

#3. Group Presentation: Systemic Cause of the Event

- Apr 3 (Group A, B) / Apr 5 (Group C, D)
- 15 mins for presentation and 5-7 mins for Q&A
- Suggesting (1) a critical conjuncture of the event and (2) hypothetical predictions by focusing on provided talking points.
- References are provided.

Critical Conjuncture

- An event or phenomenon in the causal chain producing distinct outcomes.
- E.g. The age of exploration of Spain and Portugal was the critical conjuncture of the Price Revolution
- E.g. The Crusades War was the critical conjuncture of the decline of Pope's power.

Critical Conjuncture

- A critical conjuncture can be a political or economic event which provides a tipping point changing previous power structures or economic situation of key actors.
- To find the critical conjuncture, you should (1) identify **distinctive change**, (2) trace historical **causal path to the change**, and (3) check whether the change would not happen without the critical conjuncture (**counterfactual analysis**).

Group A

- PR1: Why did UK choose BREXIT?
PR2: Party Competition (UKIP vs. Others)
PR3: Rise of UKIP and the idea of BREXIT
- Talking Points:
 1. Who do support UKIP? Why and from when (critical momentum)?
 2. Why aren't they successful in the UK Parliament?
 3. Would they become popular in the UK's general election soon? How so? If not, why?

Group A

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Group B

- PR1: Why is Germany committed to Syrian Refugee?
PR2: Social Competition (Anti-immigrants vs. refugees)
PR3: The Cause of “German Moral Leadership”
(<https://www.bloomberg.com/view/articles/2015-09-09/why-germany-welcomes-refugees>)
- Talking Points:
 1. Cause of the change to Article 16 of the German Constitution in 1993 and the series of changes in refugee policy (Flüchtlingspolitik) since 1999.
 2. Is Merkel’s recent Refugee Policy distinctive to German’s previous refugee policies? How so? What does bring the change? If not, when did Germany make a distinctive change in refugee policy? Why do you think so? Will the current policy be changed soon?

Group B

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Group C

- PR1: Trump's restriction on US-China Trade
PR2: International Competition (US vs. China)
PR3: The US Protectionist Foreign Economic Policy
- Talking Points:
 1. Is Trump's US protectionist foreign economic policy distinctive to previous US trade policies and that of other countries? If so, how different? What brings this change? If not, why? Was there any change throughout the US history?
 2. Is China special? Is Trump's policy toward China distinctive to previous policies? How so? What makes this change? If not, was there any radical change in US trade policy toward China? When was it and how different? What was the critical conjuncture?
 3. Will China take counter measures against US? How will it affect US economy and US workers?

Group C

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Group D

- PR1: Why did Trump call for a Travel Ban?
PR2: International Competition (US vs. Iran)
PR3: The Anti-Muslim Sentiment in the US
- Talking Points:
 1. Is 9/11 the critical juncture of the rise of anti-Muslim sentiment in the US? If so, how different from the past? If not, what was the critical juncture and why?
 2. Is Muslim special? If so, why? If not, who will be the next target?
 3. Will Trump's travel ban and restriction on immigrants expand its scope to immigrants from other countries?

Group D

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Take Aways

- Covering Talking Points
- Identifying of Critical Conjuncture by following three steps (a. identify distinctive change, b. trace historical causal path through the current time, and c. do counterfactual analysis.)
- Making hypothetical predictions about current situation in the near future.
- Reading provided references before starting research.