



# The Exclusion/Violent Conflict Nexus

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# Ethnic exclusion in recent and current civil wars

South Sudan



Israel,  
Gaza,  
West Bank

Isis



Ukraine



## Greed/Opportunities or Grievances?



**Paul Collier,**  
Oxford Univ.  
*Inequality irrelevant!*  
*Profits & opportunity costs*



**Frances Stewart,**  
Oxford Univ.  
*Horizontal Inequalities*  
*cause conflict*

## Our research

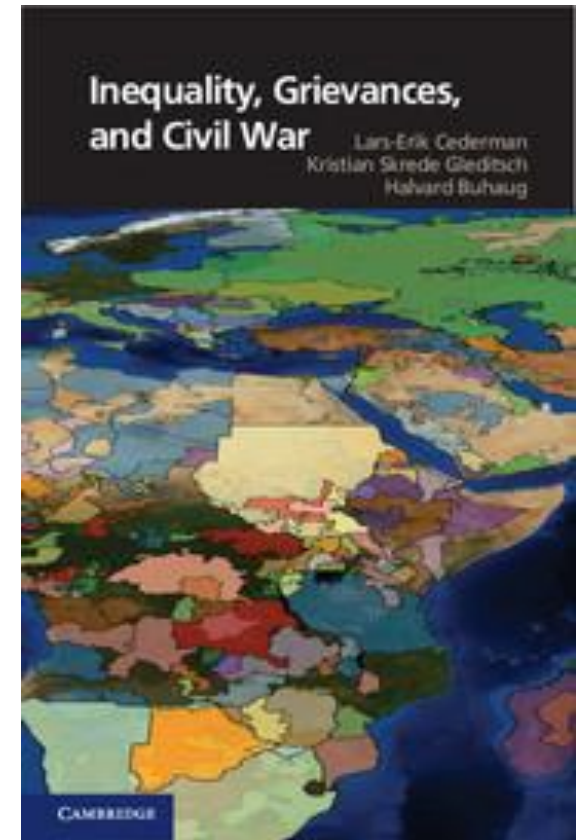
- Focus on how ethnic inequality along political and economic lines may trigger civil war

- *Inequality, Grievances and Civil War*

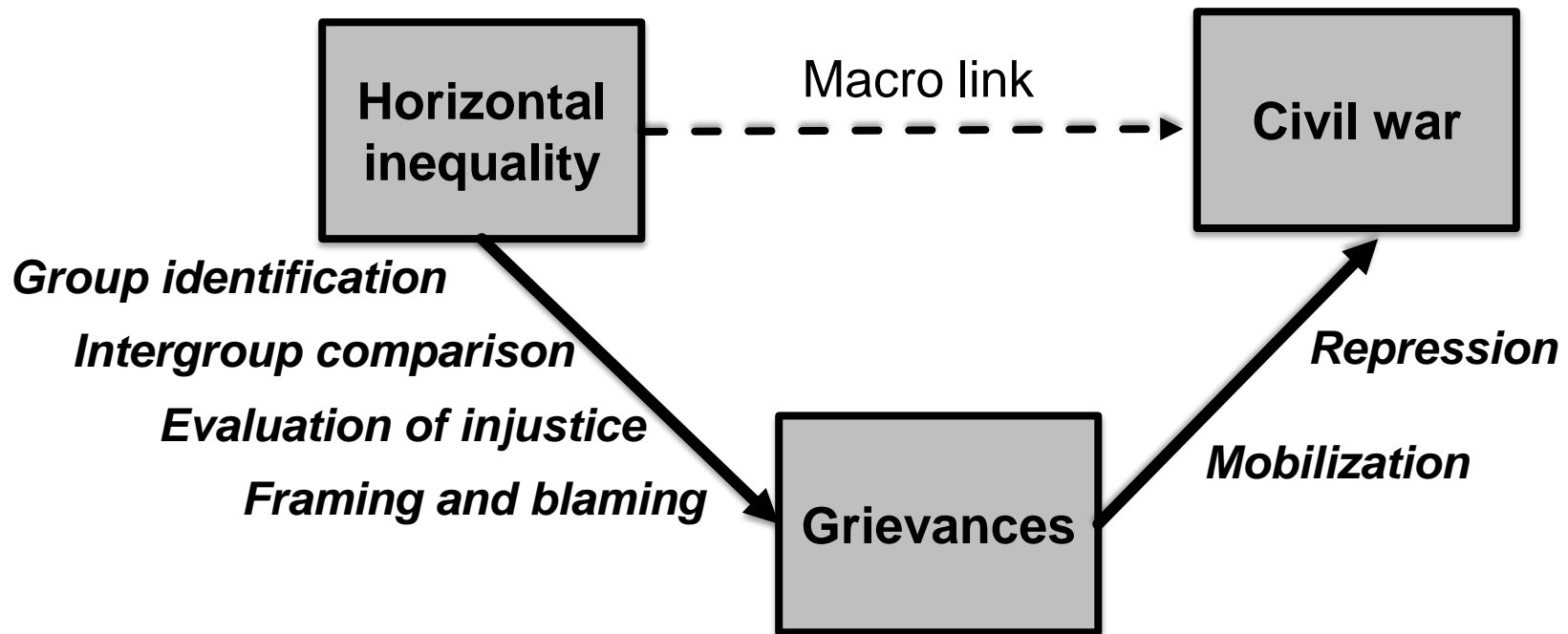
- Lars-Erik Cederman, ETH Zürich
- Kristian Skrede Gleditsch Univ. of Essex
- Halvard Buhaug, PRIO

