

**POLITICAL SCIENCE 200A
MAJOR THEMES IN COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS**

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This seminar is the first of a two-part course to provide graduate students with the conceptual, theoretical, and analytical tools necessary to understand and execute comparative research.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS: Students are expected to attend all seminar meetings, to do the assigned readings in their entirety, and to participate actively and thoughtfully in class discussion. The grade for this course will be based on frequency and quality of class participation (50 percent) and a take-home final exam (50 percent). Use of laptop computers, cell phones, or any other communications or internet devices in seminar is prohibited.

COURSE READER: The reader for the course is available at University Copy, 2425 Channing Way (549-2335). Some course readings may be made available on bCourses.

BOOKS FOR PURCHASE: The following books are required and should be purchased as soon as possible:

Robert H. Bates, *When Things Fell Apart: State Failure in Late-Century Africa* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008).

M. Steven Fish, *Are Muslims Distinctive? A Look at the Evidence* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011).

T. H. Marshall and Tom Bottomore, *Citizenship and Social Class* (London: Pluto, 1992).

Michael L. Ross, *The Oil Curse: How Petroleum Wealth Shapes the Development of Nations* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2012).

Part I: INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS

Week 1, Aug 31: Introduction

Week 2, Sept 7: No class! (Labor Day holiday)

Week 3, Sept 14: Objectives, Purposes, and Methods of Comparative Inquiry

Gary King, Robert O. Keohane, and Sidney Verba, *Designing Social Inquiry* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1994), pp. 3-114.

Henry E. Brady and David Collier, eds., *Rethinking Social Inquiry*, 2nd ed. (Rowman and Littlefield, 2010), pp. 15-88.

Paul Pierson, "The Costs of Marginalization: Qualitative Methods in the Study of American Politics," *Comparative Political Studies* 40, 2 (February 2007), pp. 145-69.

Robert Huckfeldt, "Citizenship in Democratic Politics: Density Dependence and the Micro-Macro Divide," in Mark I. Lichbach and Alan S. Zuckerman, eds., *Comparative Politics: Rationality, Culture, and Structure* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009), pp. 291-313.

Fish, *Are Muslims Distinctive?*, chs. 1 & 8.

Part II: IDENTITIES

Week 4, Sept 21: Religion

Emile Durkheim, *Suicide* [1897], (New York: Free Press, 1951), pp. 35-39, 152-70, 208-16, 241-58, 297-325, 361-92.

Norman Cohn, *The Pursuit of the Millennium* (London: Secker & Warburg, 1957), pp. 1-32.

Daniel Corstange, "Religion, Pluralism, and Iconography in the Public Sphere: Theory and Evidence from Lebanon," *World Politics* 64, 1 (January 2012), pp. 116-160.

Fish, *Are Muslims Distinctive?*, chs. 2-3.

Week 5, Sept 28: Ethnicity and Nationality

Max Weber, "Status Groups and Classes"; "Ethnic Groups"; and "Political Communities"; in *Economy and Society* [1922] (Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 1978), pp. 302-07, 385-98, 921-40.

- Michael Hechter, "Modernity of Nationalism," *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Political and Social Movements* (Blackwell, 2013), pp. 1-6.
- Adria K. Lawrence, *Imperial Rule and the Politics of Nationalism* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013), pp. 1-49, 73-90.
- Leonardo R. Arriola, "Capital and Opposition in Africa: Coalition Building in Multiethnic Societies," *World Politics* 65, 2 (April 2013), pp. 233-272.
- Rogers Brubaker, "Ethnicity without Groups," *European Journal of Sociology* 43, 2 (August 2002), pp. 163-189.
- Kanchan Chandra, "Counting heads: A theory of voter and elite behavior in patronage democracies," in Herbert Kitschelt and Steven I. Wilkinson, eds., *Patrons, Clients, and Politics* (New York: Cambridge University press, 2007), pp. 84-109.
- Thad Dunning and Lauren Harrison, "Cross-cutting Cleavages and Ethnic Voting: An Experimental Story of Cousinage in Mali," *American Political Science Review* 104, 1 (February 2010), pp. 21-39.

Week 6, October 5: Class

- Barry Eidlin, "Class Formation and Class Identity: Birth, Death, and Possibilities for Renewal," *Sociology Compass* 8/8 (2014): 1045-1062.
- Marshall and Bottomore, *Citizenship and Social Class*, entire (Marshall only).
- Kenneth M. Roberts, "Social Inequalities without Class Cleavages in Latin America's Neoliberal Era," *Studies in Comparative International Development* 26, 4 (Winter 2002), pp. 3-33.

Part 3: INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Week 7, Oct 12: Origins, Operations, Effects

- John M. Carey, "Parchment, Equilibria, and Institutions," *Comparative Political Studies* 33, 6/7 (August/September 2000), pp. 735-761.
- Scott Desposato and Ethan Scheiner, "Governmental Centralization and Party Affiliation: Legislator Strategies in Brazil and Japan," *American Political Science Review* 102, 4 (November 2008), pp. 509-24.
- James Mahoney and Kathleen Thelen, "A Theory of Gradual Institutional Change," in James Mahoney and Kathleen Thelen, eds., *Explaining Institutional Change: Ambiguity, Agency, and Power* (Cambridge University Press, 2010), pp. 1-37.
- Neil A. Abrams and M. Steven Fish, "Policies First, Institutions Second: Lessons from Estonia's Economic Reforms," *Post-Soviet Affairs* 31, 6 (forthcoming 2015).
- Gretchen Helmke and Steven Levitsky, "Informal Institutions and Comparative Politics: A Research Agenda," *Perspectives on Politics* 2, 4 (December 2004), pp. 725-740.

