This codebook describes the data for "Window of Opportunity: War and the Origins of Parliament". For further details, please see the article itself. File extensions are *.dta* unless specified otherwise.

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Variables

Conflict participation: average number of military conflicts per year in which a polity participated over the previous p years. In the benchmark specification, $p = 25$. This variable corresponds with `n_conflicts_25` in *data_CDO_main*. For robustness, we vary $p = 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 35$. These variables correspond with `n_conflicts_5`, `n_conflicts_10`, `n_conflicts_15`, `n_conflicts_20`, `n_conflicts_25`, `n_conflicts_30`, and `n_conflicts_35` in *data_CDO_main*. Source: Jacques (2007).

Conflict participation (alternative): share of years in which a polity participated in at least one conflict over the previous $p = 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35$ years. These variables correspond with `d_conflicts_5`, `d_conflicts_10`, `d_conflicts_15`, `d_conflicts_20`, `d_conflicts_25`, `d_conflicts_30`, and `d_conflicts_35` in *data_CDO_main*. Source: Jacques (2007).

Conflict participation (Kokkonen-Sundell): average number of military conflicts per year in which a polity participated over the previous 25 years using the Kokkonen and Sundell (2020) data. This variable corresponds with `n_conflicts_25_ks` in *data_kokkonen_sundell*. Source: Kokkonen and Sundell (2020).

Conflict participation (Kokkonen-Sundell plus Brecke): average number of military conflicts per year in which a polity participated over the previous 25 years using the Kokkonen and Sundell (2020) and Breck (1999) data. This variable corresponds with `n_conflicts_25_ksb` in *data_kokkonen_sundell*. Sources: Kokkonen and Sundell (2020) and Brecke (1999).

East: binary indicator equal to 1 for polities located in the East. This variable corresponds with `east` in *data_CDO_main*. Source: UN Statistics Division.

First commune: century in which the first commune was created in a polity. This variable corresponds with `first_century_commune` in *data_CDO_main*. Source: Bosker, Buringh, and van Zanden (2013).

Italian city-state: binary indicator equal to 1 for the following city-states in Italy: Florence, Genoa, Lucca, Milan, Siena, and Venice. This variable corresponds with `italiancitystate` in *data_CDO_main*. Source: Authors' coding.

No male children: years of ruler deaths in which there was a lack of legitimate male children by the ruler. This variable corresponds with `noheir` in *data_kokkonen_sundell*. Source: Kokkonen and Sundell (2020).

North: binary indicator equal to 1 for polities located in the North. This variable corresponds with `north` in *data_CDO_main*. Source: UN Statistics Division.

***Number of conflicts**:* total number of military conflicts that a polity participated in each year. This variable corresponds with `n_conflicts` in *data_CDO_main*. Source: Jacques (2007).

Parliamentary birth: binary indicator equal to 1 for the year in which a polity created a national parliament. To reflect the absorbing nature of this variable, it turns to missing for all subsequent years. This variable corresponds with `parl_birth` in *data_CDO_main*. Source: see Appendix B of the article for data sources and coding scheme.

Parliamentary birth year: year in which a polity created a national parliament. This variable corresponds with `parl_year` in *data_CDO_main*. Source: see Appendix B of the article for data sources and coding scheme.

Post commune: binary indicator equal to 1 from the first century in which at least one commune was created in a polity. This variable corresponds with `d_first_century_commune` in *data_CDO_main*. Source: Bosker, Buringh, and van Zanden (2013).

Primogeniture: binary indicator equal to 1 for primogeniture (i.e. the custom of having the ruler's eldest son inherit rule). This variable corresponds with `primogeniture` in *data_kokkonen_sundell*. Source: Kokkonen and Sundell (2020).

Ruler succession: years of ruler successions as proxied for by the years of the natural deaths of rulers (i.e. due to accidents or disease). This follows the approach in Kokkonen and Sundell (2020). This variable corresponds with `naturaldeath` in *data_kokkonen_sundell*. Source: Kokkonen and Sundell (2020).

South: binary indicator equal to 1 for polities located in the South. This variable corresponds with `south` in *data_CDO_main*. Source: UN Statistics Division.

Trade potential: natural logarithm of the average Christian urban potential across all major towns in each polity per century. This variable corresponds with `ln_avg_chrfup` in *data_CDO_main*. Source: Bosker, Buringh, and van Zanden (2013).

West: binary indicator equal to 1 for polities located in the West. This variable corresponds with `west` in *data_CDO_main*. Source: UN Statistics Division.

Databases

File name	Notes
data_CDO_main	The article's main database, including data on parliamentary births, conflict participation, and the control variables.
data_kokkonen_sundell	The database which results from the merging of *data_CDO_main* with the data on conflicts, heirs, primogeniture, and succession from Kokkonen and Sundell (2020). This database produces the results in Appendix Tables A.10 and A.11.
data_euratlas	The database that results from the matching method relying on the historical maps of Euratlas, including data on the first century in which a commune was established in a polity, as well as the year in which a national parliament was created. For further details, please see Footnote 3 of the article.
data_figure1	The database needed to produce Figure 1.

Software and Run Time

The operating system is Windows 11. The software is Stata 16.1. The run time is approximately 15 minutes.

Instructions

The do-file to produce all the results in the article's main text and appendix is "make output.do".

To run this do-file, update the global "*maindirectory*" in the preamble, as well as install the packages **parmest** and **gr0002** (for scheme lean1).

The databases needed to produce the article's results are in "*$maindirectory/clean_data*".

All results (tables and figures) will be saved to "*$maindirectory/output*", as will the log file "make_output" which documents these results.

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