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- Articles in *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *International Organization*, *World Politics*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*

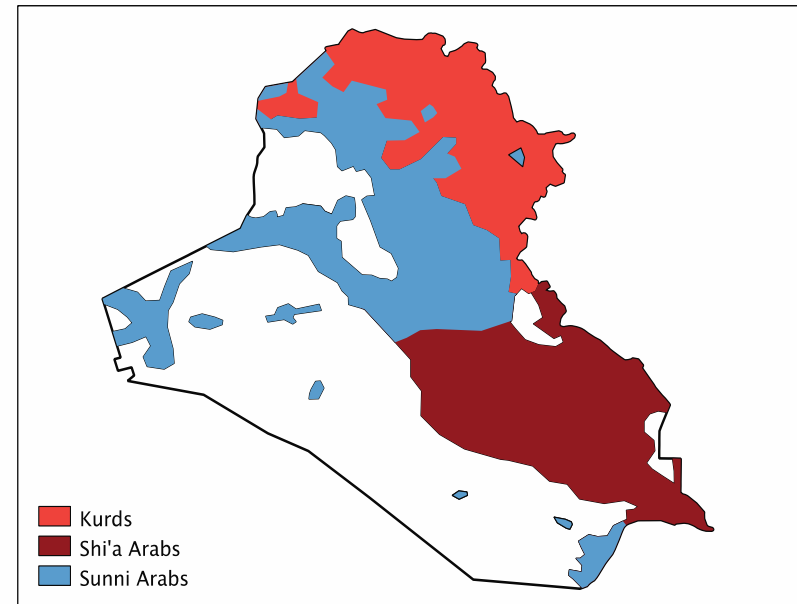
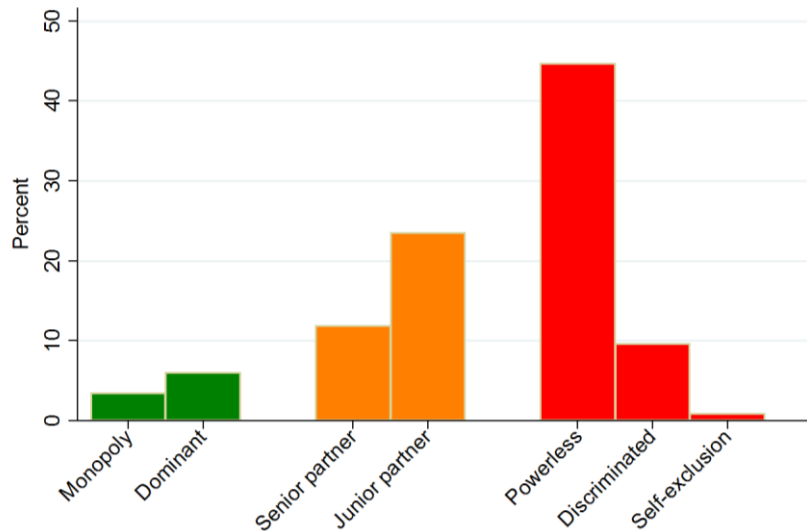


