



1. What is a « weak » State?

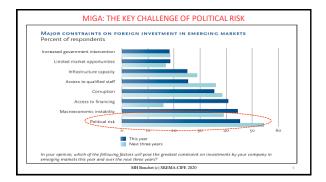
A "WEAK STATE » IS UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO PROVIDE COMMON GOODS TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL COHESION THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT

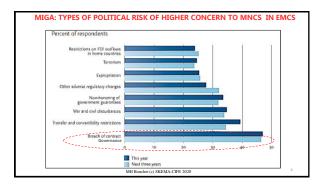
INSTITUTIONAL WEAKNESSES GENERATE A CRISIS OF SOCIAL MEDIATIONS

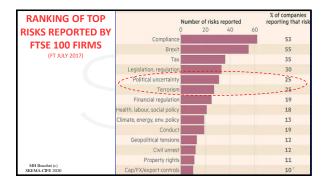
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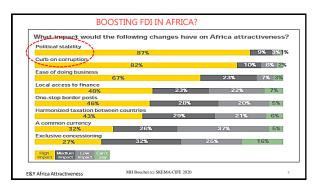
Threat materialization

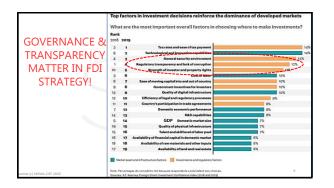
Wealth gap, political upheaval, sanitary crisis, capital controls, heavy bureaucracy, sham contracts and bribery, corruption, blocked funds, ideological shift, contract repudiation, expropriation, coup d'état, martial law, revolution, civil strife damage, war damage, kidnapping, crimes, terrorism











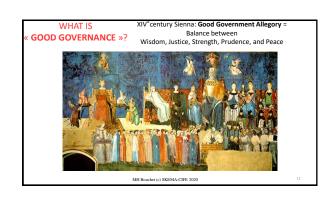
WHERE DOES STATE FAILURE COME FROM?

State failure stems from the state's incapacity or unwillingness:

- to deliver public goods, e.g., security, social welfare, economic growth, social peace, good governance
- to claim the monopoly of the legitimate use of force
- to manage an efficient state bureaucracy
- to interact as a fully functioning member of the international community
- to respond effectively to challenges and crises
- to generate sustainable **development** prospects based on good governance!

(Sources: Timo Alexander Graf, Brookings, Fund for Peace, et alii)

2. WHAT IS GOVERNANCE? Governance consists of the quality of institutions by which authority is exercised - Accountability - Political Stability & Social Peace - Government Effectiveness - Transparency and Regulatory Quality - Rule of Law - Control of Corruption



LEVIATHAN (1651) THOMAS HOBBES

Why are some countries less corrupt and better governed than others?

Peace is attained through a social contract, whereby men consent to being ruled by one supreme sovereign authority

Absolute monarchy is the best form of central authority that can guarantee peace



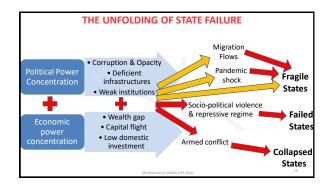
WHEN HOW MUCH (POWER) GETS TOO MUCH?

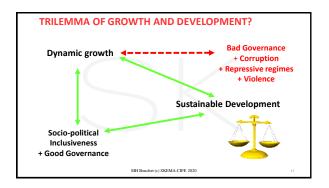
Weak states cause bad outcomes

- 2. Weak states are characterized by **conflict over control** of the political and economic spheres
 - 3. Excessive centralized authority leads to tensions and repression
 - 4. Political and economic power **concentration** go hand in hand with bad governance and corruption
- 5. Strong and adaptive **institutions** provide a social contract, hence **social mediations** that channel demands for change
- A legitimate, hence respected, central authority can guarantee social stability and provide a basket of key political goods (human security, dispute resolution, political participation, and physical infrastructure)

3. THE KEY INGREDIENTS OF STATE FAILURE

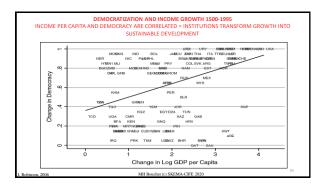
- 1. Weakness of institutions
- 2. Bad governance & corruption
 - 3. Income & wealth gaps
- 4. Limited socio-economic freedom
- 5. Loose sustainable development policies

