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Codebook
International System(s) Dataset (ISD), Version 2
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Differences Between ISD 1 and ISD 2
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As described in our 2020 article with *International Interactions*, there are two substantial differences in the second version of the ISD. First, we modified the criteria for identifying states (cases), our unit of analysis. To qualify as a state in the ISD, a political entity needs to have:
1. A population of at least 10,000.
2. Autonomy over a specific population.
3. Sovereignty that is either uncontested or acknowledged by the relevant international actors.

These criteria are elaborated in both articles. The main difference in version 2 is that we lowered the population requirement from 100,000 (ISD V1) to 10,000 (ISD V2). This, along with a more refined collection process, yielded 482 states between 1816 and 2016, a net increase of 119 states from ISD V1 (which had 363 states). The states are listed below.

The second difference with ISD V2 is that we included a range of additional variables related to recognition, start type, borders, and conflict. These variables are described below. Note that as stated on page 297 of the article, "these additional variables are coded only for states in the 1816-1920 period and primarily for states that are not captured in the COW list." Our emphasis was on the collection of data for hitherto ignored or under-researched states.

This dataset is the result of a three-year effort involving 14 researchers (including Butcher and Griffiths) with funding from the Australian Research Council (ARC). A substantial number of sources were used in the data collection.

Case List

The 482 states in the ISD V2 can be sorted into three categories (noted as a variable in the dataset).

Category 1. There are 286 states in V2 that are identical to V1 with respect to the start and end years. For example, both versions show that Tokolor existed as an independent state from 1848 to 1893.

Category 2. There are 76 states in V2 where the start and/or ends years have been changed from V1. For example, Fouta Djallon was given the start and end years of 1816 and 1896 in V1; in V2 those years were updated to 1816 and 1887. Note that one case, Swat, was removed from the dataset in V2. As stated in the article, we felt that Swat no longer met the criteria for statehood. Combined, there are 362 states in categories 1 and 2. These are the cases in V1 of the ISD, minus Swat.

Category 3. There are 120 new states in V2, listed here.

State Name	Start	End
Abuja Emirate	01-01-1828	31-12-1902
Adamawa	01-01-1841	14-11-1893
Anhalt-Bernburg	01-01-1816	22-08-1863
Anhalt-Dessau	01-01-1816	18-08-1866
Anhalt-Kothen	01-01-1816	23-11-1847
Anjouan	01-01-1816	31-12-1886
Ankole	01-01-1816	31-12-1898
Aro Confederacy	01-01-1816	31-01-1902
Asahan	01-01-1816	01-01-1865
Badung	01-01-1816	31-12-1906
Bagirmi	01-01-1816	31-12-1897
Bangli	01-01-1837	31-12-1909
Benin Empire	01-01-1816	17-02-1897
Bohol	01-01-1816	31-08-1829
Bone	01-01-1816	31-12-1905
Borgu	01-01-1816	31-12-1898
Brakna	01-01-1816	31-12-1905
Brunswick	01-01-1816	18-08-1866
Buleleng	01-01-1816	31-12-1849

Bulungan	01-01-1816	31-12-1885
Bunyoro	01-01-1816	31-12-1893
Champasak	01-01-1816	31-12-1829
Chien Khouang/ Xiang Khouang/ Xieng Khouang	01-01-1816	31-12-1831
Chitral	01-01-1816	31-12-1878
Dagestan	01-01-1834	31-12-1859
Deli Sultanate	01-01-1816	22-08-1862
Dhar	01-01-1816	31-12-1819
Egba	01-01-1830	31-12-1893
Fiji	05-06-1871	10-10-1874
Frankfurt	01-01-1816	20-09-1866
Geledi Sultanate	01-01-1816	31-12-1908
Gera	01-01-1835	31-12-1896
Gianyar	01-01-1816	01-01-1842
Gianyar	01-01-1849	01-01-1883
Gianyar	01-01-1893	01-01-1900
Gomma	01-01-1816	31-01-1886
Gowa	01-01-1816	01-01-1911
Gumma	01-01-1816	31-12-1902
Harrar	01-01-1816	31-12-1875
Herat	01-01-1829	31-12-1863
Hesse-Homburg	01-01-1816	28-03-1866
Hiraab Emirate	01-01-1816	31-12-1900
Hobyo (Obbia) Sultanate	01-01-1884	08-02-1889
Hohenzollern-Hechingen	01-01-1816	07-12-1849
Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen	01-01-1816	07-12-1849
Hunza	01-01-1816	31-12-1891
Ibadan Empire	01-01-1862	31-12-1893
Igala Kingdom	01-01-1816	31-12-1886
Ijaye	01-01-1832	31-12-1862

