

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCE
Department of Politics

G53.1500, 2 - COMPARATIVE POLITICS

Fall 2005 – Wednesday 6:20-8:20pm – 726 Broadway, Room 747

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PURPOSE

This course introduces the student to the comparative approach to the study of politics, as well as to some of the descriptive and explanatory generalizations about politics that have been developed through this kind of analysis. The first portion of the course will explore the major contending approaches to comparative political analysis, and the assumptions and methodologies implied by these approaches. This is followed by an exploration of selected themes or analytic constructs in comparative politics: development and democracy with a focus on Third World politics. Finally, each student will be expected to utilize one or more of the above-discussed theoretical and analytical frameworks to a country case study selected in consultation with the instructor. Both oral and written research results of these country case studies will be reported in class.

READINGS (All available on-line at Barnes & Noble or from publisher)

Dahl, Robert A. POLYARCHY: PARTICIPATION AND OPPOSITION. New Haven, CT: Yale, 1971. ISBN 0-300-01565-8

Geddes, Barbara. PARADIGMS AND SAND CASTLES: THEORY BUILDING AND RESEARCH DESIGN IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS. Michigan, 2003. ISBN: 0-472-06835-0

Inglehart, Ronald and Christian Welzel. MODERNIZATION, CULTURAL CHANGE, AND DEMOCRACY: THE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE. Cambridge University Press, 2005. ISBN 0-521-60971-2

Landman, Todd. ISSUES AND METHODS IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS: AN INTRODUCTION. 2nd ed. London: Routledge, 2003. ISBN 0-415-27270-X

Lichbach, Mark Irving and Alan S. Zuckerman, eds. COMPARATIVE POLITICS: RATIONALITY, CULTURE, AND STRUCTURE. Cambridge, 1997. ISBN: 0-521-58668-2

Norris, Pippa and Ronald Inglehart. SACRED AND SECULAR: RELIGION AND POLITICS WORLDWIDE. Cambridge University Press, 2004. ISBN 0-521-54872-1

Przeworski, Adam. DEMOCRACY AND THE MARKET: POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REFORMS IN EASTERN EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1991. ISBN 0-521-42335-X

Wiarda, Howard J. INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS: CONCEPTS AND PROCESSES. Harcourt, 2000. ISBN 0-15-507869-0

RECOMMENDED ADDITIONAL READINGS FOR STUDENTS INTENDING TO PURSUE A PHD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Brady, Henry E. and David Collier, eds. RETHINKING SOCIAL INQUIRY: DIVERSE TOOLS, SHARED STANDARDS. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2004. ISBN 0-7425-1126-X

Buttolph Johnson, Janet, Richard A. Joslyn, and H. T. Reynolds. POLITICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH METHODS. 4th ed. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, 2001. ISBN 1-56802-329-4

King, Gary, Robert O. Keohane, and Sidney Verba. DESIGNING SOCIAL INQUIRY: SCIENTIFIC INFERENCE IN QUALITATIVE RESEARCH. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1994. ISBN 0-691-03471-0

Lichbach, Mark I. IS RATIONAL CHOICE THEORY ALL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE? Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press, 2003. ISBN 0-472-06819-9

ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION

As a graduate course, students are expected to attend class regularly and participate actively in classroom discussions. Absences must be approved in advance by the instructor via email (preferable), phone, or in person. Value: 15%

EXAMINATIONS/ORAL/PAPER

There will be one take-home essay-type examination (25%), one in-class essay-type examination (25%), and one brief country-specific research paper (12-15pp) that will be defended in an in-class oral presentation and submitted as hard copy at end of semester (35%).

READING SCHEDULE (preliminary & subject to change)

1. SEPTEMBER 7
Topic: Introduction
2. SEPTEMBER 14
Topic: Theories
Readings: Wiarda
3. SEPTEMBER 21
Topic: Theories
Readings: Lichbach & Zuckerman
4. SEPTEMBER 28
Topic: Methods
Readings: Geddes
5. OCTOBER 5
Topic: Methods
Readings: Landman
6. OCTOBER 12
Topic: TAKE-HOME EXAMINATION DUE
Readings: NO CLASS
7. OCTOBER 19

Topic: Development
Readings: Inglehart/Welzel

8. OCTOBER 26

Topic: Development
Readings: Norris/Inglehart

9. NOVEMBER 2

Topic: Democracy
Readings: Dahl

10. NOVEMBER 9

Topic: Democracy
Readings: Przeworski

11. NOVEMBER 16

Topic: IN-CLASS EXAMINATION

12. NOVEMBER 23

Topic: Country Cases
Readings: Oral Presentations

13. NOVEMBER 30

Topic: Country Cases
Readings: Oral Presentations

14. DECEMBER 7

Topic: Country Cases
Readings: Oral Presentations

15. DECEMBER 14

Topic: Country Cases
Readings: Oral Presentations: ALL PAPERS DUE