1. Some basic Concepts in need of clarification
   a. Relations. What precisely does it mean to talk about the state “as a relation”? [Matt Dimick, Shamus Khan]
   b. State power vs State apparatus: what precisely does the contrast mean? What is the payoff? How do we know the class character of each? [Landy Sanchez, Matt Nichter]
   c. state vs society: boundaries of the state? permeability of boundaries? [Sun Jing]
   d. systemic power vs institutional power: meaning of “the game itself” vs “rules of the game” [Cesar Rodriguez]
   e. unity of the state: does the state have a coherent unity? [Damayanti Banerjee]
   f. legitimation of the state: is this a behavior notion or does it imply a specific nsubjective state (Bradly Brewster)

2. Variations in form of state. Does Therborn have a conceptual map of variations within the capitalist form of state? Would such variations be generated by nonclass factors? Can such variation be formulated at the same level of abstraction as Therborn’s more general analysis? [Landy Sanchez]

3. Limits.
   a. Changes in limits. On the idea of “limits” of the state, or state action: who would have thought in 1900 that the Swedish state could do what it has done and remain a capitalist state. Have the limits expanded? Is this because of technological change, which creates greater capacity for surplus acquisition and thus more flexibility? [Keedon Kwon]
   b. Knowledge of limits: is Offe’s solution to the problem of demonstrating limits plausible? [Cesar Rodriguez]

4. Offe’s selection mechanisms:
   a. where do these come from? Are they mainly the effects of class struggle? [Landry Sanchez]
   b. methodological issue: are Offe’s grounds for rejecting various empirical strategies for studying negative selection convincing (Pablo Mitnik)

5. Crisis and the State
   a. Accumulation and legitimation. Is there a contradiction, or even a tension here? Does the legitimation “function” need democracy? [Cesar Rodriguez, James Benson]
   b. The “crisis of crisis management”. Why does Offe think the political system has an inherent tendency to enter into crisis because of contradictions between “positive” and “negative” subordination of the state to accumulation? [Amy Lang, Landy Sanchez]
   c. dysfunctional effects of state apparatuses: how should we understand policies that do not reproduce capitalism? How do these bear on the methodological problem of establishing the class character of an apparatus? [Matt Nichter]

6. Agency and the form of the state. State apparatuses are filled with people with particular histories and socialization and connected to specific fractions of classes. How does this affect state action? How should we think about the relationship between the form of the state and the nature of the motivations of the people in it? [Teresa Melgar]

7. Working class systemic power. The capitalist class has systemic power by virtue of the logic of capital accumulation. Does the working class have systemic power also because labor is essential for accumulation? [Cesar Rodriguez]

8. Gender and the State. Since gender relations predate class relations historically, what does this mean for the possibilities of a “gendered state”? [Bradly Brewster]