



## **MPhil in Politics: Comparative Government MSc in Politics Research**

**Academic Year 2020-2021**

### **POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS PROGRAMME**

**MPhil Comparative Government Course Director: Professor Robin Harding**

#### **Teaching arrangements and assessment**

This course is taught through eighteen classes running through all of Michaelmas and Hilary terms and the first two weeks of Trinity Term. In addition, students will take six small-group tutorials during the course of the year. The course is assessed through a written examination given in Trinity Term of the first year. For the formal examination provisions please see the most recent version of *Examination Regulations* a copy of which is issued to each graduate student and which is also available on the University website.

#### **Aims of the course**

- (i) To develop a critical understanding of the important theoretical contributions to the field of comparative politics and to develop an understanding of 'what we currently know' in the sub-discipline of comparative politics.
- (ii) To examine selected debates in comparative politics that are of practical and theoretical importance, paying particular attention to the methodological issues in those debates, and to the utility of different methodological approaches in contemporary political science.
- (iii) To explore and discuss some of the different ways political scientists use comparison as a method of inquiry, in a way that is intended to complement methods teaching in other courses.
- (iv) To compare and contrast contemporary ideas in comparative politics with those of previous generations of political scientists.

**Comparative Government MPhil Core Course**  
**Class sequence and tutors**

**Michaelmas Term**

1	Introduction to Comparative Politics	Robin Harding (LMH)
2	States and State Building	Jorge Mangonnet (Nuffield)
3	Democracy and democratization	Melis Laebens (Nuffield)
4	Authoritarianism	Tim Power (St Antony's)
5	Political Economy of Rich States	David Rueda (Nuffield)
6	Welfare States	Jane Gingrich (Magdalen)
7	Racial Divisions, Ethnic Divisions and Inequality	Des King (Nuffield)
8	Populism	David Doyle (St Hughs)

**Hilary Term**

1	Money and Politics	Nelson Ruiz (DPIR)
2	Presidentialism and Parliamentarism	Timothy Power (St Antony's)
3	Parties and party systems	Spyros Kosmidis (Brasenose)
4	Voting	Spyros Kosmidis (Brasenose)
5	The Politics of Development	Robin Harding (LMH)
6	Judiciary	? Paul Martin?
7	Political Economy of Natural Resources	Ricardo Soares de Oliveira (St Peter's)
8	Violent Conflict	Stathis Kalyvas (All Souls)

**Trinity Term**

1	Revision class	Robin Harding (LMH)
2	Revision class	Timothy Power (St Antony's)

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## General Reading

### a) Overviews

- Boix, Carles and Susan Stokes eds. (2007), *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*.
- Clark, William Roberts et al (2013), *Principles of Comparative Politics*. London: SAGE Publications.
- Dalton, Russell and Hans-Dieter Klingemann eds. (2007), *The Oxford Handbook of Political Behaviour*.
- Katznelson, Ira and Helen V. Milner, eds., *Political Science: State of the Discipline*. (NY: Norton, 2002).
- Lichbach, Mark and Alan Zuckerman eds. (2009), *Comparative Politics: Rationality, Culture and Structure*.
- Lijphart, A (2012), *Patterns of Democracy: Government Forms and Performance in Thirty-Six Countries, 2nd edition*.
- Landman, Todd and Robinson, Neil eds. (2009), *The Sage Handbook of Comparative Politics*. London: SAGE Publications.
- Munck, Gerardo L. and Richard Snyder, eds., *Passion, Craft and Method in Comparative Politics*. (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2007).
- Rhodes, R.A.W., Sarah Binder and Bert A. Rockman (2006), *The Oxford Handbook of Political Institutions*.

### b) Methods and Approaches

- Bennett, Andrew, and Jeffrey Checkel, eds. (2014) *Process Tracing. From Metaphor to Analytic Tool*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.
- Box-Steffensmeier, Janet, Henry Brady and David Collier eds. (2008), *The Oxford Handbook of Political Methodology*.
- Goodin, Robert and Charles Tilly eds. (2006) *The Oxford Handbook of Contextual Political Analysis*.
- Hall, Peter and Rosemary Taylor (1996). "Political Science and the Three New Institutionalisms." *Political Studies* 44: 936-957.
- Goertz, Gary and James Mahoney. *A Tale of Two Cultures: Qualitative and Quantitative Research in the Social Sciences* Princeton: PUP 2012, Chapters 10-11.
- King, Gary, Keohane, Robert O and Verba, Sidney (1994), *Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research*.
- Mahoney, James and Kathleen Thelen eds. (2015), *Advances in Comparative Historical Analysis*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Mills, C. Wright (1952) "On Intellectual Craftsmanship" in *The Sociological Imagination*: 195-227. In Mahoney, James and Dietrich Rueschmeyer eds. (2003), *Comparative Historical Analysis in the Social Sciences*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Ragin, Charles C. (1987), *The Comparative Method: Moving Beyond Qualitative and Quantitative Strategies*.
- Weller, Nicholas and Jeb Barnes (2015), *Finding Pathways: Mixed-Methods Research for Studying Causal Mechanisms*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

