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Hendrik Spruyt is Norman Dwight Harris Professor of International Relations at Northwestern University, where he is also Director of the Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies.

He is author of *The Sovereign State and Its Competitors* (Princeton University Press, 1994) which won the J. David Greenstone Prize for Best Book in History and Politics, 1994-96. His most recent book is *Ending Empire: Contested Sovereignty and Territorial Partition* (Cornell University Press, 2005). He is also co-author with Alexander Cooley of *Contracting States: Sovereign Transfers in International Relations* (Princeton University Press, forthcoming in 2009).

Spruyt has published articles in such journals as *International Organization*, *The Review of Political Economy*, *The European Journal of Public Policy*, *Acta Politica*, *The Pacific Review*, *The Review of International Studies* (U.K.), *International Studies Review* (U.S.), and *The Journal of Peace Research*. Spruyt has also contributed numerous chapters to edited volumes.

Spruyt's research intersects comparative politics with international relations and focuses particularly on the formation of polities and their disintegration, and the rise and demise of sovereignty. He is currently working on a book-length manuscript applying incomplete contracting



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theory to diverse issues as decolonization, overseas basing, and regional integration.

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