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“Liberty and the Economics of Politics: Key Contributions of Public Choice Economics”
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SESSION I: *Economics as Exchange.*

- Buchanan, James M. *The Collected Works of James M. Buchanan, Volume 1: The Logical Foundations of Constitutional Liberty*. Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, Inc., 1999. “[What Should Economists Do?](#)” (pages 28–42), “[Individual Choice in Voting and the Market](#)” (pages 75–88), “[Social Choice, Democracy and Free Markets](#)” (pages 89–102), and “[Positive Economics, Welfare Economics, and Political Economy](#)” (pages 191–209). (Book and Reader)

SESSION II: *Public Finance, Public Debt, and Democratic Decision.*

- Buchanan, James M. *The Collected Works of James M. Buchanan, Volume 1: The Logical Foundations of Constitutional Liberty*. Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, Inc., 1999. “[Politics Without Romance](#)” (pages 45–59), “[The Pure Theory of Government Finance](#)” (pages 119–132), “[Public Debt, Cost Theory and the Fiscal Illusion](#)” (pages 150–163), and “[Keynesian Follies](#)” (pages 164–178). (Book and Reader)

SESSION III: *The Vote Motive and Interest Group Politics.*

- Tullock, Gordon. *The Selected Works of Gordon Tullock, Volume 1: Virginia Political Economy*. Edited by Charles K. Rowley. Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, Inc., 2004. “[Public Choice](#)” (pages 16–26), “[Problems of Majority Voting](#)” (pages 51–61), “[The Welfare Costs of Tariffs, Monopolies, and Theft](#)” (pages 169–179), and “[The Transitional Gains Trap](#)” (pages 212–221). (Book and Reader)

SESSION IV: *The Problems of Bureaucracy.*

- Tullock, Gordon. *The Selected Works of Gordon Tullock, Volume 6: Bureaucracy*. Edited by Charles K. Rowley. Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 2005. Chapter 11, “[Subordinates and Inferiors](#)” (pages 131–139), Chapter 13, “[Parkinson’s Law](#)” (pages 145–147), Chapter 14, “[Whispering Down the Lane](#)” (pages 148–152), Chapter 17, “[Limitations on Organizational Tasks](#)” (pages 168–175), Chapter 19, “[The Problem of Control](#)” (pages 189–196), Chapter 20, “[Enforcement](#)” (pages 197–204), and Chapter 25, “[What to Do? What to Do?](#)” (pages 235–238). (Book and Reader)

SESSION V: *Constitutional Construction and Social Order.*

- Buchanan, James and Gordon Tullock. *The Collected Works of James M. Buchanan, Volume 3: The Calculus of Consent: Logical Foundations of Constitutional Democracy*. Indianapolis: Liberty Fund Inc., 1999. Part II, Chapter 5, “[The Organization of Human Activity](#)” (pages 43–

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62), Chapter 6, “[A Generalized Economic Theory of Constitutions](#)” (pages 63–84), Chapter 7, “[The Rule of Unanimity](#)” (pages 85–96), and Chapter 8, “[The Costs of Decision-Making](#)” (pages 97–116). (Book and Reader)

SESSION VI: *Neither Discrimination nor Dominion.*

- Buchanan, James M. *The Collected Works of James M. Buchanan, Volume 1: The Logical Foundations of Constitutional Liberty*. Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, Inc., 1999. “[Natural and Artifactual Man](#)” (pages 246–259), “[The Foundations for Normative Individualism](#)” (pages 281–291), “[The Ethics of Constitutional Order](#)” (pages 368–373), “[Generality as a Constitutional Constraint](#)” (pages 419–428), and “[The Constitution of Economic Policy](#)” (pages 455–468). (Book and Reader)