PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
Department of Politics

Politics 586
Regime Politics: Democracy and Authoritarianism
Spring 2004

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Course Description
The twentieth century witnessed dramatic swings in regime change: including the collapse of European democracies in the interwar period; the turn to military rule in Latin America in the 1960s and 1970s; and the subsequent wave of democratization in the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s in many parts of the world, with the striking exception of the Middle East. This course analyzes competing theoretical approaches to regime politics. Structural, agency, and cultural theories will be evaluated against processes of regime change in Western and Eastern Europe, Latin America, and Africa. The course ends with a discussion of the new democracies and the challenges that they face (i.e., economic reform, institutional design, transitional justice, and multiethnic populations).

Assignments
1) Weekly Participation (50% of grade): The course depends on active and ongoing participation by all seminar participants.
   a. Seminar participants are expected to attend seminar regularly as well read and discuss the readings on a weekly basis.
   b. Each week 1-2 students will take responsibility for presenting the readings. This includes writing a 2-page synopsis of the readings that a) lays out the main argument(s), b) indicates what you found provocative and/or mundane, and c) poses questions for class discussion. These handouts will be distributed via email to the rest of the class by Wednesday at noon. In class on Thursday, students will make an informal 7-8-minute presentation designed to initiate focused and critical discussion of the readings.

2) Papers (50% of grade): You have two options:
   Option 1: Three Short Papers
   a. Two 8-10 page papers that analyze the readings in Parts I and II. Papers are due March 1 and April 5.
   b. One 10-12 page review essay, modeled after those published in World Politics and/or Comparative Politics. This essay will focus on the readings in Part III and is due May 10.

   Option 2: Research Paper
   a. 3-5 page statement outlining research question, theoretical relevance, likely obstacles, and strategies. Also include bibliography. Due March 12.
   b. 25-30 page research paper. Due May 10.

All papers should be double-spaced, with one-inch margins. Please use Times New Roman 12. Hand papers in to Edna Lloyd in 318 Bendheim by 3 PM.
**Books to Purchase:** The U-Store has ordered various books for this course, including the required books listed here. You might find additional books on order, but they are not required for the course.


**E-Reserves.** All articles and book chapters should be on e-reserve. You should be able to access them via blackboard. If you cannot access the readings, contact me for the login and password for the course. Books will also be on reserve at Firestone.
Dates

THEMES

Part I:
Classic Questions, Classic Debates

Week 1 (February 5)  Concepts & Measurement
Week 2 (February 12) Structural Arguments about Regime Outcomes: The Classics
Week 3 (Need to reschedule, possibly Feb. 20) Agency Arguments about Leadership, Transitions, Pacts, and Bargains
Week 4 (February 26) Civil Society, Social Capital, and Culture

Part II:
Evaluating Arguments against Cases

Week 5 (March 4)  Comparative Cases, Round 1: Assessing the Role of History, Classes, & Social Forces
Week 6 (March 11)  Comparative Cases, Round 2: Assessing the Transitions Paradigm

Spring Recess (March 15-19)

Week 7 (March 25)  Comparative Cases, Round 3: Assessing the Role of Development and Economic Growth

Part III:
Contemporary Challenges

Week 8 (April 1)  Markets and Neoliberal Reforms
Week 9 (April 8)  Institutional Design: Setting up the Rules of the Game
Week 10 (April 15)  Institutional Design: Accommodating Multiethnic Populations
Week 11 (April 22)  Institutional Design: The Rule of Law, Transitional Justice & Accountability
Week 12 (April 29)  Prospects for Democracy
Part I: Regime Change  
Classic Questions and Classic Debates

Week 1 (February 5)  
Democracy and Authoritarianism: Concepts and Measurement

Required Reading


Recommended


Joseph Schumpeter. *Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy*, esp. Chs. 21-23 (pp.250-302).


Lenin. *State and Revolution*.


Week 2 (February 12)
Structural Arguments about Regime Change: The Classics

Required Reading


Recommended: Classic and Contemporary books in this tradition

Seymour Martin Lipset. *Political Man*.
Samuel P. Huntington. *Political Order and Changing Societies*

Deborah J. Yashar. *Demanding Democracy*.
James Mahoney.

