

The Genesis of the State

Guest post by Hamsterdam Economics.

According to Franz Oppenheimer, the state is generated in a series of six stages. One or more of these stages may be omitted and still allow for the genesis of a state, as Oppenheimer attests with aid of historical evidence (his historical citations are way too involved to reproduce here, but those interested should consult the second chapter of *The State*, entitled “The Genesis of the State”). The stages progress as follows.

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