Ijebu	01-01-1816	15-05-1892
Ijesa	01-01-1816	31-12-1870
Ile Ife	01-01-1816	31-12-1849
Jabal Shammar	01-01-1836	31-12-1921
Jaisalmer	01-01-1816	31-12-1818
Jambi	01-01-1816	31-12-1834
Jembrana	01-01-1818	31-12-1821
Jembrana	01-01-1849	31-12-1853
Jolof (Djoloff or Wolof)	01-01-1816	18-04-1885
Kaabu Empire	01-01-1816	31-12-1867
Ketu Kingdom	01-01-1816	31-12-1886
Kingdom of Karagwe	01-01-1816	31-01-1891
Kishangarh	01-01-1816	31-12-1818
Klungkung	01-01-1816	31-12-1911
Kong Empire	01-01-1816	10-01-1889
Kunduz	01-01-1816	31-12-1859
Kutai	01-01-1816	31-12-1844
Lahej Sultanate	01-01-1816	31-12-1898
Loango Kingdom	01-01-1816	31-12-1834
Luang Phrabang	01-01-1816	31-12-1893
Lubeck	01-01-1816	18-08-1866
Lucca	01-01-1816	04-10-1847
Luwu	01-01-1816	31-12-1906
Majeerteen Sultanate	01-01-1816	31-12-1889
Mandara	01-01-1816	31-12-1902
Mangbetu Kingdom	01-01-1816	31-12-1873
Mataatua	01-01-1816	28-10-1835
Mataram	01-01-1816	31-12-1830
Mataram Lombok	01-01-1839	31-12-1894
Mecklenburg Strelitz	01-01-1816	21-08-1866

Mengwi	01-01-1816	31-12-1823
Moheli	01-01-1830	31-12-1886
Mthetwa	01-01-1816	31-12-1817
Ndwandwe Kingdom	01-01-1816	31-12-1820
Negeri Sembilan	01-01-1816	31-12-1887
New Zealand	01-01-1835	16-02-1840
Ngapuhi	01-01-1816	28-10-1835
Nupe	01-01-1816	31-12-1832
Nyungu Kingdom	01-01-1880	31-12-1894
Oaugadougou	01-01-1816	31-09-1896
Reuss-Greiz	01-01-1816	18-08-1866
Reuss-Schleiz	01-01-1816	18-08-1866
Riau	01-01-1819	31-12-1824
Rozvi Empire	01-01-1816	31-12-1834
Sampthar	01-01-1816	31-12-1817
Sarawak	01-01-1841	31-12-1888
Schaumburg-Lippe	01-01-1816	18-08-1866
Schwarzburg-Rudolstadt	01-01-1816	18-08-1866
Schwarzburg-Sondershausen	01-01-1816	18-08-1866
Shilluk Kingdom	01-01-1816	31-12-1863
Sikasso	01-01-1816	01-05-1898
Singhbhum	01-01-1816	31-12-1820
Sise Empire	01-01-1835	31-12-1881
Sultanate of Aussa	01-01-1816	31-12-1944
Sultanate of Maguindanao	01-01-1816	31-12-1861
Tabanan	01-01-1816	31-12-1906
Tampin	01-01-1836	31-12-1887
Tegali Kingdom	01-01-1816	31-12-1884
Teke Kingdom	01-01-1816	31-12-1883
Tenkodogo	01-01-1816	31-12-1896

Tonga	01-01-1845	31-12-1900
Tonk	01-01-1816	31-12-1817
Toro	01-01-1830	31-12-1900
Trarza Emirate	01-01-1816	31-12-1904
Unyanyembe	01-01-1816	30-10-1892
Urambo	01-01-1860	31-12-1890
Vientiane	01-01-1816	31-12-1827
Waikato	01-01-1816	28-10-1835
Waldeck	01-01-1816	18-08-1866
Walo	01-01-1816	18-03-1855
Wanganui	01-01-1816	28-10-1835

Coding Mechanism and Variables

In this section we detail the variables and rules for coding.