## Related Lectures and Seminars

Check the University Gazette and Lecture List, weekly email Circulars from the Courses Team, and the events section on the DPIR website for seminars and lectures on topics of interest to you that relate to the topics in this course. For example, Nuffield College holds political science seminars, the DPIR organizes a Politics colloquium and sponsors occasional political economy seminars at lunch-time, and St Antony's College sponsors research seminars on various topics most afternoons. Other talks and seminars with Oxford faculty or invited speakers also take place in other Colleges. The above-mentioned sources include details of these and other events.

## Libraries

In your induction week you will be introduced to the university library system (which consists of multiple libraries). Your college librarian has been encouraged to order the mandatory readings on this course outline. The Bodleian Social Science Library (SSL), located on the floor below the Department in the Manor Road Building, has ordered three copies of all the **bold** items; we are investigating other methods of improving access to the texts, but you may well need to coordinate and share resources.

The librarian at the SSL who is Subject Consultant for Politics and International Relations is Jo Gardner: [jo.gardner@bodleian.ox.ac.uk](mailto:jo.gardner@bodleian.ox.ac.uk). You will also find Nuffield College library (open to all graduate students 9.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday) a particularly useful resource, since it offers a reference collection of all books on the core reading list.

You will also find some useful online resources available through the library system. The University Library Services website includes a helpful guide to what is available at: <http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/finding-resources>.

Of particular utility will be OxLIP, a gateway to a wide variety of information sources – helpful for literature searches, access to reference works and digital collections, and much else – and the TDNet access point for electronic journals to which the university is subscribed, which should include most of the journals referenced during the course. You may also find useful the British Library's table of contents for journals and conference proceedings (<http://zetoc.mimas.ac.uk>).

## List of journal abbreviations used in the reading list

- *AJPS – American Journal of Political Science*
- *APSR – American Political Science Review*
- *BJPS – British Journal of Political Science*
- *CPS – Comparative Political Studies*
- *CP – Comparative Politics*
- *IO – International Organization*
- *IPSR – International Political Science Review*
- *JP – Journal of Politics*
- *JD – Journal of Democracy*
- *JTP – Journal of Theoretical Politics*
- *PS – Political Studies*
- *WP – World Politics*

## Class format

**Class attendance is compulsory. Class meets at 11.00am-1.00pm on Wednesdays in Seminar Room E of the Manor Road Building in Michaelmas, Hilary and Trinity Term. To miss a class you must request permission from both the class instructor and the course director.**

Classes will involve discussion of the readings for that week, normally guided by one or more student presentations and the remarks of one or more discussants. Class presentations will focus on one or more of the assigned questions. Students will be notified in advance of the week(s) in which they are presenting. Please make contact by email with the relevant class instructor to get more detailed advice on what form your presentation should take (email addresses are provided for all the class instructors in the class list above).

**Here is some general advice for those presenting, those acting as discussants and the other members of the seminar:**

For **presenters**: You should prepare a 15-20 minute presentation responding to the discussion question you have chosen, using the mandatory readings as your foundation but taking your own position and using other materials too if you wish. The presentation should engage critically with the literature; it should not simply regurgitate material that the other class participants will have read. If you use visual aids (e.g. PowerPoint) it should be for a good reason and not simply to summarise key points while you present. Hand-outs for the rest of the class may be more useful, especially since time constraints may make it difficult to go into depth on all your points. **You must send your instructor and your discussant a summary of your presentation –typically a one- or two-page bullet point list of the main points you will cover, accompanied by brief descriptions-- at least 48 hours before your class.**

For **discussants**: You should prepare max. 10 minutes of remarks based on the presentation and the readings. These comments should be *concise* (discussants should avoid giving another presentation), and again hand-outs may be useful given the constraints of time. The role of the discussant is to provide constructive criticism of the presentation. They should facilitate debate by engaging critically with the interpretation put forward by the presenter. The discussant may also expand on aspects of the question not considered by the presentation.

