

## INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS

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This course offers an introduction to key concepts and theoretical approaches in comparative politics and seeks to provide students with grounding in the basic tools of comparative analysis. It examines and evaluates competing theoretical approaches (Modernization, Marxist, cultural, institutionalist, and agency-centered) to several important phenomena in world politics, including (1) economic development; (2) democracy and democratization; (3) ethnicity and ethnic conflict; and (4) revolution. It also explores recent debates about the role of the state, political institutions, and civil society and social capital in shaping political outcomes. The course draws on cases from Africa (Rwanda, South Africa), the Americas (Chile, Nicaragua, United States), East Asia (South Korea, Taiwan), South Asia (India), Western Europe (Italy, Germany, Great Britain, Sweden), East-Central Europe (Russia, Yugoslavia), and the Middle East (Iraq, Lebanon).

### Course Requirements

- 1) Section participation (15 percent of grade). Section grade may include short (one-page) response papers to be assigned by your section leader.
- 2) Short paper (6-8 pages), based on course materials, on topics to be handed out in class. Due **October 26** (20 percent of grade)
- 3) In-Class Midterm Examination **November 14** (25 percent of grade)
- 4) Final exam (40 percent of grade)

**Late Policy:** Barring an extraordinary excuse, all late papers will be marked down a third of a grade (ex. A to A-) for each day following the due date.

### Course Material

\*A course packet containing all other assigned articles and book chapters is available for purchase at Gnomon Copy (1304 Mass. Ave.). All assigned readings, including the course packet, are available on reserve at Hilles and Lamont libraries.

\*The following books are required readings and are available for purchase at the COOP:

Sheila Fitzpatrick, *The Russian Revolution* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1982)

Robert Putnam, *Making Democracy Work* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1993)

Max Weber, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism* (New York: Penguin, 2002)

### **Schedule and Readings**

#### **Week 1: Introduction/Approaches to Comparative Politics** (September 19, 21)

Charles C. Ragin, *The Comparative Method* (University of California Press, 1987), Chapter 1, pp. 1-18

Irving M. Copi, *Introduction to Logic* (MacMillan Company, 1953), pp. 327-377 [you may skip the exercises]

#### **Week 2: The Politics of Economic Development I: Classical Approaches** (Sept. 26, 28)

Max Weber, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*.

Chapters 1-3 (all)

Chapter 4: through end of Section A (Calvinism) [Skip Pietism/Methodism/Baptists]

Chapter 5 (all)

W.W. Rostow, *The Stages of Economic Growth: A Non-Communist Manifesto* (Cambridge University Press, 1960), pp. 1-12

Daniel Lerner, *The Passing of Traditional Society: Modernizing the Middle East* (Free Press, 1958), pp. 43-65; 69-75.

Alexander Gerschenkron, *Economic Backwardness in Historical Perspective* (Harvard University Press, 1962), pp. 5-30.

Karl de Schweinitz, Jr. *Industrialization and Democracy* (Free Press, 1964), pp. 234-239; 246-251.

#### **Week 3: The Politics of Economic Development II: Dependency, State-Led Development, and the Market** (October 3, October 5)

Andre Gunder Frank, "The Development of Underdevelopment." In Peter K. Klarén and Thomas J. Bossert, eds. *Promise of Development* (Westview Press, 1986), pp. 111-123.

Robert Wade, *Governing the Market: Economic Theory and the Role of Government in East Asian Development* (Princeton University Press, 1990), pp. 1-15; 22-47; 297-319; 334-344; 345-381.

Jeffrey Sachs, "Poland and Eastern Europe: What is to be Done?" In András Koves and Paul Marer, *Foreign Economic Liberalization: Transformations in Socialist and Market Economies* (Westview Press, 1991), pp. 235-246.

Kiren Chaudhry, "The Myths of the Market and the Common History of Late Developers," *Politics and Society* 21, No. 3 (1993), pp. 245-274.

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### **Week 4: Democracy and Democratization: Competing Approaches (October 10, 12)**

Robert Dahl, *Polyarchy* (Yale University Press, 1971), pp. 1-9; 14-40; 48-61

Seymour Martin Lipset, *Political Man* (Johns Hopkins University Press 1959/1981), pp. 27-63.

Barrington Moore, *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy* (Beacon Press, 1966), pp. 413-452.

Samuel Huntington, "Democracy's Third Wave," in Larry Diamond and Marc Plattner, eds. *The Global Resurgence of Democracy* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1996), pp.3-25.

Guiseppe Di Palma, *To Craft Democracy* (University of California Press, 1990), pp. 14-22, 27-32; 40-46.

S.M. Lipset, "George Washington and the Founding of Democracy," *Journal of Democracy* 9, No. 4 (1998), pp. 24-38.

### **Week 5: Explaining Democratization (or its Absence) in the Developing World: Contemporary Cases (October 17, 19)**

Ashutosh Varshney, "India Defies the Odds: Why Democracy Survives." *Journal of Democracy* 9, No. 3 (July 1998): 36-50.

Samuel P. Huntington, *The Third Wave*, pp. 31-108.

