



In the Shadow of Violence

Book Presentation and Discussion with Steven B. Webb

Invitation | 19 March 2013 | 6 - 7.30 p.m.

Venue: Hertie School of Governance | Friedrichstraße 180 | 10117 Berlin

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Political Economist and World Bank Consultant Steven Webb will present his newest book, „In the Shadow of Violence: Politics, Economics and the Problems of Development“ (Cambridge University Press 2013), at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin. Webb’s book applies the conceptual framework of Douglass C. North, John Joseph Wallis and Barry R. Weingast’s *Violence and Social Orders* (Cambridge University Press, 2009) to nine developing countries. The cases show how political control of economic privileges is used to limit violence and coordinate coalitions of powerful organizations. Rather than castigating politicians and elites as simply corrupt, the case studies illustrate why development is so difficult to achieve in societies where the role of economic organizations is manipulated to provide political balance and stability. The volume develops the idea of limited-access social order as a dynamic social system in which violence is constantly a threat and political and economic outcomes result from the need to control violence rather than promoting economic growth or political rights. For his presentation in Berlin Webb will add the perspective of Germany from the late 19th century to the present.

Introduction and Moderation by Helmut K. Anheier.

Commentary by Michael Wohlgemuth, Open Europe Berlin and University Witten/Herdecke.

The event will be followed by a reception.



Steven B. Webb holds degrees from Yale University and the University of Chicago. He taught in the Economics Department at the University of Michigan and was a visiting senior economist at US Department of State. For the last 24 years, he has worked for the World Bank as a lead economist, advisor, and consultant in research, evaluations, and operations in Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, and other regions. His specialties include political economy, public finance, central banks and monetary policy, decentralization, and economic history. Steven Webb is visiting Germany upon the invitation of the Wilhelm Röpke Institute.



Helmut K. Anheier is Professor of Sociology and Dean at the Hertie School. He also holds a chair of Sociology at Heidelberg University and serves as Academic Director of the Center for Social Investment. He received his PhD from Yale University. From 2001 to 2009, he was Professor of Public Policy and Social Welfare at UCLA’s School of Public Affairs and Centennial Professor at LSE. He founded and directed the Centre for Civil Society at LSE and the Centre for Civil Society at UCLA.

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