

Comparative Political Analysis
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Course Summary

This seminar surveys the major substantive topics in comparative politics, including the following: democratization, states and state formation, the origin and effect of political institutions, political violence, identity politics (especially ethnic politics), representation and accountability, and comparative political economy. We will not focus on any particular world region. As we review each of the substantive topics, we will also discuss and evaluate the theoretical and methodological approaches that scholars have used to shed light on them.

Readings

All required readings for the class are available either at the SU Bookstore (in the student center), on library reserve, or on Blackboard. When possible I have made the readings available electronically.

Students are advised to obtain copies of the following books, which are available for purchase at the SU Bookstore. *I also recommend that you look ahead on the syllabus and acquire on your own as many additional books as you can afford.*

Almond, Gabriel, and Sidney Verba. 1963. *The Civic Culture*.
Bates, Robert. 1981. *Markets and States in Subtropical Africa*.
Dahl, Robert. 1971. *Polyarchy*.
Downs, Anthony. 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*.
Hirschman, Albert O. 1970. *Exit, Voice, and Loyalty*
Horowitz, Donald. 1985. *Ethnic Groups in Conflict*.
Marx, Karl and Friedrich Engels. [1848]. *The Communist Manifesto*.
Moore, Barrington. 1966. *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*.
North, Douglass. 1990. *Institutions, Institutional Change and Economic Performance*.
O'Donnell, Guillermo, and Phillippe Schmitter. 1986. *Transitions from Authoritarian Rule*. (the little green book, not the huge edited volume).
Olson, Mancur. 1971. *The Logic of Collective Action*.
Przeworski, Adam. 1991. *Democracy and the Market*.
Putnam, Robert. 1993. *Making Democracy Work*.
Weber, Max. [1958]. *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*.

If you can afford it, I recommend that you buy Boix and Stokes's *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics* (2007).

Grading and Assignments

Final grades for the course will be determined according to the following formula:

Class Participation	30%
Weekly Papers	40%
Final Exam	30%

Class Participation. Students are expected to attend class and be prepared to discuss the assigned readings. Because this is a reading and discussion course, and because part of being a professional political scientist involves the critical understanding of relevant academic literature, active student participation is essential. *You will not earn a good grade in this class if you do not contribute to class discussions.*

Response Papers. In the course of the semester, each student will be responsible for contributing 6 response papers. These papers should be submitted to the course folder on our common G drive *by midnight on the Monday before class*. Each student should then read all posted papers prior to class.

You can find the course folder from any campus-networked computer at the following filepath:

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In the “Public” folder, I have created a different subfolder for each week of the course. Please submit your papers in those folders, with file names having a format that identifies both you, and what you are writing about, like these:

Smith_Response_Lipset_1959 or Jones_Response_Week_2

Response papers should be short (5-7 pages), and should outline some criticisms or questions for discussion that the class might want to consider during the seminar. These papers should focus on the central argument of one or more readings listed on the syllabus, and might assess relative strengths and weaknesses, identify a common shortcoming, explain how two or three papers relate to each other, question the methodology (measures, case selection, and so on) used, or discuss how the research has contributed to the systematic understanding of the social and political world. You should minimize the summary and maximize the analysis.

Please add page numbers to all of your papers.

Final Exam. During the last week of the semester I will hand out a final exam, which will be designed to mimic the format of the Political Science Department’s comprehensive exams in comparative politics. This will be a take-home, open book essay exam, and will be due on the last day of the finals period.

Plagiarism and Academic Integrity

There is no room for academic dishonesty in this class. I do submit formal reports to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences when I suspect academic dishonesty or plagiarism. I encourage all students to update their understanding of what counts as academic dishonesty by visiting this website: <http://academicintegrity.syr.edu/>.

Disability-Related Accommodations

Students who are in need of disability-related academic accommodations must register with the Office of Disability Services (ODS), 804 University Avenue, Room 309, 315-443-4498. Students with authorized disability-related accommodations should provide a current Accommodation Authorization Letter from ODS to the instructor and review those accommodations with the instructor. Accommodations, such as exam administration, are not provided retroactively; therefore, planning for accommodations as early as possible is necessary. For further information, see the ODS website, Office of Disability Services <http://disabilityservices.syr.edu/>

Religious Observances

SU's religious observances policy, found at http://supolicies.syr.edu/emp_ben/religious_observance.htm, recognizes the diversity of faiths represented among the campus community and protects the rights of students, faculty, and staff to observe religious holy days according to their tradition. Under the policy, students are provided an opportunity to make up any examination, study, or work requirements that may be missed due to a religious observance provided they notify their instructors before the end of the second week of classes. For fall and spring semesters, an online notification process is available through MySlice/Student Services/Enrollment/My Religious Observances from the first day of class until the end of the second week of class.

