

TWENTY-THIRD SUMMER SCHOOL IN INTERNATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

Political Economy and Development

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Lecture 1. Bringing politics into development

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Lecture 4. State Effectiveness and State Capacity

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Lecture 5. Challenges ahead: democracy with unsatisfied citizens, social media and polarization, and climate change

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