1. **State power**
   - How should we understand this idea? What is the difference between class power and state power? (João)
   - Is it legitimate to define the class character of state power by its effects (Lindsey, Ayca)

2. **Contradictions**
   - How should we understand contradictions in Therborn’s framework? Do they originate inside or outside the state? (Emmanuel, João)
   - Can contradictions lead to systemic transformation? How? (Emmanuel)
   - Is Therborn’s theory to transformation basically ruptural? (Yotaro)
   - Therborn vs Offe’s analysis of crisis (Taylan)

3. **Forms of variation of the capitalist state**
   - How should we think about Therborn’s account of the monopoly capitalist state? (João)
   - How do we theorize the variation across national capitalist states – like Germany vs US? (Taylan)
   - Public/Private boundary: How should we think of the changes in recent years, e.g. in the public university. (Bob)

4. **Taxonomy & explanation**
   - Therborn gives us an elaborate taxonomy of organizational forms, but does he really provide explanations (Michael)

5. **The socialist state**
   - The treatment of the USSR undermines Therborn’s theoretical account of the socialist state.
   - What mechanisms would be needed for the collectivity of the masses to effectively control the cadres (and thus discard them if they fail to be integrated with the masses)? (Kathryn)
   - Given that there is a state in socialism, how could it possibly “wither away” in a transition to communism within Therborn’s framework? (Mitch)

6. **Miscellaneous issues**
   - In what ways would Therborn’s analysis be strengthened through a theory of emotions and politics? (Matt)
   - How can we integrate the problem of ideology into the account of class rule through the state? Does this help explain how labor parties can be a format of representation of the bourgeoisie? (Ayca)
   - How would the account of the state be different if more systematic attention was given to the subordinate classes? (Aliza)