Homework 2: Literature Reviews & Annotated Bibliographies
Due: Friday, September 18

Hand in a typed hard copy at the beginning of class. Follow the directions on the syllabus.

Choose one of the following empirical questions:

A. What effect does an increase in unskilled migration have on the wages of low-skilled workers in wealthy countries receiving those migrants?

B. What effect do power-sharing institutions have on the probability of onset of civil war?

C. What are the political/institutional determinants of inward flows of foreign direct investment into developing countries?

Imagine that you are in the early stage of a research project tackling this research question. Imagine you are reviewing the literature in preparation to writing up your theory.

1. Use Google scholar to find at least 5 important and relevant sources related to your research question.
   a. The best sources are peer-reviewed academic articles
   b. White papers from think-tanks, governments, or NGOs can also be useful.
   c. At least 2 of your sources should be very recent (i.e. published in the last 2 years)

2. For each source, provide the following:
   a. Citation information (any standard bibliographic format is OK, but be consistent).
   b. Abstract (just cut and paste this)
   c. 2-4 sentences describing why you found it to be both important (e.g. is it in a good journal, is it heavily cited, is it new) and relevant (in what way does it address the research question?)

Note 1: I understand that you do not know off the top of your head which journals are “good” journals. However, I do expect you to be able to be able to tell between good journals and sham journals. Good journals are often associated with large professional associations (e.g. the American Political Science Review is an official publication of the American Political Science Association) and journals are ranked by their “impact factor.” Part of your job here is to figure out if a given journal is “good” or not. Look at the journal website. Do a few google searches. Be resourceful.
Note 2: If you are running your search from off campus, you will need to route through the USC library to gain full-text access to most journals. If you are having trouble, reach out to the library help desk for assistance.