For **non-presenters**: You should do as much of the listed reading as possible, and in particular you **MUST** carefully and critically read the material listed in **bold** for each week. You will be asked about this reading in class discussions. You should take time before the class to think about the strengths and weaknesses of the arguments in the works you have read.

**All class participants**: You should consider ALL the syllabus questions that are listed for each week. During class discussion, instructors are likely to raise other questions addressed by the syllabus on that particular topic, so it is important that you come prepared with your own answers to these questions, too.

### **Tutorials**

You and a tutorial partner will be assigned a tutor for two tutorials that will take place in Michaelmas term (typically in the second half of term), and four more tutorials that will take place in Hilary and Trinity term. You should make contact with your tutor as soon as this assignment is made. For each tutorial you will need to write a substantial essay and do further reading in a particular topic area; your tutor will give you more detail about preparation and expectations. The exact number of tutorials in each term may vary, but students will have six tutorials across the academic year.

**Aim of the session:** To develop a working understanding of the objectives of the comparative analysis of political phenomena and some of the main issues that concern scholars who work in this field.

### Discussion Topics:

- (a) What continuities and discontinuities can we identify in the field of comparative politics over time?
- (b) Why do political scientists compare?
- (c) How do the different political science approaches and methods affect what is and what is not compared, and is this a problem for the field of comparative analysis?

### Readings

(a) Development of the field:

- **Munck, Gerardo and Richard Snyder. *Passion Craft and Method in Comparative Politics* (2007) pp. 32-59** and excerpts from the book in "What has Comparative Politics Accomplished?" in *APSA-CP Newsletter of the American Political Science Association Organized Section in Comparative Politics* vol. 15 no. 2 pp. 26-31.
- Von Beyme, Klaus. 2010. "The Historical Development of Comparative Politics". *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft* 4, 1: 1-15, special supplement:  
<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs12286-010-0079-5>

(b) Why compare?

- Read one of: Aristotle. *Politics*. Book IV, sections 1-12; Machiavelli. *Discourses*. Book I, discourse 2-6; Mill, John Stuart. *A System of Logic*, Book VI and Book XII; Montesquieu. *The Spirit of Laws*. Books III–V; Tocqueville, Alexis de. *Democracy in America*.
- Robert Bates. 2009. "From Case Studies to Social Science: A Strategy for Political Research", in Carles Boix and Susan Stokes (eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*. Oxford University Press.
- **Arendt Lijphart, "Comparative Politics and the Comparative Method," *American Political Science Review* (September 1971): 682-93.**
- **Mair, Peter (1996) "Comparative Politics: An Overview," pp. 309-35, in Robert Goodin and Hans-Dieter Klingemann (eds.), *The New Handbook of Political Science* (Oxford: Oxford University Press)**
- **Sartori, Giovanni. 1970. "Concept Misformation in Comparative Politics." *The American Political Science Review* 64, 4: 1033-1053**

(c) What is and is not compared?

- Apter, David (1996). "Comparative Politics, Old and New," pp. 372-397, in Robert Goodin and Hans-Dieter Klingemann (eds.), *The New Handbook of Political Science* (Oxford: Oxford University Press)
- "Controversy in the Discipline: Area Studies and Comparative Politics". 1997. *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 30: 2. See articles by Bates and Johnson.
- **Geddes, Barbara. *Paradigms and Sand Castles: Theory Building and Research Design in Comparative Politics* (2003) Chapter 1 pp 1-26.**
- Gerring, John. 2009. "The Case Study: What it is and What it Does", in Carles Boix and Susan Stokes (eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*. Oxford University Press.
- Laitin, David D. (2002), "Comparative Politics: The State of the Sub-discipline," pp. 630-659 in Ira Katznelson and Helen V. Milner (eds.), *Political Science: State of the Discipline* (New York: W.W. Norton & Washington, DC: American Political Science Association)
- Mahoney, James and Kathleen Thelen. 2015. *Advances in Comparative Historical Analysis*. Cambridge University Press, Chapter 1, skim rest.
- **Lichbach, Mark and Alan Zuckerman. 2009 (Second Edition). *Comparative Politics: Rationality, Culture and Structure*. Cambridge University Press, Chapter 2.**
- Shapiro, Ian. 2002. "Problems, Methods, and Theories in the Study of Politics, or What's Wrong with Political Science and What to Do about It." *Political Theory* 30, 4: 596-619.
- **Schmitter, Philippe. 2009. "The Nature and Future of Comparative Politics." *European Political Science Review* 1, 1: 33-61**

- Tucker, Josh. 2013. "Is Theory Getting Lost in the 'Identification Revolution'?" Blog post on *The Monkey Cage* (Washington Post), 6th June. Available <http://themonkeycage.org/2013/06/14/is-theory-getting-lost-in-the-identification-revolution/>

**Aim of the session:** To understand models of state building, historical origins of states and the effect that these may have on modern states' structures and trajectories

**Discussion topics:**

- (a) What are the differences, strengths and weaknesses of the predominant models of states and state building?\*
- (b) What were the origins of the territorial state in Europe?
- (c) What are the similarities and differences between state formation in Europe and state formation in other parts of the world?
- (d) Is contemporary state-building helped or harmed by war?

