

JAMES C. SCOTT

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Information

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Present Position: Sterling Professor of Political Science

Joint Appointment in Anthropology

Joint Appointment to School of Forestry and Environmental Studies

Academic Background

1954-58 B.A. Williams College; Political Economy

1958-59 auditor Rangoon University, Burma; Economics

1959-60 auditeur, Institut des Sciences Politiques, Paris; Political Science

1961-63 M.A. Yale University; Political Science

1963-67 Ph.D. Yale University; Political Science

Academic Positions

1976-present Sterling Professor of Political Science, Anthropology, Yale University

1967-76 Professor of Political Science, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin

1966-67 Lecturer, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut

Languages French, Malay/Indonesian, German, Burmese

Academic Distinctions

Phi Beta Kappa

Foreign Area Fellowship to Malaysia 1964-66

Dissertation at Yale awarded "distinction"

NSF Post-doctoral Fellowship 1968

Post-doctoral fellow in Yale Psychology and Politics Program 1971

NSF Project Grant 1973-74

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Senior Fellowship 1975-76

Guggenheim Fellowship 1978-79

National Science Foundation Research Grant 1978-80

Exxon Fellow, MIT, Science, Technology and Society Program, 1983

Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton 1986-87
 Fellow, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, 1990-91
 Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences
 President, Association of Asian Studies, 1997-98
 Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, 1998-1999
 The Alice Paul Alumni Merit Award, Moorestown Friends' School, N.J. 2001
 Visiting Professor, Roskilde University, Denmark, Spring 2008
 Honorary Doctoral Degree, Uppsala University, Sweden, January 2008
 Fulbright Fellow, University of Oslo, Spring 2002
 Tanner Lectures at Harvard, Spring 2011
 Fukuoka Asian Culture Prize, Japan 2010
 Gilbert Osofsky Lecture, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2012
 Grain of Sand Award, Interpretive Methodologies and Methods Conference
 Group, 1 American Political Science Association, 2013
 The Ester Boserup Prize for Research in Development, Copenhagen, 2013
 Named "Global Thinker"(!?) 2013 by *Foreign Policy*
 Hilldale Lecture, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2014
 O. Meredith Wilson Lecture, University of Utah, 2014
 Visiting Research Professor, Aarhus University, 2014-15
 Benjamin E. Lippincott Award, 2015, of the American Political Science
 Association to recognize a work (*Seeing Like a State*) of exceptional quality
 by a living political theorist that is considered significant at least 15 years
 after its publication.
 Aaron Wildavsky Award, 2015, conferred by the Public Policy Section of the
 American Political Science Association to a book (*Seeing Like a State*)
 that has made an enduring contribution to the field.
 Patten Lectures, Indiana University, March 2016
 V. Gordon Childe Lecture and Seminar. Institute of Archaeology, London,
 April, 2016
 Centennial Lecture, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, April, 2016
 Child Lecture, Pennsylvania State University, September, 2016
 Clifford Geertz Memorial Lecture, Princeton University, March, 2017
 Ena Thompson Distinguished Lecturer, Pomona College, March, 2017
 Raymond Firth Lecture, Australian AAS, Adelaide 2017
 Prize of the Foundation Mattei Dogan for High Achievement in Political
 Science, Awarded by the International Political Science Association, 2018

Publications---Books only (longer cv with articles available on request)

A. Books:

1. *Political Ideology in Malaysia: Reality and the Beliefs of an Elite*, Yale University Press, 1968

Kuala Lumpur: University of Malaya Press, 1969 (a local version of the above book)