# From ethnic exclusion to civil war



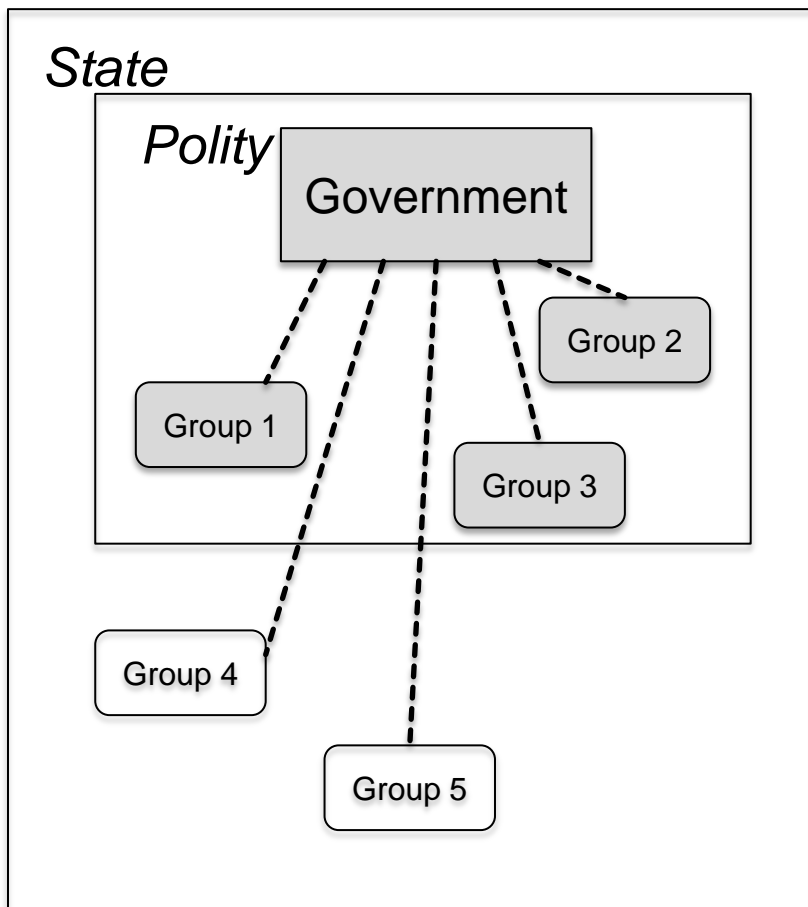
# Ethnic Power Relations Dataset

- Ethnic groups' power access and settlement areas worldwide 1946-2013

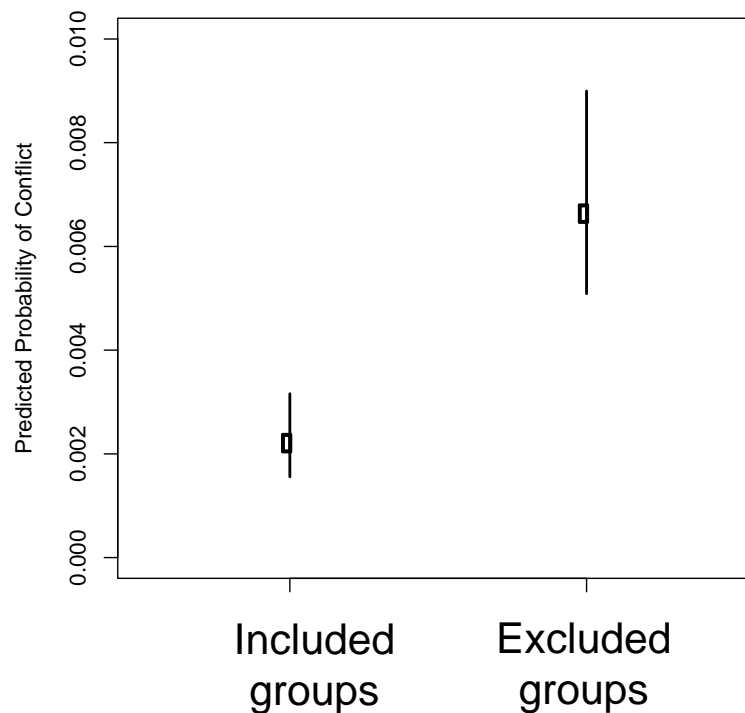


Vogt et. al. 2015. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*  
<http://growup.ethz.ch>

