

JAMES C. SCOTT

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Information

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Present Position: Sterling Professor of Political Science, Demeritus
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 Netaji (Subhas Chandra Bose) Oration, Calcutta, January 2000
 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*
 Hildale 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
 Lecture in association with the Exhibition: "Préhistoire: Une énigme moderne"
 Centre Pompidou, Paris, May, 2019

Lecture at Festival “La Manufacture des Idées: Formes de Vie”, Mâcon, June 2019.

Fellow, American Philosophical Society (elected 2020)

Albert O. Hirschman Prize (biennial) of the Social Science Research Council, 2020

Selected to *Art Review*’s “Power 100” (!?) (#36) which they describe as

a ranking of the 100 most influential people on the world of Art (my mind boggles)

Berlin Social Science Center; Wissenschaftszentrum zu Berlin (WZB), established by the Bundestag in 1969,

Biennial A,SK Endowed Prize of US\$200K, 2021

Royal Anthropological Institute (UK) President’s Lifetime Achievement Award, (2023)

Keynote on “Resistance” at Ukrainian Conference on “Ukrainian Resistance” Nov. 24, 2013

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

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 Malay/Bahasa Indonesia 1994
 - in Korean, 1997
 - in Spanish, Mexico, 1996
 - in Spanish, Spain. 2004
 - in Russian, 2004
 - in Chinese (CC), 2021
 - in French, contract) 2022
7. *Domination and the Arts of Resistance: Hidden Transcripts*, New Haven: Yale University Press, 1990
 - in Turkish, 1994
 - in Arabic, 1995
 - in French, 2007, 2nd ed. 2019
 - in Spanish, 2002: Mexico and Madrid editions
 - in Romanian, 2003
 - in Korean, 2006, 2nd 2020
 - in Italian, 2006, 2nd 2021
 - in Portuguese, Lisbon 2013
 - in Greek, 2016
 - in Chinese SC, 2021
 - in Chinese CC, 2021
 - in Japanese, contract, 2022
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
in Italian 2018
in Korean 2008
in Turkish 2010
in Indonesian 2014
in Spanish (Mexico) 2016
Vietnamese translation under contract, 2017
in French, *L'oeil de l'État*, (La Découverte, 2020)
World English Audio Rights, Blackstone Publishers, 2017
in Chinese (complex characters) 2023
in Japanese under contract 2021

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
French translation, *Zomia*, Editions Le Seuil, 2013, 2nd ed. 2019
Japanese translation 2013
Italian translation 2013, *Citta delle Rose Prize*
Korean edition, 2016
Chinese edition, 2016
Russian edition, 2017
Portuguese edition, 2017
Indonesian translation under contract

Greek translation under contract
Spanish 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
Russian 2019
Audible books 2016
Chinese 2019
Chinese complex characters (Taiwan and Hong Kong)
2021
Korean 2021
Turkish and Czech translations under contract

11. *Decoding the Subaltern: Ideology, Disguise, and Resistance in Agrarian Politics*, London: Routledge, 2012.

Portuguese translation, 2019
Italian translation under contract 2023

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

Chinese translation 2017
Chinese translation, complex characters (Taiwan) 2017
Japanese translation 2017
French translation, *Homo Domesticus*, (La Découverte) 2019
Portuguese translation (Brazil) under contract 2017
Italian translation 2019
Turkish translation 2019
Korean translation 2019
German trans., *Die Mühlen der Zivilisation*, (Surkamp) 2018
Russian translation 2020
Polish translation 2021
Greek translation under contract 2022
Audible books

13. *In Praise of Floods: The Stake of All*

Creatures in the River's Freedom. Under contract. Yale University Press 2023.
Special emphasis on the Ayeyarwady

University Press, 2013. 14. List of published articles available on request.

Research and Writing in Progress

Burma. A book designed to be an eco-political biography of Rivers in general and the Irrawaddy River of Burma/Myanmar in particular is nearly complete in draft form. Only the final chapter remains incomplete. The first draft should be complete (with illustrations) by the fall of 2023.

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.

Much of my time in from 2016-2023 has been devoted to Burmese language study, helping the Burmese democratic resistance, and helping foster the bilingual Burmese-

English journal: *The Independent Journal of Burmese Scholarship*, that has, in the last five years published issues devoted to local justice, the Rohingya, defections from the Burmese military and the Burmese media under civil war conditions, student political generations, and feminism respectively. I have also played a role in raising funds to assist striking public employees and refugee students in Thailand.

See: <https://ijbs.online/>
<https://mutualaidmyanmar>

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)
Co-founder: Independent Journal of Burmese Scholarship
A bi-lingual journal of Burmese affairs and culture
Board member: Human Rights Watch/Asia Watch
International Advisory Board, Asian Research Institute (NUS, Singapore)
Co-editor, TRANS...Transregional and National Journal of Southeast Asia
Editorial Board, Journal of Russian Peasant Studies
Co-Director: Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University
President: Association of Asian Studies, 1997-98

