

Interpretive Political Science - Readings by Subfield

plus some supplemental methodological works

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This set of readings is not meant to be, and cannot be, exhaustive. Our selection criteria were, for each author: (1) a full-length treatment of the research topic; (2) an article or book chapter on that same research that could be easily assigned to graduate students; and (3) a "how-to" reflection on the doing of that research, if available. In some cases, the reflection piece substitutes for the article/book chapter. The selections are a bit skewed toward authors represented in two edited books, Yanow and Schwartz-Shea (2014/2006) and Schatz (2009), because those books contain reflective pieces. We have also highlighted awards presented to these works in order to show that interpretive research can not only be published by quality publishing houses, but also win awards.

We list the selections chronologically by author, in three empirical subfields in political science: American Politics, including Public Administration and Public Policy; Comparative Politics; and International Relations. At the end, we also have an entry for Political Theory, a critical essay on subfield divisions, and more explicitly methodological works by authors who have empirical work listed here.

American Politics [including Public Administration* and Public Policy⁺]

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Bruynell, Kevin. 2008. "Hierarchy and Hybridity: The Internal Postcolonialism of Mid-19th Century American Expansionism." In *Race and American Political Development*, eds. Julie Novkov, Dorian Warren, and Joseph Lowndes. NY: Routledge.

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Pachirat, Timothy. 2006. "Ethnography from Below? Reflections from an Industrialized Slaughterhouse on Perspective, Power, and the Ethnographic Voice." **Winner**, 2007 Sage Prize for the Best Paper Developing or Applying Qualitative Methods, American Political Science Association Qualitative Methods Section.

Pachirat, Timothy. 2007. "A Geography of Violence: Dividing Labor and Space on the Kill Floor of an Industrialized Slaughterhouse." **Winner**, 2008 Best Paper Award, The

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- +Schmidt, Ronald, Sr. 2000. *Language Policy and Identity in the United States*. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press. **Winner**, 2001 "Best Book Award," American Political Science Association Section on Race, Ethnicity and Politics for the category "Public Policies, Legal and Social Analysis of Racial and Ethnic Politics."
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- +Soss, Joe. 2014/2006. "Talking Our Way to Meaningful Explanations: A Practice-Centered View of Interviewing for Interpretive Research." In Dvora Yanow and Peregrine Schwartz-Shea, eds., *Interpretation and Method: Empirical Research Methods and the Interpretive Turn*, 2nd ed. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, 161-82.
- Walsh, Katherine Cramer. 2007. *Talking About Race: Community Dialogues and the Politics of Difference*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
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- *+Yanow, Dvora. 1996. "American Ethnogenesis and Public Administration." *Administration & Society* 27, 483-509.
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Comparative Politics

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- Fujii, Lee Ann. 2009. *Killing Neighbors: Webs of Violence in Rwanda*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.
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- Loriaux, Michael. 2008. "Myth and Geopolitics of the Rhineland Frontier." *European Union and the Deconstruction of the Rhineland Frontier*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1-23.
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- Schaffer, Frederic Charles. 2014/2006. "Ordinary Language Interviewing." In Dvora Yanow and Peregrine Schwartz-Shea, eds., *Interpretation and Method: Empirical Research Methods and the Interpretive Turn*, 2nd ed. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, 183-93.
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- Auteserre, Séverine. 2012. "Dangerous Tales - Dominant Narratives on the Congo and their Unintended Consequences." *African Affairs* 111 (443), 202-22. **Winner**, 2013 African Politics Conference Group's Best Article Award.
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- Oren, Ido. 1995. "The Subjectivity of the 'Democratic' Peace: The Changing U.S. Perceptions of Imperial Germany." *International Security* 20/2: 147-84.
- Oren, Ido. 2002. *Our Enemies and US: America's Rivalries and the Making of Political Science*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.
- Oren, Ido. 2014/2006. In Dvora Yanow and Peregrine Schwartz-Shea, eds., *Interpretation and Method: Empirical Research Methods and the Interpretive Turn*, 2nd ed. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, 309-21.

Political Theory [Empirical treatments]

- Smith, Anna Marie. 2001. "The Politicization of Marriage in Contemporary American Public Policy: The Defense of Marriage Act and the Personal Responsibility Act." *Citizenship Studies* 5:3, 303-20.
- Smith, Anna Marie. 2007. *Welfare Reform and Sexual Regulation*. New York: Cambridge University Press. **Winner**, 2008 Victoria Schuck Book Award, APSA Women and Politics Section.

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More explicitly methodological works by authors with empirical work on this list

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Routledge Series on Interpretive Methods

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Schaffer, Frederic Charles. 2016. *Elucidating Social Science Concepts: An Interpretivist Guide*. NY: Routledge.

Schwartz-Shea, Peregrine and Yanow, Dvora. 2012. *Interpretive Research Design: Concepts and Processes*. NY: Routledge.

Shenhav, Shaul R. 2015. *Analyzing Social Narratives*. NY: Routledge.

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Fujii, Lee Ann. *Relational Interviewing: An Interpretive Approach to Social Science Research*.

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