CfP: Development Under Dictatorship? - Revisiting economic development under authoritarian regimes in the periphery

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The role of the state in economic development is contested. The influential work of Acemoglu and Robinson (2012) places the State, and political actors, as fundamental determinants of the failure of countries to develop via the establishment and perpetuation of extractive institutions. On the other hand, the rapid industrialization and economic transformation of some countries under authoritarian regimes begs us to question the mechanisms by which some authoritarian states achieved economic development while others (partly) failed.

This session invites scholars interested in understanding initial conditions and factors determining the paths for inclusive transformation under authoritarian regimes. We welcome both comparative and case-specific approaches that refer to the topic of "inclusiveness" in socioeconomic development widely understood, in peripheral countries and with special attention to non-democratic and transition periods from the early 20th century up to today. This includes, but is not limited to, the evolution of economic inequality and extraction, state finances, and welfare or education policies.

Participants are welcome to submit an abstract of max 500 words before 31 October 2017 to Montserrat.lopez_jerez@ekh.lu.se. Acceptance will be communicated before the end of the year.

The session counts already with the participation of the following scholars:

Martin Andersson (Lund University)
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Christer Gunnarsson (Lund University)
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