

SOS3508 Resource Management: Institutions and Institutional Design

Required reading (pensum) for the class is the material presented in the lectures and lecture notes. Lectures are in general (but not exclusively) based on the books on the reading list below. Reading of the texts on the reading list except those by Diamond and Soto will cover the required reading. The books by Diamond and Soto should be read for inspiration rather than examination. De Soto's book can also be read as an introduction to the basic problem. Next you might want to read Scott and Luhman to get to know the early approaches to institutional theory in sociology, economics, and other social sciences. The central texts are the books by Douglas, North, Searle, and Ostrom. Easterly and Hanna & al. supplies supplementary perspectives.

Up to 40% of the required reading can be replaced by other relevant readings according to the student's choice.

Students are expect to make a class presentation of one relevant article not included on the list of required reading, for example taken from the books on the list of suggested readings.

The term paper is stipulated to discuss some topic from the lectures or readings. It is expected to be some 5600-7500 words or 15-20 pages and should in addition to required readings utilise readings from outside the required reading list.

Required reading (pensum):

Diamond, Jared 2005, *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed*, Viking, New York (Read Prologue, from part 2 ch 6-8, from part 3 ch 10&13, and all of part 4).

Douglas, Mary 1987, *How Institutions Think*, Routledge & Kegan Paul, London.

Easterly, William 2001, *The Elusive Quest for Growth*, MIT Press, Cambridge, (Read chapters 1 & 3)

Hanna, Susan, Carl Folke & Karl-Göran Mäler (eds.) 1996, *Rights to Nature*, Island Press, Washington, (Read chapters 7 & 9)

Luhmann, N. 1985, *A sociological theory of law*, Routledge and Kegan Paul, London, (Read Introduction & chapter 1, Classical beginnings of the sociology of law)

North, Douglass C. 2005, *Understanding the Process of Economic Change*, Princeton UP, Princeton.

Ostrom, Elinor 2005, *Understanding Institutional Diversity*, Princeton University Press, Princeton.

Scott, W Richard 1995, *Institutions and Organisations*, Sage, London. (Read chapters 1-6.)

Searle, John R. 1995, *The Construction of Social Reality*, The Free Press, New York, (Read chapters 1-6.)

de Soto, Hernando 2000, *The Mystery of Capital*, Basic Books, New York.

Suggestions for further relevant readings (annen anbefalt litteratur):

From books on the required reading list those chapters not on the list of required readings are of course relevant as additional reading

Some papers found at Erling Berge's homepage < <http://www.sv.ntnu.no/iss/Erling.Berge/>>

Berge, Erling and Nils Chr. Stenseth (eds) 1998, *Law and the Governance of Renewable Resources*, Oakland, ICS Press, ISBN 1-55815-504-X

- Crosby, Alfred W. 1993, *Ecological Imperialism: The Biological Expansion of Europe, 900-1900*, Cambridge UP, Cambridge.
- Fagan, Brian 2004, *The Long Summer: How Climate Changed Civilization*, Basic Books, New York.
- Fagan, Brian 2000, *How Climate Made History: 1300-1850*, Basic Books, New York.
- Goodin, Robert E. (ed.) 1996 *The Theory of Institutional Design*, Cambridge UP, Cambridge.
- North, Douglass C. & Robert P. Thomas 1973, *The Rise of the Western World: A New Economic History*, Cambridge UP, New York.
- North, Douglass C. 1990, *Institutions, Institutional Change and Economic Performance*, Cambridge UP, Cambridge.
- Ostrom, Elinor 1990, *Governing the Commons: The Evolution of Institutions for Collective Action*, Cambridge UP, Cambridge.
- Schmid, A Allen 2004 *Conflict and Cooperation. Institutional and Behavioral Economics*. Basil Balckwell, Oxford.
- Williamson, Oliver E. 1996 *The Mechanisms of Governance*, Oxford University Press.

Useful web-links

<http://www.iascp.org/>

<http://www.desotowatch.net/>

<http://legalempowerment.undp.org/>