

## **Sociology 602 (Winter 2017) Comparative-Historical Methods**

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### **Course Overview**

Comparative-historical sociology is an enormously rich research tradition and includes the works of such renowned sociologists as Theda Skocpol, Max Weber, and Charles Tilly, to name just a few. Scholars following this research tradition generally ask big questions and analyze large structures and long processes. What caused the emergence of effective states in Western Europe? Why did the West industrialize before other regions of the world? What causes social revolutions? How did colonialism affect postcolonial development? In this graduate-level course, we focus on the methods behind comparative-historical analysis, trying to understand the bases on which comparative-historical scholars make their

## Course Calendar

September 9: INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE-HISTORICAL SOCIOLOGY: (1) Mahoney and Rueschemeyer, "Comparative-Historical Analysis"; (2) Adams, Clemens, and Orloff, *Remaking Modernity*, 1-69; (3) Mahoney, "On the Second Wave of Historical Sociology"; (4) Lange, *CHM*,