*** All students should feel free to discuss any of the issues ***
mentioned on this page with me at any time.

Weekly Schedule

I. Introduction and Method

January 16 The State of the Discipline; Methodology

January 23 Marx and Weber

January 30 Institutions

II. States and Regime Types

February 6 State Theory and State Formation

February 13 Democratization I

February 20 Democratization II

III. Elections, Parties, and Citizens

February 27 Institutional Design

March 6 Parties and Party Systems

***** SPRING BREAK *****

March 20 Political Behavior and Public Opinion

March 27 Responsiveness, Accountability, and Interest Representation

April 3 Social Movements, Mobilization, and Ethnic Conflict

IV. Political Economy

April 10 Comparative Political Economy I: Development

April 17 Comparative Political Economy II: Advanced Industrial Countries

V. Blurring the Line

April 24 International and Domestic Politics

Various Authors. 2008. "Symposium: Big Unanswered Questions in Comparative Politics," *APSA-CP Newsletter*, pp.6-16.

* Listed on Blackboard as "CP Symposium"

Boix, Carles, and Susan Stokes. 2007. "Introduction," in Boix and Stokes, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*, pp.3-23.

Ragin, Charles C. 1987. *The Comparative Method*, pp.vii-xii, 1-18.

Gerring, John. 2007. "The Case Study: What it is and What it Does," in Boix and Stokes, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*.

Bates, Robert. 2007. "From Case Studies to Social Science: A Strategy for Political Research," in Boix and Stokes, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*.

Further Reading:

Sartori, Giovanni. 1970. "Concept Misformation in Comparative Politics," *American Political Science Review*

Bates, Johnson, Lustick. "Controversy in the Discipline: Area Studies and Comparative Politics *PS: Political Science and Politics* 30 (2): 166-79.

Laitin, David D. 2002. "Comparative Politics: The State of the Subdiscipline." In *Political Science: The State of the Discipline*, ed. Ira Katznelson and Helen V. Milner, pp.630-659.

Katznelson, Ira, and Helen V. Milner. 2002. *The State of the Discipline*, various chapters.

Boix, Carles, and Susan C. Stokes. 2009. *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*.

*Join the Comparative Politics section of APSA and you will receive APSA-CP twice a year.

January 23

Marx & Weber

Marx, Karl. [1977]. "Preface to *A Critique of Political Economy*" in *Karl Marx: Selected Writings*, ed. David McLellan, pp.388-391.

Marx, Karl and Friedrich Engels. [1848]. *The Communist Manifesto*.

Weber, Max. [1958]. *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*. (skim ch 4; read the rest).

Weber, Max. [1946]. "Politics as a Vocation," in *From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology*, ed. H.H. Gerth and C. Wright Mills, pp.77-128.

North, Douglass. 1990. *Institutions, Institutional Change and Economic Performance*, esp. chs. 1-6, 9, 12.

Hall, Peter A. and Rosemary C.R. Taylor. 1996. "Political Science and the Three New Institutionalisms," *Political Studies* XLIV, pp.936-957.

Thelen, Kathleen. 1999. "Historical Institutionalism in Comparative Politics" *Annual Review of Political Science* 2, pp.369-404.

Moe, Terry. 2005. "Power and Political Institutions," *Perspectives on Politics* 3:2, pp.215-233.

Przeworski, Adam. 2004. "Institutions matter?" *Government and Opposition* 39:4, pp.527-40.

We will spend an hour on a separate topic:

Hirschman, Albert O. 1970. *Exit, Voice, and Loyalty: Responses to Decline in Firms, Organizations, and States*, esp. Chs. 1-4, 6, 8.

Further:

Diermeier, Daniel and Keith Krehbiel. 2003. "Institutionalism as a Methodology," *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 15:2.

March, James G., and Johan P. Olson. 1984. "The New Institutionalism: Organizational Factors in Political Life." *American Political Science Review* 78 (3): 734-49.

Weber, Max. [1978]. *Economy and Society*. pp.56 (paragraph 3), 212-301.

