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## CALL FOR PAPERS

Department of Political Science  
invites you to submit research papers for the international conference

# State and State Capacities, Democracy and Development

19<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Faculty of Arts, Charles University in Prague, nám. Jana Palacha 2

### Keynote Speakers

Laurence Whitehead, University of Oxford

Department of Political Science, Faculty of Arts, Charles University in Prague and Taipei Cultural and Economic Office in Prague invite for the international conference State and State Capacities, Democracy and Development, which will be held at the Faculty of Arts, Charles University in Prague on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015. The conference brings together academics to address issues on development and its impacts on states and democratic regimes.

### Conference Topic

Although the close relationship between development and democracy was understood as the ironclad evidence, authoritarian regimes around the world demonstrate that these regimes can reap the benefits of economic development without relaxing their political control or proceeding to political liberalization. In addition, considering liberal hegemony, trends in democratization in states such as Afghanistan, or even democratic tradition in states like Papua New Guinea, we should take the state capacities and stateness into account as structural constraints on democracies and development. The conference takes up these complex questions about the relationships between the state, democracy and development. It intends to focus on the democracies in the developing world and compares the above-mentioned relationship in the developing world to Eastern Europe. However, our understanding of development covers broader view than just successful socio-economic development, paraphrasing James C. Scott, we have to be aware not only of successful schemes of development, but also of schemes that were supposed to improved human condition but failed.

We welcome contributions from political scientists, historians, sociologists and other academics in Humanities and Social Sciences. Papers should cover one or several themes related to development and democracy and we welcome both theoretical and empirical papers. No geographic restrictions are imposed.



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Recommended topics of papers are as following:

- State, state capacities and development
- Democracy and its impacts on development
- Authoritarian regimes and development
- Successful and failed cases of development
- Democracy, Development and East Asia
- State-society synergy and development
- Modernization and state building
- Democracy, development and stability

Working languages of the conference is English.

#### Time schedule

31st October 2015

deadline for submission of abstracts

4<sup>th</sup> November 2015

announcement of the selected participants

**19<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

**the conference**

#### Fee

The conference fee is **35 EUR, 950 CZK**. Refreshment, coffee breaks and lunch will be provided. Transportation and accommodation are covered individually by participants; however we will be happy to assist foreign participants with all necessary arrangements.

#### Abstracts

For submissions, please submit an abstract by **October 31, 2015** to [developmentstatedemocracy@gmail.com](mailto:developmentstatedemocracy@gmail.com). Submission should include a paper title and abstract (no more than 300 words) and a short biographical note. You will receive a notification of acceptance of your paper by **October 31, 2015**.

#### Contacts

All questions regarding the conference shall be sent to:

[developmentstatedemocracy@gmail.com](mailto:developmentstatedemocracy@gmail.com)

News will be posted on the website <http://upol.ff.cuni.cz/>