

Herbstsemester 2010:

Selected topics in comparative government:

TRANSITIONS TO DEMOCRACY

Thursdays 12h00-13h30

Room: A 5, 6 Bauteil B - B 144

Course Description:

The purpose of this course is to offer a comparative study of the wave of democratization that swept much of Latin America, Southern Europe, East Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe, and the former Soviet Union during the past three decades.

In this course we will analyze the theoretical literatures on regime change and compare experiences of countries emerging from different circumstances and timing. In addition to dealing with democratization, the course will address the reverse phenomenon, meaning movement from more democratic to more authoritarian regimes, a tendency that has been increasingly manifest during the past decade.

We will investigate, among other topics: the meaning of democracy and authoritarianism, the factors that facilitate or hinder democratization, the roles of mass movements, the significance of the state and constitutional arrangements, problems of nationalism and ethnic conflict, the importance of culture and the relationship between economic transformation and political regime change.

Class will meet every Thursday from 12h00 to 13h30 in Room: A 5, 6 Bauteil B - B 144 unless otherwise announced, starting on 09.09.2010 and ending on the 09.12.2010. Both lectures and exam will be conducted in English.

Course Requirements: There will be a final exam (Klausur)

This class is tailored for you to succeed. This should be easy to achieve if you come to class regularly, read the notes, and keep up with the readings. The exam will not be about learning anything by heart (the night before the test), but about your general grasp of the topics covered in the class.

A) READINGS:

I expect you to keep up on the weekly readings as we will discuss them in class. You will notice that some readings overlap considerably, thus it is up to you to select the readings that suit your interests best. The articles and book chapters will be made available to you online and at the library when possible.

B) CLASS NOTES

Most of the material you will need to be successful in the exam will be in the class notes. I will make these available before the class meets so you have time to print them and bring them to class.

Sprechstunde

Tuesdays 14h30-15h30

Course Schedule:

1. September 9: Introduction
2. September 16: The Analytical Tool-Kit
3. September 23: Definitions, Concepts and Measurements
4. September 30: Democracy and Democratization in the Developing World
5. October 7: Are there Preconditions to Democracy? I: Development
6. October 14: Are there Preconditions to Democracy? II: The State
7. October 21: Institutional Design and Democratic Consolidation. I: Political Parties and Elections
8. October 28: Institutional Design and Democratic Consolidation. II: Parliaments versus Presidents
9. November 4: Civil Society and Social Movements
10. November 11: Nationalism and Ethnic Politics
11. November 18: International Influences
12. November 25: Can Democracy Take Root in non-Western Cultures?
13. December 2: Breakdown of Democracies
14. December 9: (Class debate) What is Left of be Done in Iraq?
15. EXAM: TBA

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Course Readings:

WEEK 1 (September 9): Introduction

WEEK 2 (September 16): The Analytical Tool-Kit

Required readings:

- Gary King, Robert Keohane, Sidney Verba. 1994. *Designing Social Inquiry*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, Introduction, pp. 3-12.
- Van Evera, Stephen. *Guide to Methods for Students of Political Science*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1997. Chapter 1, pp.7-21.

WEEK 3 (September 23): Definitions, Concepts and Measurements

Required readings:

- Schmitter, Philippe and Terry Lynn Karl. 1991. "What Democracy Is... And is Not." *Journal of Democracy* 2(3):75-88.
- Diamond, Larry. 2002. "Thinking about Hybrid Regimes." *Journal of Democracy* 13(2):21-35.

Recommended (but not required):

- Freedom House, 2006 Edition Methodology, from www.freedomhouse.org
- Dahl, Robert. 1971. *Polyarchy*. New Haven: Yale University Press. Chapters 2-3

WEEK 4 (September 30): Democracy and Democratization in the Developing World

Required readings:

- Smith, *Democracy in Latin America*, introduction and ch. 1
- E. Gyimah-Boadi, "Africa: The Quality of Political Reform," ch. 1 in *Democratic Reform in Africa*

WEEK 5 (October 7): Are there Preconditions to Democracy? I: Development

Required readings:

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

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

WEEK 6 (October 14): Are there Preconditions to Democracy? II: The State

Required readings:

- Fukuyama, Francis. 2004. "The Imperative of State-Building," *Journal of Democracy* 15(2):17-31.
- Joseph, Richard. 2003. "Africa: States in Crisis." *Journal of Democracy* 14(3):159-170.

Recommended:

- O'Donnell, Guillermo. 2004. "Why the Rule of Law Matters," *Journal of Democracy* 15(4):32-46.
- Fortin, Jessica. (Forthcoming). "Is There a Necessary Condition for Democracy? The Role of State Capacity in Post-communist Countries," *Comparative Political Studies*.

