

POLITICAL SCIENCE 2053
Introduction to Comparative Politics
Fall 2017
MWF 9:30-10:3

LECTURE OUTLINE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

Aug. 21-28	<u>Course Introduction</u> : The Study of Politics The Value of Comparative Politics Comparative Methods and Problems	Powell, Chapters 1, 2
Aug. 30-Sept. 08	<u>Characteristics of Political Systems</u> : Defined by their Context Driven by Constitutions and Ideologies Sustained by their Economics	Powell, Chapters 3, 4, 5
Sept. 11-15	<u>Institutional Approach</u> Legislature, Executive, Judiciary Interest Groups, Political Parties and Individuals	Powell, Chapters 6, 7
Sept. 15	<u>Return Take Home Exam (due)</u>	
Sept. 18-22	<u>Politics in Capitalist Democracies: Historical Basis and Contemporary Attributes</u> Great Britain	Powell, Chapter 8
Sept. 25-29	<u>Politics in Capitalist Democracies: Historical Basis and Contemporary Attributes</u> France	Powell, Chapter 9
Oct. 02-06	<u>Politics in Capitalist Democracies: Historical Basis and Contemporary Attributes</u> Germany and Japan	Powell, Chapters 10, 11
Oct. 09	<u>NYT Multiple Choice Test (1)</u>	
Oct. 11	<u>Mid-Term Exam (In-Class)</u>	
Oct. 13-18	<u>Overview of Communism and the Third World</u> <u>Transition from Communism: Historical Basis and Contemporary Attributes</u> Russia	Powell, Chapter 12
Oct. 23-27	<u>Transition from Communism: Historical Basis and Contemporary Attributes</u> China	Powell, Chapter 13
Oct. 30-Nov. 03	<u>Developing Countries: Historical Basis and Contemporary Attributes</u> India	Powell, Chapter 17
Nov. 06-10	<u>Developing Countries: Historical Basis and Contemporary Attributes</u> Mexico	Powell, Chapter 14
Nov. 17	<u>Two-Country Survey/Paper of Recent Events Due</u>	

Nov. 15-20

Developing Countries: Historical Basis and Contemporary Attributes

Iran/Nigeria

Powell, Chapters 16, 18

Nov. 27-Dec. 01

NYT Multiple Choice Test (2)/Review Session/Return Papers & Pre-Final Grades/Course