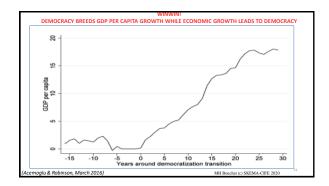




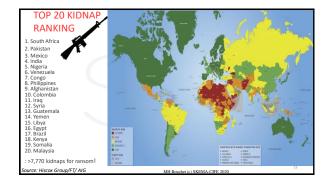


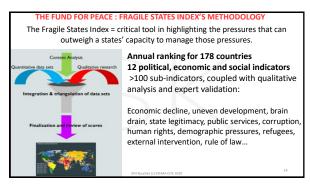


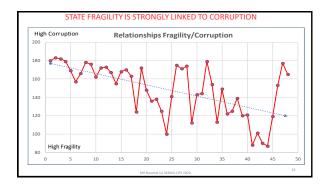




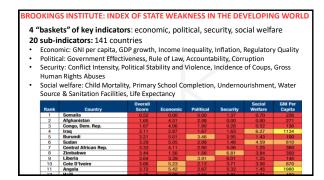


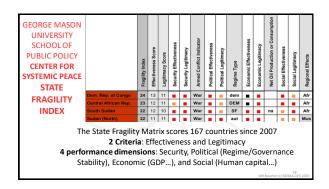






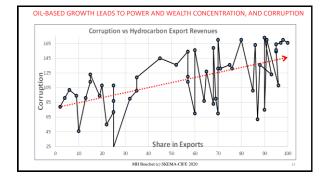






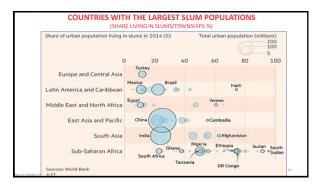


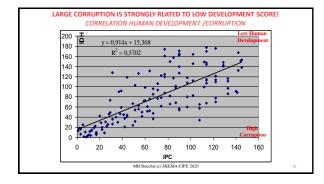


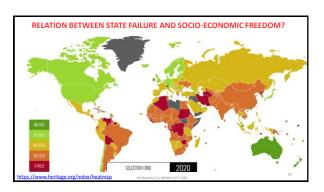


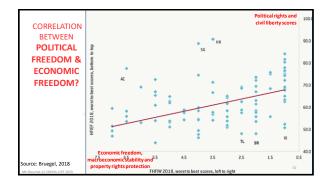
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HDI Rank	42	68	108	115	
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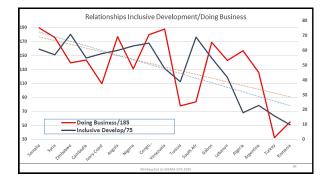


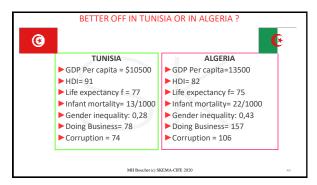












5. WHERE DOES POLITICAL RISK & INSTITUTIONAL WEAKNESSES COME FROM?

- Origins? Political risk stems from the overall uncertainty related to the exercise of power by a government and its ramifications
- Impact? Arbitrary political decisions, conditions, and events will affect the business climate in such a way that investors, exporters, creditors, as well as domestic residents will confront risks and losses.

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AMBASSADOR PAUL BREMER

(US STATE DEPARTMENT) HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL REVIEW, 2002

Political risk analysis is both an art and a science but many types of risk are amenable to rigorous analysis:

- 1. How resilient is the political system?
- 2. Is there a tradition of **peaceful transitions** of power?
- 3. How robust are the social shock absorbers that provide buffers between individual citizens and governments?

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WHERE DOES POLITICAL RISK COME FROM?

- **≻**Terrorism
- ➤ Wealth gap
- Ethnic/linguistic fragmentation
- ➤ Bad governance + Corruption
- Cultural fragmentation (urbanization, migrations, social frustration, religions)
 - Internal violence and power struggle (martial law, coup d'état, guerrilla warfare...)
 - ➤ Regional contamination

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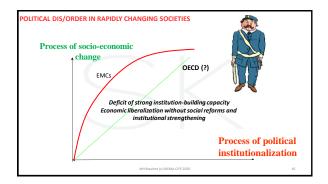
WHERE DOES POLITICAL TURMOIL COME FROM?

Managing the stress of modernization?

- violence and instability stem from:
- 1. rapid social change
- 2. centralized decision-making system
- 3. mobilization of new groups into politics
- slow development of political institutions



➤ As societies modernize, they become more complex and disordered. If the process of **socio-economic** modernization is not matched by a process of **political and institutional** modernization with political institutions capable of result is violence.



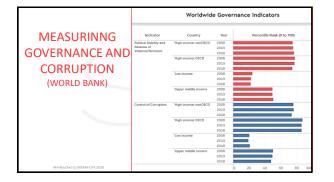


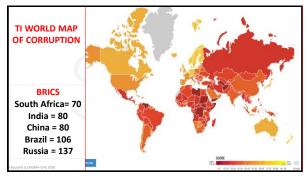












7. TOWARD EARLY WARNING SIGNALS OF STATE FAILURE?

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WHY DOES CAPITAL FLIGHT DESERVE MORE ATTENTION?



- Macroeconomic consequences: increase in S/I gap
- Symptom of institutional weakness (banking system, savings mobilization)
- Push & Pull forces
- Recycling of external debt and development aid?
- Reflection of bad governance and corruption?

New research and policy focus of IFIs (Lessard/Williamson, Dooley, Cuddington, Bouchet/Groslambert, Collier, Cerra, Boyce/Ndikumana, Bouchet/Seto, & Bouchet/Kharrat)

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COVID-19 CRISIS AND WEAK STATES? = CAPITAL FLIGHT, INSOLVENCY AND DEFAULT

- Sanitary and economic disaster in fragile states = political and social disorder
- P Q1 2020 = net **\$100 billion** has left 12 leading EMCs, including Brazil, Argentina, Turkey, Mexico, Peru, and South Africa (stark contrast to inflows of \$79 billion in 2019)

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HOW MEASURING CAPITAL FLIGHT?



5 approaches:

- All gross capital outflows
- 2. Short-term private capital outflows (hot money)
 - 3. Errors & Omissions in the BOP
- 4. Residual BOP calculation= (net FDI inflows + debt increase) (current account deficit + reserve accumulation)
 - 5. « expatriated savings »: ExR-adjusted private deposits in international banks