WEEK 7 (October 21): Institutional Design and Democratic Consolidation. I: Political Parties and Elections

Required readings:

- Lijphart, Arend. 1996 "Constitutional Choices for New Democracies," in Larry Diamond and Marc F. Plattner (eds). *The Global Resurgence of Democracy*. Baltimore, The Johns Hopkins University Press, pp.163-174
- Lardeyret, Guy. 1996. "The Problem with PR," in Larry Diamond and Marc F. Plattner (eds). *The Global Resurgence of Democracy*. Baltimore, The Johns Hopkins University Press, pp. 175-180.

Recommended:

- Horowitz, Donald. L. 2003. "Electoral Systems: A Primer for Decision Makers," *Journal of Democracy* 14(4):32-46.
- Smith, *Democracy in Latin America*, pp.165-182.
- Bogaards, Matthijs. 2009. Electoral Systems and Institutional Design in New Democracies. In Haerpfer, C., Bernhagen, P., Inglehart, R., and Welzel, C., *Democratization*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 15, pp. 219-233.

WEEK 8 (October 28): Institutional Design and Democratic Consolidation. II: Parliaments versus Presidents

Required readings:

- Linz, Juan J. 1996. "The Perils of Presidentialism" in Larry Diamond and Marc F. Plattner (eds). *The Global Resurgence of Democracy*. Baltimore, The Johns Hopkins University Press, pp.124-142.
- Horowitz, Donald L. 1996 "Comparing Democratic Systems," in Larry Diamond and Marc F. Plattner (eds). *The Global Resurgence of Democracy*. Baltimore, The Johns Hopkins University Press, pp.143-149.

Recommended:

- Smith, *Democracy in Latin America*, chapters 5-6, pp.137-165.

WEEK 9 (November 4): Civil Society and Social Movements

Required readings:

- Putnam, Robert. 1996. "Bowling Alone" in Larry Diamond and Marc F. Plattner (eds). *The Global Resurgence of Democracy*. Baltimore, The Johns Hopkins University Press, pp. 290-306.
- Welzel, C., and Inglehart R., 2009. Political Culture, Mass Beliefs, and Value Change. In Haerpfer, C., Bernhagen, P., Inglehart, R., and Welzel, C., *Democratization*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 9, pp.126-145.

Recommended:

- Letki, Natalia. 2009. Social Capital and Civil Society. In Haerpfer, C., Bernhagen, P., Inglehart, R., and Welzel, C., *Democratization*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 11, pp.158-167.
- Gyimah-Boadi, "What 'The People' Say about Reforms" and "Civil Society and Democratic Development", ch.3 and 4 in *Democratic Reform in Africa*

WEEK 10 (November 11): Nationalism and Ethnic Politics

Required readings:

- Stedman, Stephen John, and Terrence Lyons. Conflict in Africa, ch.6 *Democratic Reform in Africa*
- Benomar, Jamal. 2004. "Constitution-Making after Conflict: Lessons for Iraq." *Journal of Democracy* 15(2):81-95.

WEEK 11 (November 18): International Influences

Required readings:

- Yilmaz, Hakan. 2009. The International Context. In Haerpfer, C., Bernhagen, P., Inglehart, R., and Welzel, C., *Democratization*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 7, pp. 92-106.
- Sorensen, Georg. 1993. Chapter 4 in "International Consequences of Democracy: Peace and Cooperation?" in *Democracy and Democratization*, Boulder: Westview Press, pp.91-117.

Recommended:

- Smith, *Democracy in Latin America*, chapter 4
- Larry Diamond, "Promoting Real Reform in Africa," chapter. 11 in *Democratic Reform in Africa*
- Rupnik, Jacques. 2002. "The International Context," in Larry Diamond and Marc F. Plattner (eds). *Democracy after Communism*, Baltimore, The Johns Hopkins University Press, pp. 132-146.

WEEK 12 (November 25): Can Democracy take root in non-Western cultures?

Required readings:

- Fish, M. Stephen. 2002. "Islam and Authoritarianism." *World Politics* 55(1): 4-37.

Recommended:

- Woodberry, Robert D. 2004. "The Pioneering Protestants," *Journal of Democracy* 15(2): 47-61.
- Philpott, Daniel. 2004. "The Catholic Wave," *Journal of Democracy* 15(2): 32-46.

WEEK 13 (December 2): Breakdown of democracies: Institutions or Society?

Required readings:

- Levitsky, Stephen and Lucan Way (2002). The Rise of Competitive Authoritarianism *Journal of Democracy* 13(2):51-65.
- Smith, Peter, H. 1978. "The Breakdown of Democracy in Argentina, 1916-30," in Juan J. Linz and Alfred Stepan (Eds), *the Breakdown of Democracy in Latin America*, Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press.

WEEK 14: Class debate (December 9): What is Left of be Done in Iraq?

Required readings:

- Tessler, Mark, Mansoor Moaddel, and Ronald Inglehart. 2006. "What do Iraqis Want?" *Journal of Democracy* 17(1):38-50.
- Diamond, Larry. 2005. "Lessons from Iraq." *Journal of Democracy* 16(1):98-23.
- Adeed Dawisha and Karen Dawisha, "How to Build a Democratic Iraq." *Foreign Affairs*, May/June 2003.