The myth of the powerless State. Cornell. 1998.

Linda Weiss. States in Global Economy. Bringing domestic institutions back in. Cambridge. 2003 ( just the introduction)

Peter Evans, « The Eclipse of the State ? ». World Politics. Oct 1997.

Beatrice Hibou. ed. The privatization of the State. London. 2004.

3/16 Spring break. No class

3/23 9. Habermas : Constitutional patriotism, postnational identity and the State

Habermas. Facts and norms. Polity. Cambridge. 1996. chapters dealing with the state). B. Yack. « The myth of the civic State ». Critical review. No2. 1996.

David Miller, « The Left, the Nation-State and european citizenship », Dissent, Summer 1998.

3/30 10. Europe and the future of the State and the end of the Westphalian system

Andrew Linklater, The transformation of political community. Polity Press, chap 1,5,6.

Alan Milward, The European reque of the Nation State. Routledge.2000.  
chapters 1, 2.

- 4/6            11\_\_Conclusion :
- 4/13        12. Student presentations
- 4/20        13. Student présentations
- 4/27        14. Student presentations .