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Edgar Kiser (PhD University of Arizona, 1987) is Professor of Sociology at the University of Washington. His interests include the study of state-building and war, comparative/historical sociology, premodern states, and rational choice theory applied to institution-building. His recent publications include articles in the *American Sociological Review* and *American Journal of Sociology* on tax-farming, agency theory, war and bureaucratization in Qin China, early modern tax revolts in France, and taxation and voting rights struggles in medieval England and France. He is currently working on a book on state-building in premodern states and empires, and a second examining ideas drawn from evolutionary biology to the development of historical/comparative methods in the social sciences.