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

Tilly, Charles. 1985. "War Making and State Making as Organized Crime," in Peter Evans, Dietrich Rueschemeyer, and Theda Skocpol, eds., pp.169–191.

Tilly, Charles. 1990. *Coercion, Capital, and European States, AD 990-1990*.

Taylor, Brian, and Roxana Botea. 2008. "Tilly Tally: War-Making and State-Making in the Contemporary Third World." *International Studies Review*, 10:1.

Huntington, Samuel P. 1968. *Political Order in Changing Societies*. Read at least pp.1-32.

Further Reading:

Olson, Mancur. 1982. *The Rise and Decline of Nations*.

Levi, Margaret. 2003. "The State of the Study of the State" In *Political Science: The State of the Discipline*, ed. Ira Katznelson and Helen V. Milner, pp.33-55.

Weber, Eugen. 1976. *Peasants into Frenchmen: the Modernization of Rural France 1870-1914*.

Gellner, Ernest. 1983. *Nations and Nationalism*

Centeno, Miguel. 1997. "Blood and Debt: War and Taxation in Nineteenth Century Latin America," *American Journal of Sociology* 101:2.

February 13

Democratization I

Dahl, Robert. 1971. *Polyarchy*, esp. Chs. 1-6.

Historical Sociology

Moore, Barrington. 1966. *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*, esp Chs. 1, 2, and 7.

Luebbert, Gregory M. 1987. "Social Foundations of Political Order in Interwar Europe" *World Politics* 39:4, pp.449-478.

Political Culture

Almond, Gabriel, and Sidney Verba. 1963. *The Civic Culture*. Read chapters 1 and 13; skim a few other chapters like 2, 3, 8, 10, 11, or others.

Inglehart, Ronald. 1988. "The Renaissance of Political Culture." *American Political Science Review* 82 (4): 1203-30.

Lipset, Seymour Martin. 1959. "Some Social Requisites of Democracy: Economic Development and Political Legitimacy." *American Political Science Review* 53 (1): 69-105.

Further Reading:

* See my syllabus for PSC 787: Democracy and Democratization

Political Economy

Przeworski, Adam, and Fernando Limongi. 1997. "Modernization: Theories and Facts." *World Politics* 49 (2): 155-183.

Boix, Carles. 2003. *Democracy and Redistribution*, Chs. 1, 2, 3, 7.

Ross, Michael. 2001. "Does Oil Hinder Democracy?" *World Politics*

Haber, Stephen and Victor Menaldo. 2011. "Do Natural Resources Fuel Authoritarianism? A Reappraisal of the Resource Curse," *American Political Science Review*

The Transitions Paradigm

Guillermo O'Donnell and Philippe Schmitter. 1986. *Transitions from Authoritarian Rule: Tentative Conclusions about Uncertain Democracies*.

Przeworski, Adam. 1991. *Democracy and the Market*. New York: Cambridge University Press, Chs. 1-2.

Linz, Juan, and Alfred Stepan. 1996. *Problems of Democratic Transition and Consolidation*. Part I, esp. chs. 1, 4.

Further Reading:

* See my syllabus for PSC 787: Democracy and Democratization

Shugart, Matthew and Rein Taagepera. 1989. *Seats and Votes*, esp. Chs 1-3.

Tsebelis, George. 1995. "Decision Making in Political Systems: Veto Players in Presidentialism, Parliamentarism, Multicameralism and Multipartyism." *British Journal of Political Science* 25 (3): 289-325.

Scott Mainwaring and Matthew S. Shugart (1997). "Juan Linz, Presidentialism, and Democracy: A Critical Appraisal", in *Comparative Politics* 29:4, pp. 449-471.

Cheibub, Jose Antonio, and Fernando Limongi. 2002. "Democratic Institutions and Regime Survival: Parliamentary and Presidential Democracies Reconsidered." *Annual Review of Political Science* 5:151-79.

Krook, Mona Lena. 2007. "Candidate gender quotas: a framework for analysis," *European Journal of Political Research* 46, pp.367-394.

Powell, G. Bingham. 1986. "American Voter Turnout in Comparative Perspective." *American Political Science Review* 80 (1): 17-43.

Further Reading:

Taylor, Brian. 2007. "Force and Federalism: Controlling Coercion in Federal Hybrid Regimes" *Comparative Politics* 39:4, pp.421-440.

Beramendi, Pablo. 2007. "Federalism," in the *Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*, ed. Boix and Stokes.