General Rules

- -9 = No information because of insufficient information available to code the variable; or variable not applicable to this case; or variable not researched because it was a commonly accepted 20th and 21st century state.[1]
- -Am = For each key variable there is an additional question about ambiguity. Was there ambiguity in the coding? 0 = no ambiguity; 1 = ambiguity.
- ** = Notes that a variable may produce false negatives. For example, a "1" indicated that evidence was found for the variable "Border." A "0" indicates that no evidence was found, NOT that borders did not exist in this case.

COW Num　　　　The number assigned to the political unit in the Correlates of War (COW) dataset.[2]

COW ID　　　　A three-letter abbreviation given by the COW dataset. For new cases, a COW ID was created.

State Name　　　　The name used for the state in the ISD dataset.

Other Name　　　　Other names by which the state is known.

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[1] As stated, our research on corollary variables focused on 19th and early 20th century states that were introduced in the ISC V1 and V2.

[2] Following our practice used in ISD V1, we generated new ID numbers for new states using the COW numbering scheme. See the Correlates of War Entities List.

ISD Category	Category 1 states have same start and end years as ISD V1. Category 2 states were in ISD V1 but have changed start and/or end years. Category 3 states are new states that were not in ISD V1.
Region	The COW index number for the geographic region in which the state is located.
Start	The year the state entered the system – i.e. met all of the criteria for statehood listed above. For states that existed at the beginning of the time period for the dataset, 1816 is used as the start. Provide actual calendar date if known.
Start-Am	Was there ambiguity in the coding of the start?
EStart	What year did the state start if *earlier* than 1816?
EStart-Am	Was there ambiguity regarding the early start?
Declare**	Is there evidence of a declaration of independence? (0=no, 1=yes). It can be a pronouncement or a document. By listing "1" for this variable you are directing the future researcher to a case where something occurred.
DecDate**	Date of the declaration of independence (provide year and date if possible).
Population	List the population for the start year or as close as possible to it.
PopDate	Year population was counted.
POP-Am	Ambiguity surrounding the population estimate?
Population-High	Upper end of population estimates
Population-Low	Lower end of population estimates
Start Type	How was the state created? 1. Territorial Consolidation = state created over space where none previously existed. 2. Secession = state secedes from larger state. 3. Dissolution[3] = state is born as a fragment of a larger state that broke apart and ceased to exist (e.g. Austro-Hungarian Empire).

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[3] Regarding StartType, it's a fuzzy line that separates Secession from Dissolution. In the latter case the mother state has to basically disappear. For a more recent set of examples, we would code Belarus from the Soviet Union as a secession and not a dissolution since the rump state endured (albeit transformed) as Russia. In contrast, Hungary from the Austro-Hungarian Empire is a dissolution since the Empire ceased to be and it's harder to argue that it endured as Austria.

4. Unification = state born from the voluntary merging of several (typically equally sized) states.
5. Decolonization = state born from decolonization
6. Other (please provide information in case narrative)

Start Type-Am Was there ambiguity on the start type?

Start Settle Was there a treaty or formal settlement attending the birth of the state?

End Year the state exited the system

End-Am Was there ambiguity on the end date?

End Type How did the state end?
1. Colonization = Imperial, non-contiguous colonization.
2. Conquest / annexation = State death via foreign take-over.
3. Unification = State dies through process of voluntary unification.
4. Dissolution = State death via dissolution of state.
5. Partition = State death via partition by outside powers.
6. Other (please provide information in case narrative)

End Type-Am Was there ambiguity on the end type?

End Settle Was there a treaty or formal settlement attending the death of the state?

Sovereignty-Am Was there ambiguity regarding the criterion that the sovereignty of the state is either uncontested or acknowledged by the relevant international actors. 0 = no; 1 = indicated ambiguity / uncertainty.

Euro-Dip** Is there evidence that the state had diplomatic relations with a European power? If so, provide information (and citations) in the case narrative.

Borders** Is there evidence that the state had clearly defined borders separating it from other states or sources of authority?

Borders-Am Was there ambiguity on the issue of borders?

Latitude Latitude Coordinates (GeoLocation)

Longitude Longitude coordinates (Geolocation)

VioStart Was the state born violently? Violence here is defined as the killing of civilians and combatants.

VioStart-Am Is their ambiguity about the starting violence?

VioEnd   Did the state die violently? Violence here is defined as the killing of civilians and combatants.

VioEnd-Am   Is their ambiguity about the ending violence?