\* This discussion will begin with a student presentation and then a student commentary.

**Readings**

(a) Theoretical models of state building

- **Bates, Robert H. *Prosperity and Violence: The Political Economy of Development*, 2nd ed. (New York: W.W. Norton & Co., 2010), Chapters 3-4.**
- Levi, Margaret. "The Predatory Theory of Rule," *Politics & Society* 10:4 (1981), pp. 431-65.
- Moe, Terry M. "Power and Political Institutions," *Perspectives on Politics* 3:2 (2005), pp. 215-33.
- Olson, Mancur. "Dictatorship, Democracy, and Development," *The American Political Science Review* 87:3 (1993), pp. 567-76.

(b) Origins of the territorial state

- Anderson, Perry. *Lineages of the Absolutist State* (London: Verso, 1974) (available online).
- **Tilly, Charles. *Coercion, Capital, and European States, A.D. 990-1992*, rev'd ed. (Cambridge, Mass.; Oxford: Blackwell, 1992), pp. 1-37.**
- **Ertman, Thomas. *Birth of the Leviathan: Building States and Regimes in Medieval and Early Modern Europe* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997), pp. 1-34.**
- Spruyt, Hendrik. *The Sovereign State and Its Competitors* (Princeton: Princeton University Press 1994).

(c) Similarities and differences

- **Herbst, Jeffrey, *States and Power in Africa* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2000), pp 11-31 and 251-72.**
- King, Desmond, and Robert Lieberman, "Ironies of State Building: A Comparative Perspective on the American State." *World Politics* 61:3 (July 2009), 547-88.
- **Migdal, Joel, *Strong Societies and Weak States: State-Society Relations and State Capabilities in the Third World* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1988), pp. 10-41.**
- Skowronek, Stephen. *Building a New American State : The Expansion of National Administrative Capacities, 1877-1920* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1982).
- **Slater, Dan. "Can Leviathan Be Democratic? Competitive Elections, Robust Mass Politics, and State Infrastructural Power," *Studies in Comparative International Development* 43:4 (December 2008), pp. 252-72.**
- Soifer, Hillel. *State Building in Latin America* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015).
- Waldner, David. *State Building and Development* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1999).

(d) Harmed or helped by war?

- **Howard, Lise Morjé. "Kosovo and Timor-Leste: Neo-Trusteeship, Neighbors and the United Nations" *Annals of the American Academy* 656:1 (November 2014), pp. 116-35.**
- Monten, Jonathan. "Intervention and State-Building: Comparative Lessons from Japan, Iraq and Afghanistan" *Annals of the American Academy* 656:1 (November 2014), pp.173-91.
- **Onoma, Ato Kwamena. "Transition Regimes and Security Sector Reforms in Sierra Leone and Liberia" *Annals of the American Academy* 656:1 (November 2014), pp. 136-153.**

- Rodriguez-Franco, Diana. "Internal Wars, Taxation and State Building" *American Sociological Review* 81:1 (1 February 2016), pp. 190-213
- Scott, James. *Seeing like a State* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1998), Introduction and pp. 147-79.

**Aim of the session:** To develop insights into the distinguishing features and origins of democracy. The students will discuss questions relative to the causes of the emergence, persistence and breakdown of democracies in the modern era (i.e. since the 19<sup>th</sup> century). The strengths and weaknesses of different methodologies used in the literature will also be highlighted in the class discussion.

### Discussion topics:

- (a) How should scholars define democracy? How can democracies be identified in the real world?\*
- (b) How do democracies emerge?
- (c) Why do democracies break down?