Week 8, Oct 19: The State

- Samuel P. Huntington, *Political Order in Changing Societies*. (Yale University Press, 1968), pp. 1-59.
- James C. Scott, *Seeing Like a State*. (Yale University press, 1998), pp. 11-83.
- Robert H. Bates, *When Things Fell Apart: State Failure in Late-Century Africa* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008), entire.
- David Skarbek, "Governance and Prison Gangs," *American Political Science Review* 105, 4 (November 2011), pp. 702-716.

Week 9, Oct 26: Parties and Electoral Systems

- Giovanni Sartori, *Parties and Party Systems: A Framework for Analysis* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1976), pp. 3-70.
- Pradeep Chhibber and Ken Kollman, "Party Aggregation and the Number of Parties in India and the United States," *American Political Science Review* 92, 2 (June 1998), pp. 329-342.
- Gary W. Cox, *Making Votes Count: Strategic Coordination in the World's Electoral Systems*. (Cambridge University Press, 1997), chs. 1-3.
- Thomas R. Cusack, Torben Iversen, and David Soskice, "Economic Interests and the Origins of Electoral Systems," *American Political Science Review* 101, 3 (August 2007), pp. 373-391.
- Steven Levitsky, "Organization and Labor-Based Party Adaptation: The Transformation of Argentine Peronism in Comparative Perspective," *World Politics* 54, 1 (October 2001), pp. 27-56.

Part IV: OUTCOMES

Week 10, Nov 2: Democracy and Authoritarianism

- Daniel Ziblatt, "How Did Europe Democratize," *World Politics* 58, 2 (January 2006), pp. 311-338.
- Michael Coppedge, John Gerring, et al., "Conceptualizing and Measuring Democracy: A New Approach," *Perspectives on Politics* 9, 2 (June 2011), pp. 247-67.
- Daron Acemoglu and James A. Robinson, *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*. (Cambridge University Press, 2006), pp. 15-47.
- Jeffrey S. Kopstein and Jason Wittenberg, "Beyond Dictatorship and Democracy: Rethinking National Minority Inclusion and Regime Type in Interwar Eastern Europe," *Comparative Political Studies* 43, 8 (August 2010), pp. 1089-1118.

Fish, *Are Muslims Distinctive?*, ch. 7.

Lily L. Tsai, "Solidary Groups, Informal Accountability, and Local Public Goods Provision in Rural China," *American Political Science Review* 101, 2 (May 2007), pp. 355-72.

Mark Lilla, "The Lure of Syracuse," *New York Review of Books*, Vol. 48, Issue 14, Sept. 2001.

Week 11, Nov 9: Order and Conflict

James D. Fearon and David D. Laitin, "Explaining Interethnic Cooperation," *American Political Science Review* 90, 4 (December 1996), pp. 715-735.

Ron E. Hassner, ' "To Halve and To Hold": Conflicts Over Sacred Space and the Problem of Indivisibility,' *Security Studies* 12, 4 (Summer 2003), pp. 1-33.

Jeffrey S. Kopstein and Jason Wittenberg, "Intimate Violence: Anti-Jewish Pogroms in the Shadow of the Holocaust," Draft book manuscript chs. 1;4.

Fish, *Are Muslims Distinctive?*, ch. 5.

Week 12, Nov 16: Poverty and Prosperity

Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, and James A. Robinson, "The Colonial Origins of Comparative Development: An Empirical Investigation," *The American Economic Review* 91, 5 (December 2001), pp. 1369-1401.

Mancur Olson, "Dictatorship, Democracy, and Development," *American Political Science Review* 87, 3 (September 1993), pp. 567-576.

Ross, *The Oil Curse*, ch. 6.

Timur Kuran, *The Long Divergence: How Islamic Law Held Back the Middle East* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2011), pp. 33-41, 279-302.

Week 13, November 23: Equality, Tolerance, and Justice

Guillermo O'Donnell, "Human Development, Human Rights, and Democracy"; Michael Coppedge, "Quality of Democracy and Its Measurement"; and Sebastián L. Mazzuca, "Democratic Quality: Costs and Benefits of the Concept," in Guillermo O'Donnell, Jorge Vargas Cullell, and Osvaldo M. Iazzetta, eds., *The Quality of Democracy: Theory and Applications* (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2004), pp. 9-92, 239-48, and 249-59.

Fish, *Are Muslims Distinctive?*, chs. 3 & 6.

Ross, *The Oil Curse*, ch. 4.

Kevin J. O'Brien and Liangjiang Li, "Popular Contention and Its Impact in Rural China," *Comparative Political Studies* 38, 3 (April 2005), pp. 235-59.

Week 14, Nov 30: Historical Legacies

Nathan Nunn, "The Importance of History for Economic Development," *Annu. Rev. Econ.* 2009. 1:65-92.

Grigore Pop-Eleches and Joshua A. Tucker, "Associated with the Past? Communist Legacies and Civic Participation in Post-Communist Countries," *East European Politics & Societies* 27, 1 (February 2013), pp. 45-88.

Nathan Nunn and Leonard Wantchekon, "The Slave Trade and the Origins of Mistrust in Africa," *American Economic Review* 101 (December 2011): 3221-3252.

Ruth Berins Collier and David Collier, "Framework: Critical Junctures and Historical Legacies," in Ruth Berins Collier and David Collier, *Shaping the Political Arena* (Princeton, 1991), pp. 27-39.

Jason Wittenberg, "Conceptualizing Historical Legacies," *East European Politics & Societies* 29, 2 (May 2015), pp. 366-378.

Week 15, Dec 7: Reading Week