Downs, Anthony. 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*.

Adams, James F., Samuel Merrill III, and Bernard Grofman. 2005. *A Unified Theory of Party Competition*, et al chaps 1-3, 7

Cox, Gary. 1997. *Making Votes Count*, esp. chs. 2-3, and choose among chs. 4-7.

Chhibber, Pradeep K. and Ken Kollman. 2004. *The Formation of National Party Systems: Federalism and Party Competition in Canada, Great Britain, India, and the United States*.

Scott Mainwaring and Timothy Scully (1995). "Introduction: Party Systems in Latin America," in Mainwaring and Scully, eds., *Building Democratic Institutions: Party Systems in Latin America*, pp.1-34.

Further Reading:

Duverger, Maurice. 1954. *Political Parties: Their Organization and Activity in the Modern State*, pp.206-280.

Lipset, Seymour, and Stein Rokkan. 1967. "Cleavage Structures, Party Systems and Voter Alignments," in Seymour M. Lipset and Stein Rokkan (eds.), *Party Systems and Voter Alignments*, pp.1-64.

Boix, Carles. 1999. "Setting the Rules of the Game: The Choice of Electoral Systems in Advanced Democracies." *American Political Science Review* 93 (3): 609-24.

Sartori, Giovanni. *Parties and Party Systems*.

Brady, Henry, Sidney Verba, and Kay Lehman Schlozman. 1995. "Beyond SES: A Resource Model of Political Participation." *American Political Science Review* 89 (2): 271-94.

Anderson, Chris. 2000. "Economic voting and political context: a comparative perspective" *Electoral Studies* 19:2-3, pp.151-170.

Dalton, Russell. 2000. "Citizen Attitudes and Political Behavior" *Comparative Political Studies* 33:6/7, pp.912-40.

Gabel, Matt. 1998. "Public Support for European Integration: An Empirical Test of Five Theories" *Journal of Politics* 60:2, pp. 333-354

Brinegar, Adam P. and Seth K. Jolly. 2005. "Location, location, location: National contextual factors and public support for European integration" *European Union Politics* 6:2, pp.155-180.

Putnam, Robert D. 1993. *Making Democracy Work: Civic Traditions in Modern Italy*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Cleary, Matt. 2007. "Electoral Competition, Participation, and Government Responsiveness in Mexico" *American Journal of Political Science* 51:2, pp.283-299.

Tsai, Lily. 2007. "Solidary Groups, Informal Accountability, and Local Public Goods Provision in Rural China," *American Political Science Review* 101:2, pp.355-372.

Stokes, Susan. 2007. "Political Clientelism," in Boix and Stokes, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*, pp.604-627.

Kitschelt, Herbert, and Steven Wilkinson (eds.). 2007. *Patrons, Clients and Policies: Patterns of Democratic Accountability and Political Competition*, chs. 1, 13, 14.

Sadanandan, Anoop. 2012. "Patronage and Decentralization The Politics of Poverty in India," *Comparative Politics* 44:2.

Further Reading:

Manin, Bernard, Adam Przeworski, and Susan C. Stokes. 1999. "Elections and Representation." in *Democracy, Accountability, and Representation*, ed. Adam Przeworski, Bernard Manin, and Susan C. Stokes, pp.29-54.

Powell, G. Bingham. 2000. *Elections as Instruments of Democracy*, esp. Chs. 1-4, 10.

Boix, Carles, and Daniel N. Posner. 1998. "Social Capital: Explaining Its Origins and Effects on Government Performances." *British Journal of Political Science* 28 (4): 686-93.

Anderson, Christopher J. 2007. "The End of Economic Voting? Contingency Dilemmas and the Limits of Democratic Accountability," *Annual Review of Political Science* 10, pp.271-96.

Olson, Mancur. 1965. *The Logic of Collective Action: Public Goods and the Theory of Groups*, esp Chs. 1-4.

Kuran, Timur. 1991. "Now out of Never: The Element of Surprise in the East European Revolution of 1989" *World Politics* 44:1, pp.7-48.

McAdam, Doug, John McCarthy and Mayer Zald, eds. 1996. *Comparative Perspectives on Social Movements*, introduction, Ch 1, Ch 2 (pp.1-61).

Horowitz, Donald. 1985. *Ethnic Groups in Conflict*, esp. Preface, Chs. 1-5, 14-16.