# Ethno-political inequality and civil war



Conflict probability

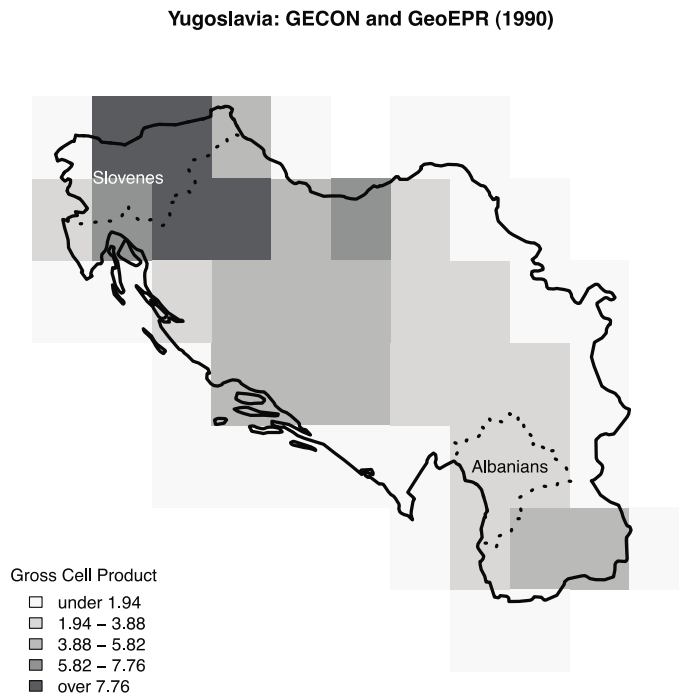


See Cederman, Wimmer & Min (2010)

Source: Ethnic Power Relations (EPR-ETH) Dataset, <http://growup.ethz.ch>

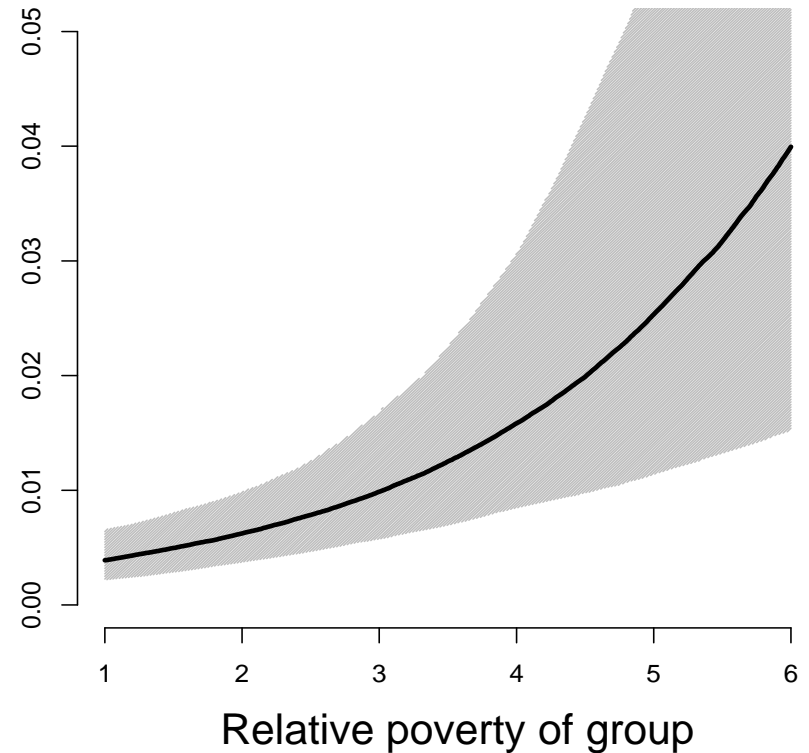
# Ethno-economic inequality and civil war

## Measuring inequality



Conflict  
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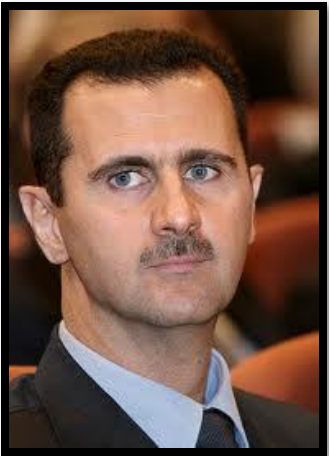
## Effect of inequality



