

**2053-2: Introduction to Comparative Politics**  
**12:00 – 1:20pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays**



Student Advocacy and Accountability. For undergraduate students, a first academic violation could result in a zero grade on the assignment or failing the class and disciplinary probation until graduation. For a second academic violation, the result could be suspension from LSU. For graduate students, suspension is the appropriate outcome for the first offense.

**Plagiarism and Citation Method:** As a student at LSU, it is your responsibility to refrain from plagiarizing the academic property of another and to utilize appropriate citation methods for all coursework. Ignorance of the citation method is not an excuse for academic misconduct. Remember there is a difference between paraphrasing and quoting and how to properly cite each respectively. If you have questions regarding what is appropriate, please consult with the library's tutorials on avoiding plagiarism and proper citation formats (links are also provided on the course Moodle page).

**Lectures and Readings:**

All assigned read

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**Week 8: Mardi Gras/Lab**

2/28 (T): Mardi Gras, No Class

3/2 (Th): World Values Survey lab day (meet in Stubbs 102)

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**Week 9: Federalism and Group Representation**

3/7 (T): Stepan. 1999. "Federalism and Democracy: Beyond the U.S. Model."

Stuligross and Varshney. 2002. "Ethnic Diversities, Constitutional Designs, and Public Policies in India."

3/9 (Th): Htun, Mala. 2004. "Is Gender Like Ethnicity? The Political Representation of Identity Groups." *Perspectives on Politics* 2(3): 439-458.

**Week 10: Authoritarian Regimes**

3/14 (T): Mertha. 2013. China case study

3/16 (Th): World Values Survey lab day (meet in Stubbs 102)

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**Week 11: Authoritarian Regimes & Regime Change**

3/21 (T): World Values Survey lab day (meet in Stubbs 102)

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3/23 (Th): Shehata. 2011. "The Fall of the Pharaoh."

**Week 12: Regime Change**

3/28 (T): World Values Survey lab day (meet in Stubbs 102)

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3/30 (Th): Mexico Case Study Reading.

**Week 13: Exam #2**

4/4 (T): Exam #2

4/6 (Th): No Class

**Week 14: Spring Break**

4/11 – 4/13: No Class

**Week 15: Constitutional Engineering/Simulation Preparation**

