

Agenda: Evans—*Embedded autonomy*
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[Note: for some questions no names appear – these are either questions posed by Jamie & Erik, or implicit in many interrogations]

1. On the meaning and adequacy of embedded autonomy
 - a. What is meant here by embeddedness? (**Peter**)
 - b. What problems do different kinds of embeddedness solve?
 - c. In Evans' analysis, *how much* do institutions and culture matter, and how do they matter? (**Joe**)
 - d. How – if at all – does Evans *explain* variations in “embeddedness”? To what extent can embeddedness be deliberately generated by state actors?

2. What are the grounds for Evans' typology of states?
 - a. Relative to what “external” or “other” state forms does Evans define his typology? (**Jason**)
 - b. What is the theoretical status of the “intermediary” types? Does this suggest a two-dimensional continuous space of variation?
 - c. What is the relationship between Evans' typology and concepts of the “capitalist state”?
 - d. Does the derivation of ideal types from suggestive cases distort the analysis; does it lead to circular arguments? (Joe, Brent)
 - e. What are the implications of Evans' strategy for case study selection? (**Dan, Jason**)

3. What are the implications of Evans' analytic focus on elites, inside and outside the state? (**Sarah, Shawn, Peter**)
 - a. What capacities are assigned to creative technocrats? Are these warranted? (**Jae-Youl**)
 - b. What role should there be for transnational state structures? Is the field of analytical vision too narrow? (**Kevin**)
 - c. And what about transnational networks of state elites? (**Oriol**)

4. Is this a nation-state-centric analysis? What are the analytical and political implications? (**Amy, Brent, Adam**)

5. Is this an economically functionalist analysis? (**Adam, Joe**)

6. What status does neo-utilitarianism have in the account? Is the death of neoliberalism exaggerated here? (**Oriol**) Or should we see Evans' as a useful antidote to analyses that emphasize creeping neoliberalization? (**Dan, Jae-Youl**)