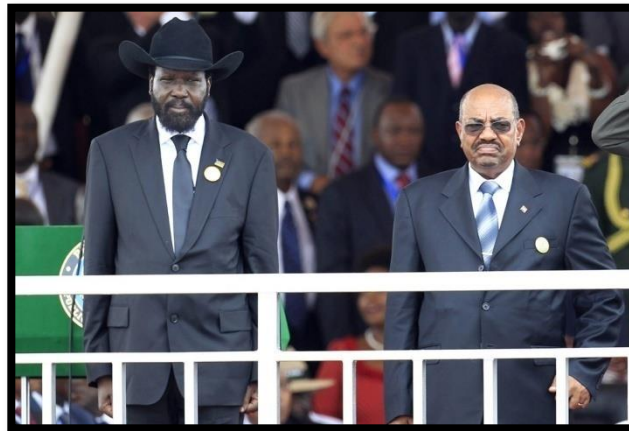
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# Responses to ethnic diversity



Predominance

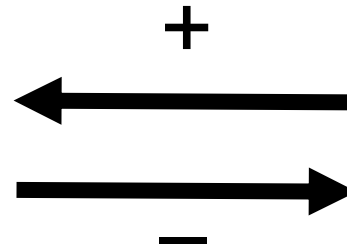
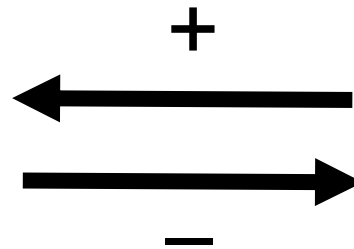


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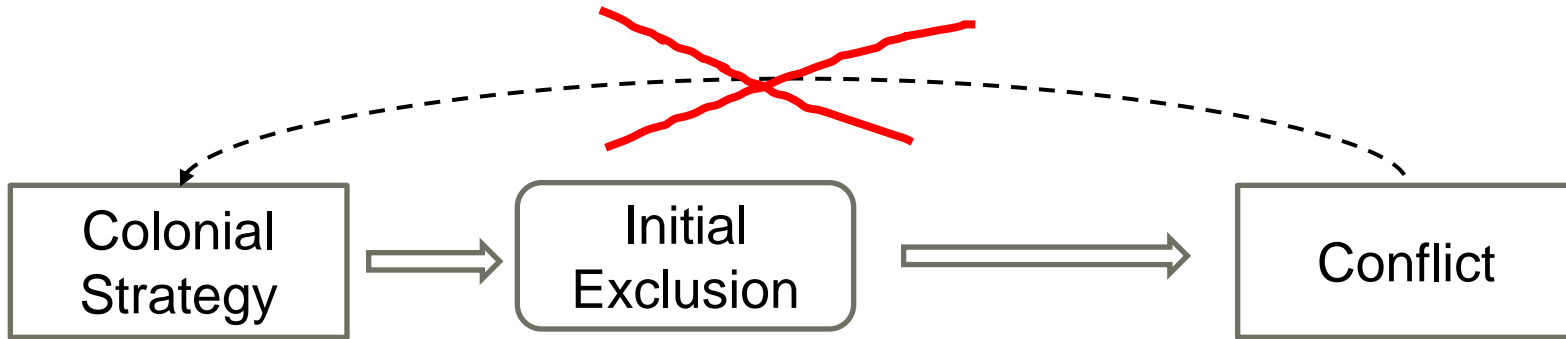


