

Political Science 120A
Political Development of Western Europe
Winter 2009

Professor Victor Magagna

Lecture: MWF 1 pm – 1:50 pm, Peterson Hall 108

OH: Friday, 10:30 am – 1 pm in SSB375; and before and after class

Course Description

This course is designed to provide students with an analytic overview of the contemporary theory and empirical practice of comparative research. We will focus on state-building and the problem of democratic stability and instability.

Grading

There are no pre-requisites for this course, and grades will be based on one take-home mid-term (40% of your grade) and one take-home final (60% of your grade). Students must submit all essays to Turnitin.com. Instructions for Turnitin.com can be found here:

<http://polisci.ucsd.edu/vmagagna/Turnitin%20Instructions%20Stud03.pdf>.

Students are expected to do their own work. While studying together is welcome, working together on writing assignments is not. If you have any doubts about policy in this regard, please see: <http://www-senate.ucsd.edu/manual/Appendices/app2.htm>. Cheating will not be tolerated.

Cheaters will receive a failing grade on the assignment and/or in the entire course.

Readings

Weeks One to Three:

R. Bin Wong, *China Transformed*, 1, 2, 4, 6, & 10.

Bailey Stone, *Reinterpreting the French Revolution*, pp. 1-109.

Weeks Four to Eight:

Bailey Stone, *Reinterpreting the French Revolution*, entire.

Michael Mann, *Fascists*, pp. 1-176, plus one other chapter of your choice.

Arend Lijphart, *Patterns of Democracy*, chapters 1-4.

Weeks Eight to Ten:

Arend Lijphart, *Patterns of Democracy*, entire.