

POL 396: International Organization

Precept 7

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Logistics

<https://jingqian.org/pol396>

- Feedback form
- Office hour appointment
- Precept slides
- ... and more

EXTRA CREDIT!

- Discuss movie & IO
- With a NEW friend
- Send me a anything as proof (honor code)

The Design of International Institutions

Deep & Narrow

Wide & Shallow



The Design of International Human Rights Regimes

Broad & Shallow

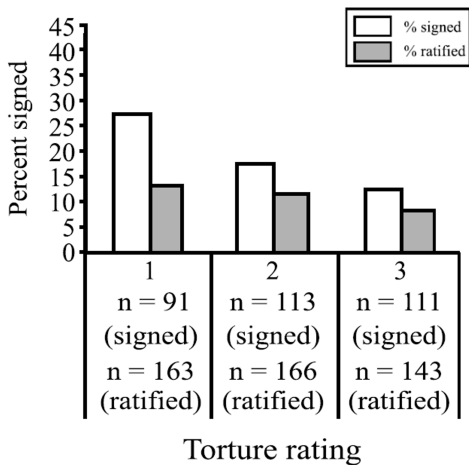
- UN Human Rights Treaties
 - Convention Against Torture (CAT)
- Universal Jurisdiction

Narrow & Deep

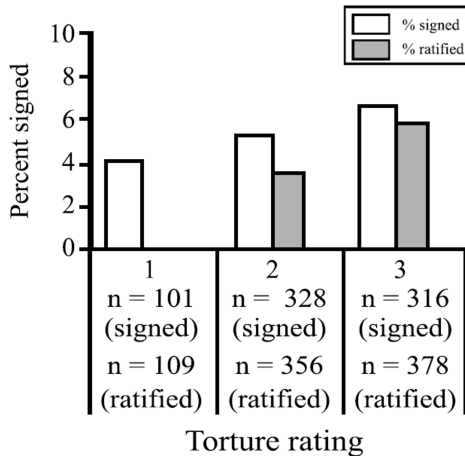
- European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (ECHR)
- Individual petition and compulsory jurisdiction

Two Tales of the Human Rights Regime

- Badass Story (Hollyer and Rosendorff 2011)
- Wimpy Story (Moravcsik 2000)



Democracies practicing torture and entering into the CAT



Dictatorships practicing torture and entering into the CAT

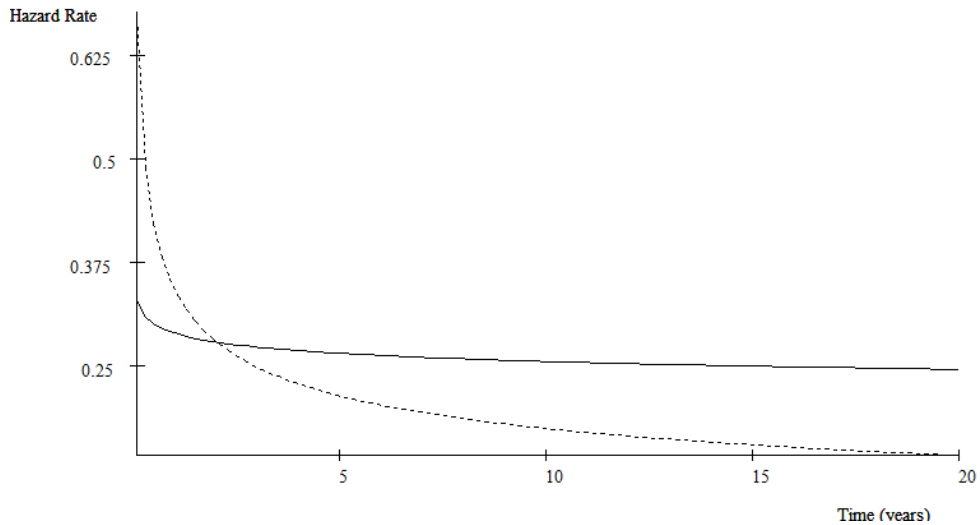
What's the key?

What explains:

- Relationship between torture and CAT signature/ratification?
- Support/oppose strict enforcement of the ECHR?

Domestic political determinants of international relations!

Hazard Rate over Time



Participation in International Human Rights Treaties

Check the ratification of 18 UN Human Rights Treaties from the link below, what do you find?

- <https://indicators.ohchr.org/>

Broad & Shallow: A Caveat

Shallow in what sense?

- UN Human Rights Treaties do have strict enforcement provisions
- The CAT: governments hand over prosecuting authority to 3rd-parties for state-sanctioned crimes, perhaps committed against a state's own citizens!

Then why does it still have such broad participation?

- Governments can opt-out certain provisions (reservations)!

Human Rights Treaties Reservations (Zvobgo et al. 2000)

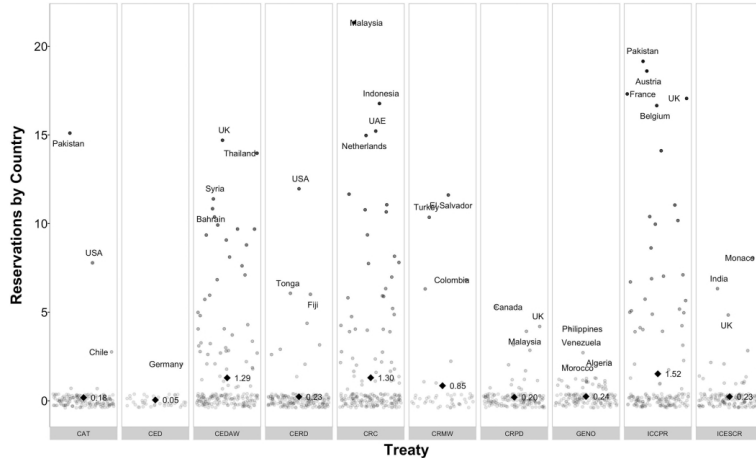


Figure 6. Mean number of reservations and most-prominent reserving states.

Also check Neumayer 2000 (Table A1) from precept webpage

Group Discussion: Reservations

- What kind of countries are more likely to make reservations?
- What do you think might be the reason?

Generalizability of Human Rights Studies

- Are human rights a unique case for international collaboration? Why?
- Do you think the findings would be applied to other issue areas? Any examples?