PS 37900
EUROPEAN POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT
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Course Design and Objectives

This course surveys some of the existing major empirical debates and theoretical contributions on the formation and evolution of European political institutions. It addresses the following issues: the rise of the modern state; the formation of nations and contemporary nationalism; the emergence of democracies; the crisis of the interwar period; the creation of mass parties and union movements at the turn of the 20th century and their evolution in the postwar decades; and the origins and constitutional development of the European Union. The course has the goal of reading central historical research to formulate broad comparative theoretical insights about the topics at hand. Enrolment is limited to 15 students. Doctoral students will be given priority.

Course Procedures and Evaluation

Each student is expected both to read (before class) the items listed as 'required readings' and to actively participate in each session.

In addition, students are expected to complete the following assignments:

(1) Three short papers (around 10 pages each). Each essay should consist in a critical review one of the books/papers and should be written as if it were to be published to a major journal. The first paper should correspond to any reading assigned for sessions 2 to 4, the second one for sessions 5 to 7, and the third one for sessions 8 to 10. The paper has to be handed in before or at the beginning of the session that contains the reading under review. I reserve the right to return the paper back to the student if it is unsatisfactory – the student can then either write a new version or try another topic.

(2) A take-home examination to be set by the instructor and completed within a week at the end of the term.

Participation in class will count for 35 per cent of the grade. The other assignments (short papers, exam) will count for the other 65 per cent of the course grade.

All texts and books have been place under Reserve in Regenstein. Books marked with an asterisk have been ordered through the Seminary Co-op.
1. Introductory Meeting. (January 9)


2. The Emergence of the Modern State (I). (January 16)

Required reading


Further reading


3. Emergence of the Modern State (II) (January 23)

Required reading


4 - Nations and Nationalism (I). (January 30)

Required reading


Further reading


5. Nations and Nationalism (II). (February 6)

Required reading


6. Democratization. (February 13)

Required reading


Further reading


Stanley Rothman, “Barrington Moore and the Dialectics of Revolution,” American Political Science Review 64 (March 1970) 61-85; 182-83. (Include Moore’s reply and Rothman’s rejoinder.)


7. Political Parties. (February 20)

Required reading


Further readings


David Butler and Donald Stokes, *Political Change in Britain* (second edition, 1974).

8. Political Parties (II) (February 27)

Required reading


9. Theories of European Integration (March 6)

Required reading


Further reading


10. A Constitution for Europe (March 13)

Required reading


Paul De Grauwe. 1997. *The Economics of Monetary Integration*. Chapters 1 to 3. (*)

*The Federalist Papers*. Selection TBA.

Two constitutional drafts for Europe:


- “Preliminary Draft Constitution,” drawn up by the Presidium of the European Convention (October 28th, 2002)