

# Review of: "State crisis theory: A systematization of institutional, socio-ecological, demographic-structural, world-systems, and revolutions research"

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Very good review of the literature and a laudable attempt to establish a systematic theory of state crises. It is a very difficult enterprise because, as the author says, most of the explanatory variables are not necessarily incompatible, and so they are probably all operating to some extent. Perhaps the problem is that state crises can occur in so many different contexts; consequently some variables are operating more in some places than in others. My inclination is this is likely the case, and so perhaps it may be more manageable to try to limit the number of cases the theory is applicable to. It also would have been helpful to try to connect the conclusions to some concrete case studies of state crises; this would have allowed readers to make clearer connections between the systematic theory being defended, and the empirical phenomenon it is meant to explain