

Codebook for International Rentierism Dataset

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The International Rentierism Dataset was developed to map globally the extent of various forms of international rents that are extracted from international transactions. In developing this index, we have been guided by the idea that contemporary states are internationally dependent on these rents, relying for public finance on these different types of non-tax revenues, and that this dependence has significant consequences for the scope of civil conflict and violence in these countries, the presence of authoritarian government, political corruption and barriers to social development. Our conceptualization of the *rentier* state draws on the general literature about the “oil curse” but goes beyond it by testing the proposition that others forms of international rents, such as those derived from worker remittances and international tourists or economic and military aid and assistance, have similar consequences. Our paper on international rents in the Middle East North Africa (MENA) region provides an introduction to our argument (Jenkins, et al. 2011).

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Data Organization and Variables:

The International Rentierism Dataset is organized in annual country-year format in a fashion suitable for pooled cross-sectional time-series analysis. Hence all measures are presented in country-year format with three of the commonly used country code schemes. The variables provided are as follows:

Variable name: Description & information source

banks: Arthur Banks country codes

wdi2011: World Development Indicators (2011) country codes

polity: Polity 4.1 country codes

pop: Total population data are from the World Bank, World Development Indicators (2012) and are available for 1970-2009.

oilexport: Oil exports in current U.S. dollars. Data are from the International Energy Agency online database (2010); measures cover 1971-2008

oilexportgdp: Oil exports in current U.S. dollars as a percent of gross domestic product. Data for oil exports are from the International Energy Agency and data for gross domestic product are from the World Bank, World Development Indicators (2012); measures cover 1971-2008

ngexport: Natural gas exports in current U.S. dollars. Data are from the International Energy Agency online database (2010) and are available for 1971-2008

ngexportgdp: Natural gas exports in current U.S. dollars as a percent of gross domestic product. Data for natural gas exports are from the International Energy Agency (2010) and data for gross domestic product are from the World Bank, World Development Indicators (2012); measures cover 1971-2008

oilandngexport: Oil and natural gas exports in current U.S. dollars. Data are from the International Energy Agency (2010) online database and are available for 1971-2008.

oilandngexportgdp: Oil and natural gas exports in current U.S. dollars as a percent of gross domestic product. Data for oil and natural gas exports are from the International Energy Agency (2010) and data for gross domestic product are from the World Bank, World Development Indicators (2012); measures cover 1971-2008

minrent: Mineral rents in current U.S. dollars. Data are from the World Bank, World Development Indicators (2012) adjusted net savings dataset and are available for 1970-2008.

mintentgdp: Mineral rents in current U.S. dollars as a percent of gross domestic product. Data for mineral rents are from the World Bank, World Development Indicators (2012) adjusted net savings dataset and data for gross domestic product are from the World Bank, World Development Indicators (2012); measures cover 1970-2008.

totalmilaid: Total U.S. military aid in current U.S. dollars. Data are from the Department of Defense (2011) and are available for 1970-2009.

totalmilaidgdp: Total U.S. military aid in current U.S. dollars as a percent of gross domestic product. Data for U.S. military aid are from the Department of Defense (2011) and data for gross

domestic product are from the World Bank, World Development Indicators(2012); measures cover 1970-2009.

aid: Economic development aid and assistance in current U.S. dollars. Data are from the World Bank, World Development Indicators (2012) and are available for 1970-2009.

aidgdp: Economic development aid and assistance in current U.S. dollars as a percent of gross domestic product. Data for aid and gross domestic product are from the World Bank, World Development Indicators(2012); measures cover 1970-2009.

totalaid: The sum of total U.S. military aid and economic development aid and assistance in current U.S. dollars. Data for U.S. military aid are from the Department of Defense (2011) and data for economic development aid and assistance are from the World Bank, World Development indicators (2012); measures cover 1970-2009.

totalaidgdp: The sum of total U.S. military aid and economic development aid and assistance in current U.S. dollars as a percent of gross domestic product. Data for U.S. military aid are from the Department of Defense (2011) and data for economic development aid and assistance and gross domestic product are from the World Bank, World Development Indicators (2012); measures cover 1970-2009.

tourism: International tourism expenditures in current U.S. dollars. Data are from the U.N. World Tourism Organization (2012) and are available for 1995-2009.

tourismgdp: International tourism expenditures in current U.S. dollars as a percent of gross domestic product. Data for tourism expenditures and gross domestic are from the World Bank, World Development Indicators (2012); measures are available from 1995-2009.

remitt: Worker remittances in current U.S. dollars. Data are from the World Bank, World Development Indicators (2012) and are available for 1970-2009.

remittgdp: Worker remittances in current U.S. dollars as a percent of gross domestic product. Data for worker remittances and gross domestic product are from the World Bank, World Development Indicators (2012); measures are available from 1970-2009.

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