Week 3 (scheduled for February 19) will have to reschedule, perhaps for Friday 20 at 2 P.M.
Micro/Agency Arguments about Leadership, Transitions, Pacts, and Bargains

Required Reading


Recommended
Linz and Stepan, eds., The Breakdown of Democratic Regimes.
Arturo Valenzuela. The Breakdown of Democratic Regimes: Chile.

Week 4 (February 26)
Civil Society, Social Capital, and Culture
Required Reading


Recommended
Kaled Abou el Fadl, eds., Joshua Cohen and Deborah Chasman, Islam and the Challenge of Democracy (forthcoming).
Pippa Norris. Democratic Phoenix: Reinventing Political Activism
Part II
Evaluating Arguments against
Comparative Cases

Week 5 (March 4)
Comparative Cases, Round 1: Assessing the Role of History Classes, and Social Forces

Required Reading


Eva Bellin. “Contingent Democrats: Industrialists, Labor, and Democratization in Late-Developing Countries.” World Politics 52, no. 2 (January 2000), pp. 175-205.


Recommended:
Rueschemeyer, Stephens, and Stephens
Week 6 (March 11)

Comparative Cases, Round 2: Assessing the Transitions Paradigm

Required Reading


Barbara Geddes. What Do We Know about Democratization After Twenty Years.” *Annual Review of Political Science.* 2 (1999)


Recommended:


Week 7 (March 25)
Comparative Cases, Round 3: Assessing the Role of Development and Economic Growth

**Required Reading**


**Recommended**

Terry Lynn Karl. *Paradox of Plenty*
Week 8 (April 1)
Democracy, Markets and Neoliberal Reforms

Required Reading


Recommended


Javier Corrales. “Market Reforms in Latin America: Why they were done and why there were not so market-oriented.” In Jorge I. Domínguez and Michael Shifter, eds., *Constructing Democratic Governance in Latin America*, 2003.


Susan Stokes. *Mandates and Democracy: Neoliberalism by Surprise*.


Week 9 (April 8)
Institutional Design: Setting up the Rules of the Game

Required Reading


Recommended on Presidentialism versus Parliamentarism

Arend Lijphart, *Patterns of Democracy*.

Recommended on Political Parties and Party Systems (although, this is not the focus for this week).

Rein Taagepera and Matthew S. Shugart. *Seats and Votes*.

**Recommended Review articles**


**Week 10 (April 15)**

**Institutional Design: New Democracies and Multiethnic Citizenries**

**Required Reading**


**Recommended:**
Papers from Notre Dame Conference on “Constitutional Design 2000 (December 9-11, 1999). The following papers can be downloaded at: http://www.nd.edu/%7Ekellogg/CD.html
Week 11 (April 22)
Institutional Challenges: Transitional Justice, The Rule of Law, and Accountability

Required Reading


José María Maravall and Adam Przeworski, eds., *Democracy and the Rule of Law*. Cambridge UP, 2003,


Recommended


Priscilla Hayner. *Unspeakable Truths*


Gary Bass. *Stay the Hand of Vengeance*.


Anthony W. Pereira. “Virtual Legality: Authoritarian Legacies and the Reform of Military Justice in Brazil, the Southern Cone, and Mexico.” *Comparative Political Studies* 34, no. 5 (June 2001), pp. 555-574.


**Week 12 (April 29)**

**Prospects for “Consolidating”/Transgressing Democracy**

**Required Reading**


**Recommended on Consolidation**


**Recommended on Subnational Politics**

W. Cornelius, T. Eisenstadt, and J. Hindley, eds., Subnational Politics and Democratization in Mexico, ed., La Jolla, CA: Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, UCSD.
Stephan Haggard et al. On decentralization
Kathleen O’Neill on decentralization
Kent Eaton’s, forthcoming manuscript on decentralization

**Recommended on International Politics**
Keek and Sikkink. Activists Beyond Borders.
Yasemin Soysal. *Limits of Citizenship:*