Steven Levitsky and Lucan A. Way, "The Rise of Competitive Authoritarianism." *Journal of Democracy* 13, No. 2 (April 2002): 51-65.

Michael McFaul, *Russia's Unfinished Revolution: Political Change from Gorbachev to Putin* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2001), pp. 309-337.

M. Steven Fish, *Democracy Derailed in Russia: The Failure of Open Politics* (Cambridge University Press, 2005), pp. 1-6, 30-81, 176-192.

Eva Bellin, "The Robustness of Authoritarianism in the Middle East: Exceptionalism in Comparative Perspective." *Comparative Politics* 36, No. 2 (January 2004): 139-57.

Alfred Stepan, "An 'Arab' More than 'Muslim' Electoral Gap," *Journal of Democracy* 14, No. 3 (July 2003): 30-44.

### **Short Paper Topics handed out October 17 (Due October 26)**

#### **Week 6: Explaining Social Revolution: Competing Approaches** (October 24, 26)

Karl Marx and Frederick Engels, "The Communist Manifesto," in Christopher Pierson ed., *The Marx Reader* (Polity Press, 1997), pp. 128-146.

James Davies, "Toward a Theory of Revolution," *American Sociological Review* 27, No. 1 (1962), pp. 5-19.

Theda Skocpol, *States and Social Revolutions*, Cambridge University Press 1989, pp. 3-32

Theda Skocpol, *Social Revolutions in the Modern World* (Cambridge University Press, 1994), chapter 5 (with Trimberger), chapter 6, and chapter 11 (with Goodwin).

Eric Selbin, "Revolution in the Real World: Bringing Agency Back In," In John Foran, ed. *Theorizing Revolutions* (Routledge, 1997), pp. 123-136.

### **Short Paper Due (October 26)**

#### **Week 7: Explaining Social Revolution: Cases** (October 31, November 2)

Sheila Fitzpatrick, *The Russian Revolution* (Oxford University Press, 1995), chapters 1-3, 6

Farideh Farhi, "State Disintegration and Urban-Based Revolutionary Crisis: A Comparative Analysis of Iran and Nicaragua," *Comparative Political Studies* 21, No. 2 (1988), pp. 231-256.

Richard Snyder, "Paths out of Sultanistic Regimes: Combining Structural and Voluntarist Approaches," in H.E. Chehabi and Juan J. Linz, *Sultanistic Regimes* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1998), pp. 49-81.

Jeff Goodwin, *No Other Way Out: States and Revolutionary Movements, 1945-1991*, (Cambridge University Press, 2001) chapters 5-6

#### **Week 8: Ethnicity and Ethnic Conflict: Competing Approaches** (November 7, 9)

Clifford Geertz, *The Interpretations of Culture* (Basic Books, 1973), pp. 255-279; 306-310.

Harold Isaacs, "Basic Group Identity: The Idols of the Tribe," in Nathan Glazer and Daniel P. Moynihan, eds. *Ethnicity: Theory and Experience* (Harvard University Press 1975), pp. 29-45.

Crawford Young, *The Politics of Cultural Pluralism* (University of Wisconsin Press, 1976), pp. 29-39; 47-59.

Susanne H. Rudolph and Lloyd I. Rudolph, "Modern Hate." *The New Republic*, March 22, 1993, pp. 24-29.

Robert H. Bates, "Modernization, Ethnic Competition, and the Rationality of Politics in Contemporary Africa," in Donald Rothchild and Victor A. Olorunsola, eds. *State Cersus Ethnic Claims: African Policy Dilemmas* (Westview Press, 1983), pp. 152-171.

Joane Nagel, "The Political Construction of Ethnicity," Susan Olzak, ed., *Competitive Ethnic Relations* (Academic Press, 1986), pp. 93-111.

Michael E. Brown, "The Causes of Internal Conflict: An Overview." In Michael E. Brown et al., eds. *Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict* (MIT Press, 1997), pp. 3-25.

**Week 9: Mid-term Examination on Tuesday, November 14** (in class)

**Film:** "Vukovar" (date, time, and place to be announced)

**Week 9: The Politics of Ethnic Conflict: The Case of Yugoslavia** (November 16)

**NOTE:** Read in order

Mihailo Crnobrnja, *The Yugoslav Drama* (McGill-Queens University Press 1994), pp. 16-33.

Susan Woodward, *Balkan Tragedy: Chaos and Dissolution after the Cold War* (Washington: The Brookings Institution, 1995), pp. 21-46.

Crnobrnja, *The Yugoslav Drama*, pp. 93-106, 115-127; 141-173.

Laura Silber and Allan Little: *Yugoslavia: Death of a Nation* (New York: Penguin Books, 1997), pp. 134-146; 205-230; 244-257; 345-363.

Robert D. Kaplan, *Balkan Ghosts: A Journey Through History* (Vintage, 1993), chapters 1-2.

V.P. Gagnon, "Ethnic Nationalism and International Conflict: The Case of Serbia," In Michael E. Brown et al., eds. *Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict*, pp. 132-168.

