

1. Crisis

- The crisis of crisis management: how has this changed? (Tylan)
- What is Offe's analytical map or typology of crisis tendencies or forms of crisis? How are these interconnected? (Yotaro)
- Given all of the contradictions Offe presents, why doesn't capitalism just collapse? How does it survive? What explains the end of crisis and the restoration of stability? (Martina, Emmanuel)
- Contradiction of capitalism and democracy and the ultimate unsustainability of capitalism: Is this a persuasive argument? Is it *true*? (Matt)

2. Offe's critique of constraint theory

- What does this really mean? What is really the difference between external and endogenous explanations in this context? (Michael)
- How is Offe's proposal for a theory of selection really different from a constraint theory? (Alex, Paul)

3. Negative selection, exclusion, nonevents:

- How do we go about mapping nonevents to class exclusion mechanisms, especially in a constantly changing context? (Ayca)
- Does a crisis situation really provide a basis for getting evidence on systematic negative selection, or is this vulnerable to the same problem of accidental exclusion? (Bob)
- How should we understand the idea of "social structural exclusion" (the witch-burning example)? How would modern genocides by capitalist states be treated in these terms? (Aliza)
- How do the mechanisms of negative selection arise – who "designs" them? (Emmanuel)

4. The separation/divorce of the state & accumulation:

- What does this mean? Is this a satisfactory characterization of the state/accumulation relation? (João)
- How is the decline of liberal democracy connected to the separation of state and economy? If the ills of liberal democracies are due to the "colonization of the state", would a re-separation help resolve these problems? (Mitch)

5. The state and class interests

- Need clarification of the idea of a "tendency toward general dysfunction and thus its inability to act effectively on behalf of any class interests." (Michael)
- Particular/individual capitalist interests vs the interests of "the class as a whole": Is there as much tension between these as Offe suggests? (Kathryn)

6. Legitimation criterion:

- Has this been overstated in earlier work? Is there really such a tension between legitimation and accumulation, or can repression replace legitimacy? (Michael)
- Why does it really matter if the state becomes illegitimate? What can citizens do to exert power over an illegitimate state? (Lindsey)

7. Citizenship analysis: How should we think about the equality of citizenship principle across the three modes of citizenship Offe proposes – voting, joining, donating? (Naama)

8. The issue of systems and subsystems: what is the connection between a noncapitalist subsystem and anticapitalist processes? (João)