

POLI 4062 Comparative Political Economy, Fall 2017

## The Politics of Development in Capitalist Democracy

Tuesday and Thursday 10:30 – 11:50 pm, 234 Coates

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*Laissez-faire was planned; planning was not.*

*The Great Transformation*

*The single most important fact about politicians is that they are elected.*

*The second most important fact is that they usually seek re-election.*

*Political Control of the Economy*

## READINGS

*Political Control of the Economy*  
*Inequality and Prosperity*  
*Capital in the 21st Century*  
*Affluence and Influence*  
*Winner-Take-All Politics*

## REQUIREMENTS



READING ASSIGNMENTS AND SPECIFIC TOPICS

I. CONCEPTIONS AND AN ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK

Week 1 (8/22-24) Introduction

Week 2 (8/29-31) Conceptions, Measures and Trends

*The Process of Economic Development*

*Political Control of the Economy*

*The American Political Science*

*Review*

### III. VARIETIES OF CAPITALISM

Week 6 (9/26-28) Social Europe vs. Liberal America

*Inequality and Prosperity.*

Week 7 (10/03-05) Welfare States in Retrenchment in an Era of Neoliberal Globalization

## V. THE POLITICS OF INEQUALITY

Week 12-13 (11/07-09-14) Representative Democracy in an Unequal Society

### *Affluence and Influence*

Week 13-14-15 (11/16-21-28) From Class Compromise to Class Dominance

### *Winner-Take-All Politics*

Week 14 (11/23) Thanksgiving Holiday

Week 15 (11/30) What Is to Be Done? Implications and Conclusion  
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