Agenda: Evans—Embedded autonomy
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[Note: for some questions no names appear – these are either questions posed by Jamie & Erik, or implicit in many interrogations]

1. On the meaning an adequacy of embedded autonomy
   a. What is meant here by embeddedness? (Peter)
   b. What problems do different kinds of embeddedness solve?
   c. In Evans’ analysis, how much do institutions and culture matter, and how do they matter? (Joe)
   d. How – if at all – does Evans explain variations in “embeddedness”? To what extent can embeddedness be deliberately generated by state actors?

2. What are the grounds for Evans’ typology of states?
   a. Relative to what “external” or “other” state forms does Evans define his typology? (Jason)
   b. What is the theoretical status of the “intermediary” types? Does this suggest a two-dimensional continuous space of variation?
   c. What is the relationship between Evans typology and concepts of the “capitalist state”?
   d. Does the derivation of ideal types from suggestive cases distort the analysis; does it lead to circular arguments? (Joe, Brent)
   e. What are the implications of Evans’ strategy for case study selection? (Dan, Jason)

3. What are the implications of Evans’ analytic focus on elites, inside and outside the state? (Sarah, Shawn, Peter)
   a. What capacities are assigned to creative technocrats? Are these warranted? (Jae-Youl)
   b. What role should there be for transnational state structures? Is the field of analytical vision too narrow? (Kevin)
   c. And what about transnational networks of state elites? (Oriol)

4. Is this a nation-state-centric analysis? What are the analytical and political implications? (Amy, Brent, Adam)

5. Is this an economically functionalist analysis? (Adam, Joe)

6. What status does neo-utilitarianism have in the account? Is the death of liberalism exaggerated here? (Oriol) Or should we see Evans’ as a useful antidote to analyses that emphasize creeping neoliberalization? (Dan, Jae-Youl)