Outline of Seminar

I. What is Democracy? How Do We Know It When We See It?
II. Democratization
III. Consequences: Survival and Economic Growth
IV. Assessing Democracy: Consolidation and Quality
V. How Institutions Shape Democratic Politics
VI. Representation
VII. Participation
VIII. Democratic States and Societies
   A. Civil Societies
   B. Plural Societies

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Readings:
Many of the readings will be available on the course web-site (address to be announced in class). The books are available at the library, from your colleagues, or through on-line vendors. The books that we will be reading at some length include:

10. Alexis DeTocqueville. *Democracy in America*.
Requirements:
1. *Reading and seminar participation.* Each week please read the assigned texts prior to the seminar meeting.
2. *Practice Comprehensive Examination.* At the end of the course you will be given a practice comprehensive examination, comprised of two short take-home essays. Topics will be given out on 10 March; essays are due by noon on Tuesday, 15 March.

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**Week 1 (January 6)**

**Introduction**


**Week 2 (January 13)**

**WHAT IS DEMOCRACY? HOW DO WE KNOW IT WHEN WE SEE IT?**


“Is Russia a Democracy?”


**Week 3 (January 20)**

**DEMOCRATIZATION, I**


Week 4 (January 27)

CONSEQUENCES: SURVIVAL AND ECONOMIC GROWTH


Week 5 (February 3)

ASSESSING DEMOCRACY: CONSOLIDATION AND QUALITY


Week 6 (February 10)

HOW INSTITUTIONS SHAPE DEMOCRATIC POLITICS


Week 7 (February 17)

REPRESENTATION


The Articles of Confederation.

Constitution of the United States of America.


**Week 8 (February 24)**

**PARTICIPATION**


**Week 9 (March 3)**

**DEMOCRATIC STATES AND SOCIETIES, I: CIVIL SOCIETIES**

Alexis DeTocqueville. *Democracy in America*. Read Volume 1 (Introduction, Chs. 1-5, 9, 12-17), Volume 2 (Preface, Part I [chs. 1-5, 11, 13-14], Part II [chs. 1-8, 13, 14, 18-20], Part III [chs. 1, 2, 5, 7-13, 17, 19, 21], Part IV [chs. 1-4, 6-8]


**Week 10 (March 10)**

**DEMOCRATIC STATES AND SOCIETIES, II: PLURAL SOCIETIES**