Gurr, Ted. 1993. *Minorities at Risk*, esp. Chs. 2-5, 11.

Fearon, James and David Laitin. 1996. "Explaining Ethnic Cooperation" *American Political Science Review*

Posner, Daniel. 2004. "The Political Salience of Cultural Differences: Why Chewas and Tumbukas are Allies in Zambia and Adversaries in Malawi" *American Political Science Review* 98:4.

Varshney, Ashutosh. 2001. "Ethnic Conflict and Civil Society: India and Beyond." *World Politics* 53:3, pp.362-98.

Further Reading:

Tilly, Charles, and Sidney Tarrow. 2007. *Contentious Politics*.

Gourevitch, Philip. 1998. *We wish to inform you that tomorrow we will be killed with our families: stories from Rwanda*.

Fukuyama, Francis. 1989. "The End of History?" *The National Interest*, Summer 1989, pp.3-18.

Huntington, Samuel. "The Clash of Civilizations?" *Foreign Affairs* 72:3, pp.22-49.

Posen, Barry. 1993. "The Security Dilemma and Ethnic Conflict" in *Ethnic Conflict and International Security*, ed. Michael Brown.

Tons of articles in the *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Nations and Nationalism*, and other journals.

April 10

Comparative Political Economy I: Development

Alexander Gerschenkron. 1962. "Economic Backwardness in Historical Perspective," in Gerschenkron, *Economic Backwardness in Historical Perspective*.

Cardoso, Fernando Enrique, and Enzo Faletto. 1979. *Dependency and Development in Latin America*, esp. preface to the English edition.

Bates, Robert. 1981. *Markets and States in Tropical Africa*.

Hanson, Jonathan. 2005. "Political Institutions and Economic Development: The Context-Dependent Effects of Political Institutions," unpublished manuscript.

Milgrom, Paul R., Douglass C. North, and Barry R. Weingast. 1990. "The Role of Institutions in the Revival of Trade: The Law Merchant, Private Judges, and the Champagne Fairs" *Economics and Politics* pp.1-23.

Sangmpam, S. N. 2007. "Politics Rules: The False Primacy of Institutions in Developing Countries" *Political Studies* 55, 201-24.

Further Reading:

Evans, Peter. 1979. *Dependent Development*, esp. Chs. 1-6.

Polanyi, Karl. 1944. *The Great Transformation*.

Douglass North and Robert Thomas. 1976. *The Rise of the Western World*.

Barro, Robert. 1997. *Determinants of Economic Growth*.

Cameron, David. 1978. "The Expansion of the Public Economy: A Comparative Analysis" *American Political Science Review*, 72:4, pp. 1243-1261.

Boix, Carles. 2003. *Democracy and Redistribution*, Ch. 5.

Esping-Andersen, Gosta. 1990. *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*, esp. Ch. 1.

Hall, Peter A., and David Soskice. 2001. "Introduction to Varieties of Capitalism," in *Varieties of Capitalism*.

Estévez-Abe, Margarita. 2008. *Welfare and Capitalism in Postwar Japan*, Intro and Chs. 1, 5.

Estévez-Abe, Margarita. 2006. "Gendering the Varieties of Capitalism: A Study of Occupational Segregation by Sex in Advanced Industrial Societies" *World Politics* 59, pp.142-75.

Rogowski, Ronald. 1989. *Commerce and Coalitions*, Ch.1.

Putnam, Robert D. 1988. "Diplomacy and Domestic Policy: The Logic of Two-Level Games." *International Organization* 42 (3): 427-460.

Gourevitch, Peter. 1978. "The Second Image Reversed: International Sources of Domestic Politics." *International Organization* 32 (4): 881-912.

Choose a few of these:

Walt, Stephen. 1992. "Revolution and War" *World Politics*.

Schultz, Kenneth. 1999. "Do Democratic Institutions Constrain or Inform? Contrasting Two Institutional Perspectives on Democracy and War" *International Organization* 52, pp. 233-66.

Orenstein, Mitchell, and Hans Peter Schmitz. 2006. "The new transnationalism and comparative politics" *Comparative Politics* 38:4.

Indridason, Indridi. 2008. "Does Terrorism Influence Domestic Politics? Coalition Formation and Terrorist Incidents", *Journal of Peace Research* 45:2.

Krook, Mona Lena. 2006. "Reforming Representation: The Diffusion of Candidate Gender Quotas Worldwide," *Politics & Gender* 2, pp.303-327.