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The wordplay in all down clues yields an extra letter not required for the answer. These letters, in clue order, provide a hint to a thematic title which should be identified (3,6,3,4)

Additionally, four thematic names (2 first names and 2 last names) symmetrically appearing in the grid should be identified/highlighted. Answer lengths are 4,4,7,7 respectively.

Chambers 2016 is the primary reference. Two entries are proper names.

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20 Opening area cutting both sides of abdomen (7)

21 Holy See reportedly runs without government making a mess (4,3)

24 Depict two rivers and possibly plateau (7)

26 Desired, but ultimately not required, so declined (5)

27 Fuel container earlier given on rent (9)

31 Notice round belly in fact (5)

32 Way Luxembourg brought over some overseas currency (4)

33 Brings up softly plucked small guitars (4)

34 Exclusive insurance covering liners going under arches? (7)

35 Soils custom-built seats for 3 perhaps? (5,6)

Across

2 Blame chap that's corrupt having scope for prosecution (11)

10 Bluntly hit nail through layer of wood (7)

11 Measure of mature Brit rule in Canada (4)

12 Bone protected in part by human lungs? The other way round (4)

14 A pointless study, exercise for master (5)

15 Positive outlook of say Gavaskar and Border (5,4)

16 Elementary particle reflecting sound with pressure releasing energy (5)

18 Tag mine host's introduction in English and French (7)

Down

1 Ordinary to have bars in musical composition (4)

2 Mishandling fuel left on American base (3-3)

3 Instruments detective shortly recovered implicating ace (6)

4 Vital to allow Nevada this sin (4)

5 Men as porters perhaps (4)

6 Intellect to gain lost direction (7)

7 Fellow members whisper shedding a tear (8)

8 Pass up friend on date (5)

9 Qualified deal withdrawn after being cut (8)

13 One coming up to seize power may be more mature (5)

16 Explosion at dump, rubbish fried crisp (8)

17 Set airing junk being thankless people (8)

19 Criminal act, crime of China? (7)

20 Port sadly maintained by Virginia (5)

22 Cure can raise an outcry (6)

23 Disc jockey starting late irritates butler going by the book (6)

25 Insulting term for Japanese geeks frequently out of dark fun (5)

28 Shed clothes in pursuit (4)

29 Aged accordingly giving aged cry of surprise (4)

30 Hasty silence after weapon raised (4)