2. *Comparative Political Corruption*, Prentice Hall, 1971
3. *The Moral Economy of the Peasant: Subsistence and Rebellion in Southeast Asia*, Yale University Press, 1976
 - _in Italian as *I Contadini tra Sopravvivenza e rivolta*, Naples: Liguori Editore, 1981
 - _in Japanese, 1981
 - _in Chinese 1986. 2nd edition 2012
 - _in Indonesian, 1982
 - _in Thai, 1984
 - _____ in Vietnamese, 1996
4. *Friends, Followers, and Factions: A Reader in Political Clientelism*, University of California Press, 1976 - edited with Carl Lande, Steffen Schmidt, and Laura Guasti
5. *Everyday Forms of Peasant Resistance in Southeast Asia*, London: Frank Cass, Ltd., 1986 - edited with Benedict Kerkvliet
6. *Weapons of the Weak: Everyday Forms of Peasant Resistance*, New Haven: Yale University Press, 1985
 - in Malaysia by U. of Malaya Press, Kuala Lumpur, 1986
 - in India by Oxford University Press, New Delhi
 - _____ in Korean, 1997
 - in Spanish, Mexico, 1996
 - in Spanish, Spain. 2004
 - in Russian, 2004
7. *Domination and the Arts of Resistance: Hidden Transcripts*, New Haven: Yale University Press, 1990
 - _____ in Turkish, 1994
 - _____ in Arabic, 1995
 - in French, 2007
 - in Spanish, 2002: Mexico and Madrid editions
 - in Romanian 2003
 - in Korean, 2006
 - in Italian. 2006
 - in Portuguese, Lisbon, 2013
 - in Greek, 2016
 - in Chinese, under contract
8. *Seeing Like a State: How Certain Schemes to Improve the Human Condition have Failed*, New Haven: Yale University Press, 1997
 - Winner Mattei Dogan Prize for Best Comparative Book of the Year, The Society for Comparative Research

Benjamin E. Lippincott Award, 2015, of the American Political Science

Aaron Wildavsky Award, 2015, conferred by the Public Policy Section of the American Political Science Association

in Russian, 2004
in Chinese 2005, 2nd edition 2010
Italian translation under contract
in Korean 2008
in Turkish. 2010
Indonesian translation under contract 2014
Spanish translation under contract (Mexico) 2016
Vietnamese translation under contract, 2017
World English Audio Rights, Blackstone Publishers, 2017

9., *The Art of Not Being Governed: An Anarchist History of Upland Southeast Asia*, New Haven: Yale University Press, 2009

Winner of the Asia Society Bernard Schwartz Prize for best book on Asia, 2010

Winner of the John K. Fairbank Prize in East Asian History of the American Historical Association, 2010

Indian edition: Orient Blackswan, 2010
Singapore Edition, National University Singapore Press, 2011
French translation, Editions Le Seuil, 2013
Japanese translation 2013
Italian translation 2013, *Citta delie Rose Prize*
Korean edition, 2016
Chinese edition, 2016
Russian edition, 2017
Indonesian translation under contract

10. *Two Cheers for Anarchism: Six Easy Pieces on Autonomy, Dignity, and Meaningful Work and Play*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2012

Spanish 2013
Portuguese 2013
French 2014
Italian 2014
German 2016
Japanese 2017
Audible books 2016
Chinese, Korean, Turkish, and Russian translations under contract

11. *Decoding the Subaltern: Ideology, Disguise, and Resistance in Agrarian*

Politics, London: Routledge, 2012.

Portuguese translation under contract 2016

12. *Against the Grain: A Deep History of the First Agrarian States*, Yale University Press, published August 2017.

Chinese translation under contract 2017

Chinese traditional characters (Taiwan) 2017

Japanese translation under contract 2017

French translation (La Découverte) under contract 2017

Portuguese translation (Brazil) under contract 2017

Italian translation under contract 2017

Turkish translation under contract 2018

Korean translation under contract 2018

German translation (Surkamp) under contract 2018

Russian translation under contract 2018

Audible books

13. List of published articles available on request.

Research and Writing in Progress

Burma. I am planning three articles or small books on Burmese politics: the topics are, respectively: forced resettlement, the eco-political biography of the Irrawaddy and Salween Rivers, and the politics of “fake” democratic institutions.

A slightly longer term project is to write a short book on “the design of anarchist institutions”, a theme that only seems self-contradictory! The idea would be to think carefully about how mutuality without hierarchy, freedom and autonomy, resilience and flexibility might be embedded in the design of such institutions as

schools, work-places, cafes, gyms, playgrounds, retirement and old-age residences, housing, urban form, mental institutions, hospitals, etc.

Other Professional Activities

Editorial Board: *Journal of Peasant Studies*
Theory and Society
International Studies Quarterly
Copenhagen Review of Asian Studies
Comparative Studies in Society and History
Theory in Action
TRaNS (Korea)

Member: Association of Asian Studies,
American Political Science Association
American Anthropological Association
Editorial Board, Perspectives on Politics, APSA
Connecticut Sheep Breeders' Association
(to see if you're still paying attention)
Yale University Press, Publications Committee
Board member: Human Rights Watch/Asia Watch
Open Society Institute, Burma Project
International Advisory Board, Asian Research Institute (NUS,
Singapore)
Co-editor, TRANS...Transregional and National Journal of
Southeast Asia

Co-Director: Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University
President: Association of Asian Studies, 1997-98