**WORKSHOP READING LIST**

**Sunday, May 17, 2015**

**Session 1: Introductions, Expectations, Overview (APSA Staff and co-leaders); 9:00 – 11:00**

No Required Readings

**Session 2: Introduction to the Resource Curse (Herb, Alnajjar, Gengler); 11:30 – 13:30**

Introduction to the resource curse literature. What we know and what we do not know about the effects of natural resource on political outcomes. Key puzzles in the literature.

Required Reading:

Suggested Reading:

**Session 3: Overview of Political Science Research (Tessler, Alsharekh, Herb); 15:00 – 17:00**

An introductory session in which we discuss how we think good political science research is done. Topics include hypothesis formation, research design, levels and units of analysis, and measurement, and survey research.

Required Reading:
- APSA MENA Workshop Individual-Level Data Exercise (worksheet).
Monday, May 18, 2015

Session 4: Individual-level Explorations (Tessler and Gengler); 9:00 – 11:00
Further discussion focused on formulating and testing hypotheses and causal stories in which the individual is the unit of analysis. Building on elements of research design introduced in the previous session, participants will develop hypotheses about some of the factors shaping the attitudes and behavior of ordinary citizens and about the conditions under which these propositions are most likely to have explanatory power. Some of these hypotheses will be tested in a later session with Arab Barometer survey data.

Required Reading:
- Gengler, Justin. 2015. Group Conflict and Political Mobilization in Bahrain and the Arab Gulf: Rethinking the Rentier State. Indiana University Press, 4–5. (Chapter 1)

Session 5: Using Qualitative Methods in studying the Resource Curse (Herb); 11:30 – 13:30
A discussion of recent developments in the literature on qualitative methods, and the application of these methods to the study of the resource curse in the Arab world and elsewhere.

Required Reading:

Suggested Reading:

Session 6: Small Group Discussion of Participants’ Research (all co-leaders); 15:00 – 17:00
No Required Readings

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Session 7: The Resource Curse and Civil War (Gengler); 9:00 – 11:00
Civil war and the resource curse, connecting the resource curse literature to current problems in Iraq, Libya, Syria, and elsewhere.
Required Reading:

Suggested Reading:

**Session 8: The Resource Curse and Women in the Gulf (Alsharekh and Herb); 11:30 – 13:00**
A discussion of the literature on oil rents, politics, and the status of women.

Required Reading:

Suggested Reading:

**Session 9: Small Group Discussion of Participants’ Research (all co-leaders); 15:00 – 17:00**
No Required Readings

**Wednesday, May 20, 2015**

**Session 10: Exercises with Arab Barometer (Tessler and Gengler); 9:00 – 11:00**
No Required Readings

**Session 11: The Resource Curse and Democracy (Gengler and Alnajjar); 11:30 – 13:30**

Required Reading:
Suggested Reading:


**Session 12: Individual Meetings with Co-leaders (as available); 15:00 – 17:00**
No Required Readings

**Thursday, May 21, 2015**

**Session 13: Human Rights, Expatriates, Citizenship Policy (Alnajjar, Alanoud, Herb); 9-11**
A discussion of the impact of resource rents on human rights, expatriates, and citizenship policy in the Gulf states.

Required Reading:


**Session 14: Public Symposium: “Cure or Curse? The Benefits and Challenges of Oil Wealth”**
No Required Readings

**Session 15: Wrap up Session: Looking ahead to Kuwait (APSA Staff and co-leaders); 15–17**
No Required Readings

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