

## Gourevitch, "The Second Image Reversed"

This article provides a very broad literature review of work in political science and sociology which reverse Waltz's second image, i.e. they show how international structure affects domestic political life. At the international end, Gourevitch has two independent variables in mind: the distribution of power among states and the distribution of economic activity and wealth. He claims that these independent variables have had an important influence on both domestic regime type as well as the coalition patterns found within states. In examining the effects of the international economy, he consults the literature on historical backwardness, dependency, the liberal development school, modernization and interdependence, and the relative autonomy of the state. While examining the role of the international state system, he focuses on territorial compensation and domestic level outcomes associated with devastating episodes of foreign involvement. Gourevitch then takes aim at the strong/weak state debate, suggesting that said literature could benefit from a focus on the preferences of state actors and actors in civil society as well as the way domestic institutions mediate those preferences to produce policy outcomes.