

This course is the core seminar for the field of comparative politics in the political science Ph.D. program. The purpose of this course is to equip doctoral students with a solid understanding of classical and state-of-art literature in the field of comparative politics, provides an introduction to the dominant questions, theories, and methodology in comparative politics. Comparative politics is a vast field of research, and this course covers some of the most important, the most widely and intensively studied topics that comparatists have dealt with for the past five decades. After preliminary sessions on epistemology and methodology, the seminar centers on five substantive topics: i) the modern nation

3) Literature review paper (25%). Students are expected to write a critical literature review paper on the topic closely related to this course. The length of the paper is approximately 80 single spaced pages, excluding figures, tables, references, and appendices. Students should frequently discuss their papers with the instructor from early on. The topic must be approved by the instructor by February 20. Students must submit a hard copy of an abstract, outline, and bibliography by March 6, and submit a hard copy of the final version by March 20.

4) Final research paper (25%). Students are expected to write a research based paper with a critical literature review paper (see above) they wrote in the middle of the semester. The length of the paper is approximately 15 single spaced pages, excluding figures, tables, references, and appendices. Students must submit a hard copy of a first rough draft that contains research questions, research design, potential theoretical arguments, preliminary evidence (if applicable), and bibliography by April 24. A hard copy of the final version must be submitted by May 8. Again, I strongly recommend that students should frequently discuss their papers with the instructor.

READINGS

Seminar discussions are based on the combination of classic works and major recent contributions, so that the required readings are from both books and articles. The following six books are required. All other required readings (articles and other book chapters) are available on Moodle.

- Anderson, Benedict. 1991. Imagined Communities. Revised Edition. Verso.
- Moore, Barrington. 1967. Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy. Beacon Press.
- Przeworski, Adam. 1991. Democracy and the Market. Cambridge UP.
- Svobik, Milan. 2012. The Politics of Authoritarianism. Cambridge UP.
- McAdam, Doug. 1999. Political Process and the Development of Black Insurgency. Chicago UP.
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TOPICS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS
(subject to change)

I. INTRODUCTION , POWER, THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

Recommended

- Power
- Lukes, Steven. 2005[1974]. *Power: A Radical View*. New York: Palgrave.
- The state of comparative research
- Laitin, 'D Y L G ' & R P S D U D W L Y H 3 R O L W L F a / K a t z e n s t e i n W H R I W
and Heler Milner (eds.) *Political Science: State of the Discipline*. New York: W.W. Norton, pp.
630-659.
 - Kohli, Atul, Peter Evans, Peter Katzenstein, Adam Przeworski, and Susanne Hoebler. 1995.
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 - Munck, Gerardo, and Richard Snyder. 2003. *Reason, Craft and Method in Comparative Politics*
Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press.

Graduate level textbooks to prepare for the comprehensive exam (Fox & Stokes (2009) is

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Cambridge, UK: Polity. Chapter 3, pp953

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- Almond *DEULHO '7KH 5 American Political Science 82(3) 553-574
- Barrow, Clyde. 1993 Critical Theories of the State. Madison: The University of Wisconsin Press.
- Bourdieu Pierre. 2014 On the State: Lectures at the Collège de France, Cambridge, UK: Polity.
- Gorski, Phillip. 2003 The Disciplinary Revolution: Calvinism and the Rise of the State in Modern Europe. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.
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- Tilly, Charles. 1992 Coercion, Capital, and European States, 1492-1990. London: Blackwell.
- Vries, Peter. 2015 State, Economy, and the Great Divergence. London and New York: Bloomsbury.
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- Poggi, Gianfranco. 1978. The Development of the Modern State: A Sociological Introduction

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Democracy 5(4): 1454.
- Schumpeter, Joseph. 2008[1942] Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy New York: Harper
Perennial Chapter 223.

VI. THE ORIGINS OF POLITICAL REGIMES: A MACRO-LONG-TERM VIEW

Required

- Moore, Barrington. 1965 Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy Boston: Beacon.
- 3 U J H Z R U V N L \$ G D P D Q G) H U O R G H R L / J D P R I Q R I Q 7 K H R W L H V
World Politics 49(2): 155-83.

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103: 113-114.

- Gates, Scott, and ULDQ ' +XPHV ' ,QIRUPDWLRQ DQG 7UD

- University Press.
- Tavits, Margit. 2009. *Presidents with Primers*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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- Linz, Juan, and Arturo Valenzuela 1994. *The Failure of Presidential Democracy: The Case of Latin America*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press.
- Sartori, Giovanni. 1997. *Comparative Constitutional Engineering: An Inquiry into Structures, Incentives, and Outcomes*. New York: New York University Press.
- Schmitt, Carl. 1988 [1927]. *The Crisis of Parliamentary Democracy*. Massachusetts: MIT Press.
- Strøm, Kaare. 1990. *Minority Governments and Majorities*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

X. ELECTORAL RULES AND PARTY SYSTEMS

Required

- Lipset, Seymour Martin, and Stein Rokkan, 1967. *Party Systems and Voter Alignments: An Introduction*. In *Party Systems and Voter Alignments: Cross-National Perspectives*. New York: The Free Press.
- Chhibber, Pradeep, and David Collier. 2011. *The Formation of National Party Systems in America and India*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Clark, William Robert, and Matt Goss. 2011. *Party Systems and Voter Alignments: A Comparative Political Science Study*. *Studies*: 679-708.
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Recommended

- Chhibber, Pradeep, and Ken Kollman. 2004. *The Formation of National Party Systems*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Cox, Gary. 1997. *The Electoral System*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Farrell, David. 2011. *The Electoral System*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

- Duverger, Maurice. 1954. Political Parties: Their Organization and Activity in State New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc
- Lijphart, Arend. 1999.

- Fanon, Frantz. 2004[1967]. *The Wretched of the Earth*. New York: Grove.
- Guha, Ranajit. 1997. *Dominance without Hegemony: History and Power in Colonial India*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.
- Hardt, Michael, and Antonio Negri. 2009. *Empire*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press
- Karatani, Kojin. 2014. *The Structure of World History: From Modes of Production to Modes of Exchange*. Durham: Duke University Press
- Marks, Robert. 2015. *The Origins of the Modern World: A Global and Environmental Narrative from the Fifteenth to the Twentieth Century*. Third edition. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield.
- Pomeranz, Kenneth. 2000. *The Great Divergence: China, Europe and the Making of the Modern World Economy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Said, Edward. 1994[1978]. *Orientalism*. New York: Vintage.
- Lawrence Green. 1999. *6 SLYDN *D\DWUL &KDNUDYRUW\ In Carý&N&S on W&H 6 X E D*