Recommended: Philip Gourevitch, *We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed With Our Families* (New York: Picador USA, 1998) (On Rwanda genocide).

**Week 10: Rethinking the State** (November 21)

Francis Fukuyama, "The Imperatives of State-Building." *Journal of Democracy* 15, No. 2 (April 2004), pp. 17-31.

Charles Tilly, "War Making and State Making as Organized Crime." In Peter Evans, Dietrich Rueschemeyer, and Theda Skocpol, eds. *Bringing the State Back In* (Cambridge University Press, 1985), pp. 169-191.

Peter Evans, *Embedded Autonomy*, Princeton University Press 1995, chapter 3.

Peter Evans, "The Eclipse of the State? Reflections on Stateness in an Era of Globalization." *World Politics* 50 (October 1997), pp. 62-87.

Guillermo O'Donnell, "On the State, Democracy, and Some Conceptual Problems," in O'Donnell, *Counterpoints: Selected Essays on Authoritarianism and Democracy* (University of Notre Dame Press, 1999) pp. 133-144.

William Reno, "Clandestine Economies, Violence and States in Africa." *Journal of International Affairs* 53 (Spring 2000), pp. 433-459.

William Reno, *Warlord Politics and African States* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 1998), chapter 3 (Liberia), pp. 79-111.

### **Thursday, November 23: Thanksgiving Break**

### **Week 11: Do Institutions Matter? (I) Presidentialism vs. Parliamentarism** (November 28, 30)

Samuel Huntington, *Political Order in Changing Societies*, Yale University Press, pp. 1-32.

Juan Linz, "The Perils of Presidentialism," In Diamond and Plattner, eds. *The Global Resurgence of Democracy*, pp. 124-142.

Mathew Soberg Shugart and Scott Mainwaring, "Presidentialism and Democracy in Latin America: Rethinking the Terms of the Debate," in Mainwaring and Shugart, *Presidentialism and Democracy in Latin America* (Cambridge University Press, 1997), pp. 12-54.

Giovanni Sartori, "Neither Presidentialism nor Parliamentarism," in Juan Linz and Arturo Valenzuela, eds., *The Failure of Presidential Democracy*, pp. 106-118.

Scott Mainwaring, "Presidentialism, Multipartyism, and Democracy: the Difficult Combination," *Comparative Political Studies* 26, no. 2 (1993).

S.M. Lipset, "The Centrality of Political Culture," in Diamond and Plattner, eds. *The Global Resurgence of Democracy*, pp. 150-153.

### **Week 12: Do Institutions Matter? (II) Electoral Design, Party Systems, and Ethnic Conflict** (December 5, 7)

John Carey, "Institutional Design and Party Systems," in Larry Diamond et al., eds.,

*Consolidating the Third Wave Democracies: Themes and Perspectives* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1997), pp. 67-92.

Arend Lijphart, "Constitutional Choices for New Democracies," in Diamond and Plattner, eds., *The Global Resurgence of Democracy*, pp. 162-174

Guy Lardeyret, "The Problem with PR," in Diamond and Plattner, eds. *The Global Resurgence of Democracy*, pp. 175-180.

Andrew Reynolds, "Building Democracy after Conflict: Constitutional Medicine." *Journal of Democracy* 16, No. 1 (January 2005), pp. 54-68.

Arend Lijphart, *Democracy in Plural Societies* (Yale University Press, 1977), pp. 1-52.

Donald L. Horowitz, *Ethnic Groups in Conflict* (University of California Press, 1985), pp. 568-588; 597-600; 628-651.

### **Week 13: Civil Society and Social Capital** (December 12, 14)

Robert Putnam, *Making Democracy Work*, Princeton University Press 1993 (entire book).

Ashutosh Varshney, "Ethnic Conflict and Civil Society: India and Beyond." *World Politics* 53 (April 2001), pp. 362-98.

Robert Putnam, "Bowling Alone: America's Declining Social Capital," *Journal of Democracy* 6(1), pp. 65-78.

Sheri Berman, "Civil Society and the Collapse of the Weimar Republic," *World Politics* 49 (April 1997), pp. 401-429.

### **Week 14: Pulling Things Together: A Case Study of Contemporary Iraq** (December 19)

Eva Bellin, "The Iraqi Intervention and Democracy in Comparative Perspective." *Political Science Quarterly* 119, No. 4 (2004-2005), pp. 595-608.

Adeed Dawisha and Karen Dawisha, "How to Build a Democratic Iraq." *Foreign Affairs*, May/June 2003.

Peter Galbraith, *The End of Iraq* (New York: Simon and Schuster, 2006), pp. 172-213.

Adeed Dawisha and Larry Diamond, "Iraq's Year of Voting Dangerously." *Journal of Democracy* 17, No. 2 (April 2006), pp. 89-103.

Larry Diamond, "What Went Wrong in Iraq?" *Foreign Affairs* 83, No. 5 (September-October 2004)

Larry Diamond, *Squandered Victory: The American Occupation and the Bungled Effort to Bring Democracy to Iraq* (New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2005), pp. 314-360.