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Director's Speaker Series

MICHAEL HECHTER

"Legitimizing Alien Rule"

Thursday, April 02, 2015 3:30PM - 5:00PM
 Mershon Center for International Security Studies
 1501 Neil Ave. Columbus, OH 43201

[Register for this event here.](#)

Michael Hechter received both his AB and Ph.D. from Columbia University. He is an elected fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Foundation Professor of Political Science at Arizona State University, and professor of sociology at University of Copenhagen. Hechter has previously taught at the universities of Washington, Arizona and Oxford. He has been a fellow at the Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences and the Russell Sage Foundation, and was a visiting professor at the Universities of Bergen and Ljubljana.

Hechter is the author of numerous books, including *Internal Colonialism: The Celtic Fringe in British National Development, 1536-1966* (1975; 1999); *Principles of Group Solidarity* (1987); *Containing Nationalism* (2000), and *Alien Rule* (2013). He is editor/co-editor of *The Microfoundations of Macrosociology* (1983); *Social Institutions: Their Emergence, Maintenance and Effects* (1990); *The Origin of Values* (1993); *Social Norms* (2001, 2005); and *Theories of Social Order* (2003). His articles have appeared in the *American Journal of Sociology*, *Demography*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Rationality and Society*, *Sociological Theory*, *European Sociological Review*, and many other journals. His writings have been translated into Italian, Japanese, Hungarian, Chinese, Arabic, French, Spanish, and Georgian.

Abstract

In his talk, Hechter suggests that alien rule can become legitimate to the extent that it provides governance that is both effective and fair. Governance is effective to the degree that citizens have access to an expanding economy and an ample supply of culturally appropriate collective goods. Governance is fair to the degree that rulers act according to the strictures of procedural justice. These twin conditions help account for the legitimation of alien rulers in organizations of markedly different scales. These principles to the legitimation of alien rulers in states (the Republic of Genoa, 19th and 20th century China, and modern Iraq), colonies (Taiwan and Korea under Japanese rule), and occupation regimes, as well as in less encompassing organizations such as universities (academic receivership), corporations (mergers and acquisitions), and stepfamilies. Finally, Hechter will speculate about the possibility of an international market in governance services.



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