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MW 11-11:50, Solis 107
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Political Science 11: Introduction to Comparative Politics

Objectives and Approach: This course will explore questions and concepts in contemporary comparative politics, particularly how democratic governments arise, function and perform. The course will examine the first topic, democratization, from several theoretical angles. On democratic function, we will study how different political institutions structure representation and shape political behavior. Lastly, we will study how institutions, cultures and economies influence how well democratic governments perform.

Course Assignments and Grading: Assignments include an in-class midterm examination (30%), a comprehensive final examination (40%), and two short papers (3 pages each, 15% for both). Section accounts for the remaining 15% of the course grade. Information about the papers and their due dates will be announced in class. Important points about assignments/grading: (1) You *must* complete both papers and both exams to pass the course. (2) Class and section attendance is required, and you will be responsible for all lecture materials and all readings. (3) You are expected to do the reading for each week and be prepared to discuss the reading in section. (4) Late papers will *not* be accepted and make-up exams will *not* be given. If there is an exceptional circumstance that would merit a late paper or make-up exam, it must be approved by me *in advance*. (5) All requests for grade changes on papers/exams must be made formally *in writing* to your TA. Any such requests will cause the entire paper/exam to be reevaluated, and may result in a higher or lower grade.

Academic Honesty: Fair and effective education requires academic honesty, and any violation is a very serious matter. UCSD rules concerning academic dishonesty are spelled out in the General Catalog. Any academic dishonesty will without exception be reported to the student's dean for disciplinary action.

Books: There are readings on E-RESERVES (<http://reserves.ucsd.edu>) and the course WEBSITE (<http://dss.ucsd.edu/~jwjohnso/p11.htm>), both restricted to UCSD IP addresses (see libraries website for proxy off-campus access). It is highly recommended that you print these out for easy reading and note-taking. In addition, the following BOOKS are required and have been ordered by the UCSD bookstore.

- 1) Huntington. *The Third Wave*, University of Oklahoma Press, 1991.
- 2) Wood. *Forging Democracy From Below: Insurgent Transitions in South Africa and El Salvador*, Cambridge University Press, 2000.
- 3) Lijphart. *Patterns of Democracy*, Yale University Press, 1999.
- 4) Putnam. *Making Democracy Work*, Princeton University Press, 1993.

Disclaimer: This syllabus is intended to provide an overview for the course. You cannot claim any rights from it. In particular, scheduling and dates may change. Although the syllabus should be a reliable guide for the course, official announcements are always those made in class.

Resources: See the "[How to read an academic book](#)" on the course website.

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Course Agenda:

Week 1: Introduction (March 30, April 1)

- 1) BOOK: Huntington, p. 1-40

Week 2: Democratization 1 (April 6, 8)

- 1) BOOK: Huntington, p 40-124, 164-174, 208-231, 258-265
- 2) E-RESERVES: Acemoglu, D. and J. A. Robinson. 2006. *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*. Cambridge University Press. p 1-47.

Week 3: Democratization 2 (April 13, 15)

- 1) BOOK: Wood: pgs 3-22, 25-144 and 150-193.

***Paper 1 Assignment handed out*

Week 4: Democracies 1 (April 20, 22)

- 1) BOOK: Lijphart: Ch 1-3, 10 (61pg)
- 2) WEBSITE: Stepan, from "[Federalism and Democracy](#): Beyond the U.S. Model" *Journal of Democracy* 10.4 (1999) 19-34. (If the link does not work, [here](#) is a pdf version, though without the tables).
- 3) E-RESERVES: Gallagher, "Parliament", Ch 7 of *Politics in the Republic of Ireland*, Coakley and Gallagher (1999) (29p).
- 4) E-RESERVES: Coakley and Gallagher, "Glossary of Irish Terms". (**Note: this is for reference only—you do not need to memorize all the terms.*)

Week 5: Democracies 2 (April 27, 29)

- 1) E-RESERVES: Robert Elgie. 2001. "'Cohabitation': Divided Government French-Style." In *Divided Government in Comparative Perspective*. Edited by Robert Elgie. Oxford University Press. 106-126.
- 2) E-RESERVES: Matthew Soberg Shugart and Scott Mainwaring, "Presidentialism and Democracy in Latin America: Rethinking the Terms of the Debate," *Presidentialism and Democracy in Latin America*, edited by Scott Mainwaring and Matthew Soberg Shugart, Cambridge University Press 1997, pp. 12-54.

Week 6: Democracies 3 (May 4, 6)

- 1) BOOK: Lijphart, Chapter 8
- 2) External websites:
http://www.elections.org.nz/files/2_ticks_most_recent_version.pdf
http://www.elections.org.nz/voting/mmp/sainte-lague_plain.html
http://www.knesset.gov.il/elections16/eng/about/electoral_system_eng.htm

***Midterm: Wednesday, May 6*

Week 7: Democratic performance 1 (May 11, 13):

- 1) BOOK: Lijphart, Chapters 15-16
- 2) WEBSITE: *The Economist*. Includes: "[A systemic problem](#)" part of the Special Report on Israel, Apr 3rd 2008, and "The slow road to paradise" on Brazil, April 12, 2007.
- 3) E-RESERVES: Ames, B. 2001. *The Deadlock of Democracy in Brazil*. Michigan University Press. p. 1-6 (of "Introduction"), 41-76 ("Chapter 1: Elections and the Politics of Geography").

Week 8: Democratic Performance 2 (May 18, 20)

- 4) BOOK: Putnam, Chapters 1, 4-6

***Paper Assignment 2 handed out*

Week 9: Democratic Performance 3 (May 27, no class on May 25)

May 25: NO CLASS – MEMORIAL DAY

- 1) WEBSITE: [The Logic of Clientelism in Argentina](#): An Ethnographic Account. Author(s): Javier Auyero
Source: Latin American Research Review, Vol. 35, No. 3 (2000), pp. 55-81

Week 10: Democratic Performance 4 (June 1, 3)

- 1) WEBSITE: [Political Regimes and Economic Growth](#). A Przeworski, F Limongi. Journal of Economic Perspectives, 1993.
- 2) E-RESERVES: Friedman, Thomas. "Chapter 4: Hama Rules." In *From Beirut to Jerusalem*. Anchor Books, 1999.
- 3) E-RESERVES: Sen, A. 1996. "Freedom Favors Development." *New Perspectives Quarterly*. The Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions.

**** FINAL EXAM ****

Friday 06/12/2009

11:30am - 2:30pm