Power-Sharing

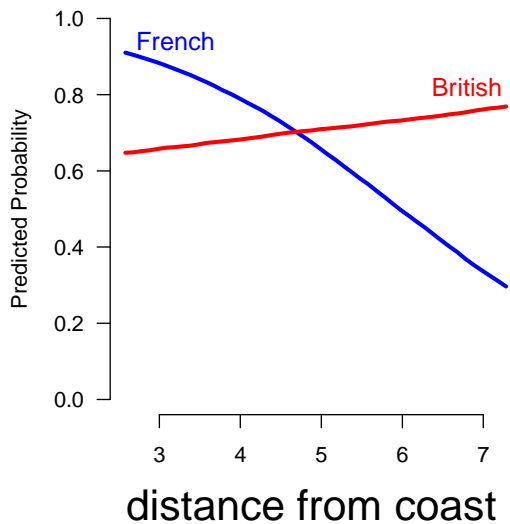
# Power sharing & reverse causation



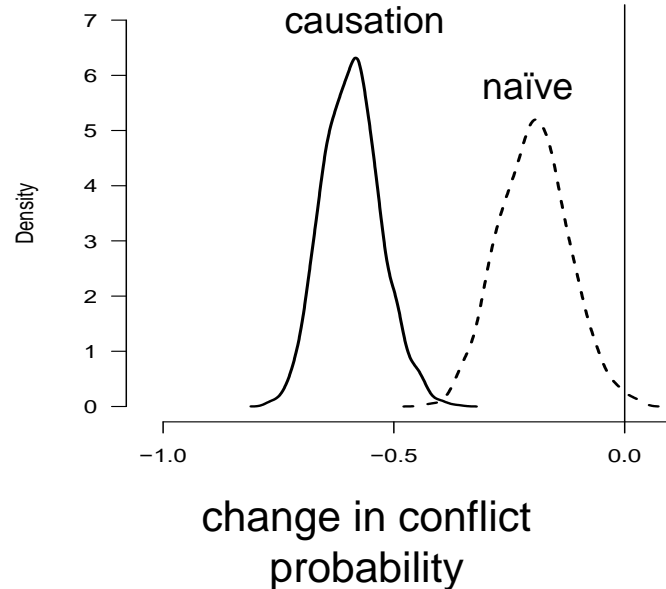
# Explaining postcolonial conflict



Initial Inclusion

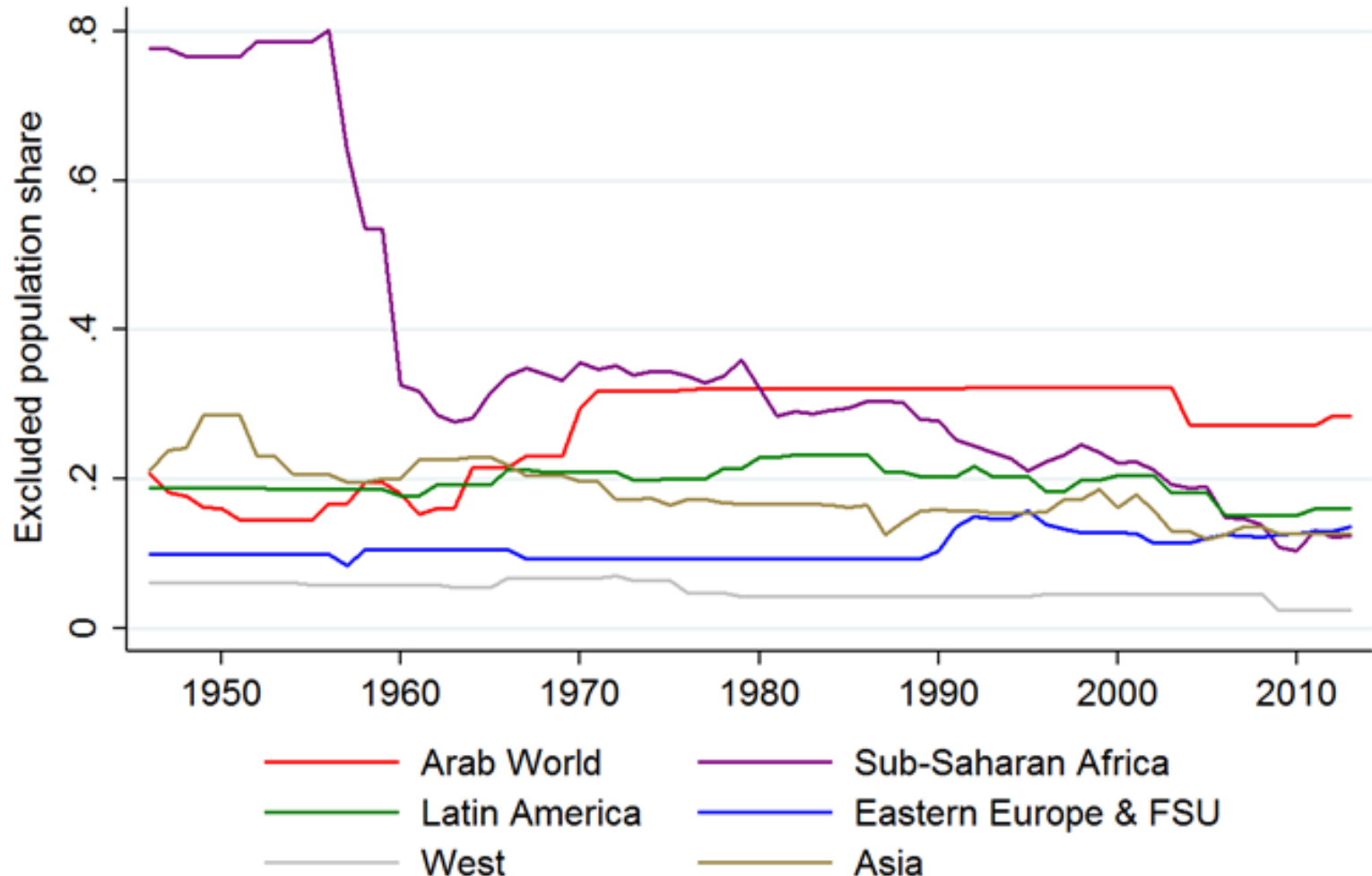


with reverse causation

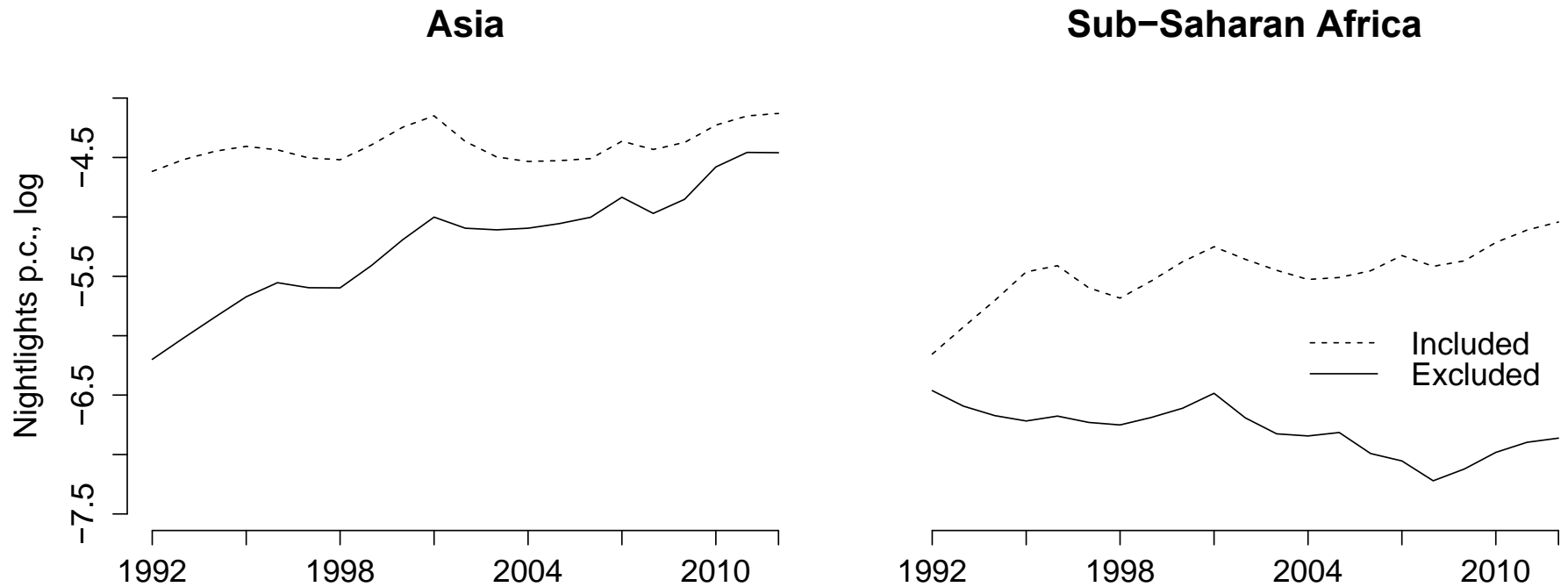


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# Trends in ethno-political inequality: Excluded population in world regions



# Ethno-economic inequality over time



## Conclusions

- Political HI → Conflict
- Economic HI → Conflict
- Power sharing usually effective
- Political HI decreasing except in the Middle East
- Economic HI decreasing except in Sub-Saharan Africa

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