### Readings

#### (a) The Concept of Democracy

- **Dahl, Robert. (1971) *Polyarchy: Participation and Opposition*. New Haven: Yale University Press, Chapter 1.**
- **Schmitter, Philippe and Terry Lynn Karl. (1996) "What Democracy is ... and is Not" in Larry Diamond and Marc Plattner eds. *The Global Resurgence of Democracy*, Baltimore, Johns Hopkins UP, 39-52 original in *Journal of Democracy*.**
- **Schumpeter, Joseph. (1947) *Capitalism, Socialism, & Democracy*. New York: Harper & Brothers, Chapter XXII Sec I pp.269-273.**

#### (b) Explanations for Democracy's Emergence

- **Moore, Barrington. (1968) *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*. Pt. 3 Chapter 7 413-432.**
- **Capoccia, Giovanni and Daniel Ziblatt. (2010) "The Historical Turn in Democratization Studies: A New Research Program for Europe and Beyond, CPS July/August, 931-968.**
- **Acemoglu, Daron and James A. Robinson. (2006) *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Chapter 1 (skim), Chapter 2.**
- **Ansell, Ben and David Samuels (2010) *Inequality and Democratization*, Cambridge UP 2014, Chapter 1-2.**
- **O'Donnell, Guillermo and Philippe C. Schmitter, (1986) "Negotiating (and Renegotiating) Pacts," from *Transitions from Authoritarian Rule: Tentative Conclusions about Uncertain Democracies*.**
- **Boix, Carles, and Susan Stokes. (2003) "Endogenous Democratization," *WP*, 55:4, 517-549.**
- **Huntington, Samuel. (1991) *The Third Wave: Democratization in the Late Twentieth Century*. Norman, Okla.: University of Oklahoma Press, pp. xiii-xv, Chapter. 1~4.**
- **Linz, Juan and Alfred Stepan. (1996) *Problems of Democratic Transition and Consolidation*, Baltimore, Johns Hopkins University Press, 3-83.**
- **Lipset Seymour Martin. (1959) "Some Social Requisites of Democracy: Economic Development and Political Legitimacy" *APSR*, Vol. 53, No. 1. (March 1959), pp. 69-105.**
- **Rustow, Dankwart. (1970) "Transitions to Democracy: Toward a Dynamic Model" in *Comparative Politics*, vol 2, no. 2 (April) pp. 337-63.**
- **Rueschemeyer, Dietrich, Evelyn Huber Stephens, and John Stephens. (1992) *Capitalist Development and Democracy*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, Chapters 1, 2, and 3.**
- **Weyland, Kurt (2015), *Making Waves. Democratic Contention in Europe and Latin America since the revolutions of 1848*, Cambridge UP, Chapters 1-2-3.**
- **Whitehead, Laurence. (2001) *The International Dimensions of Democratization*. Chapter 1 and Postscript pp. 3-25; pp. 443-454 by Whitehead; and, Chapter 2 by Schmitter pp. 26-49.**
- **Ziblatt, Daniel (2017) *Conservative Parties and the Birth of Democracy in Europe*, Cambridge UP.**

#### (c) Democratization's Reversals

- **Linz, Juan (1978), *The Breakdown of Democratic Regimes: Crisis, Breakdown and Re-equilibration*. Baltimore, Johns Hopkins UP, Chapter 1.**
- **Capoccia, Giovanni (2005), *Defending Democracy; Reactions to Extremism in Interwar Europe* Chapter 1, 7.**
- **Collier, David. (1979). "Overview of the Bureaucratic Authoritarian Model". In D. Collier, ed., *The New Authoritarianism in Latin America*.**

- Przeworski, Adam, Alvarez, Michael, Cheibub, J.A. and Limongi, Fernando. (1996). "What Makes Democracies Endure?" *Journal of Democracy* 7: 39-55.
- Svolik, Milan (2012), "Which Democracies will Last? Coups, Incumbent Takeovers and the Dynamics of Democratic Consolidation" *BJPS*, 26, pp. 1-24.

**Aim of the session:** To analyse the similarities and differences between authoritarian and hybrid regimes and to understand the different trajectories of both regime types.

**Discussion topics:**

- (a) What are the most relevant variables to help us distinguish among different types of nondemocratic regimes?\*
- (b) What explains the emergence and endurance of authoritarianism?
- (c) What explains the emergence and endurance of hybrid regimes?

\*This discussion will begin with a student presentation and then a student commentary.

**Readings**

(a) Typologies of nondemocratic regimes

- **Linz, Juan (2000), *Totalitarian and Authoritarian Regimes*. Lynne Rienner Publishers.** This is an expanded and updated version of an essay first published in Polsby and Greenstein, *Handbook of Political Science*, 1975.

(b) Authoritarian endurance

- **Bellin, Eva (2004), "The Robustness of Authoritarianism in the Middle East: A Comparative Perspective," *Comparative Politics*, 36 (2): 139-157.**
- Eva Bellin (2012), "Reconsidering the Robustness of Authoritarianism in the Middle East: Lessons from the Arab Spring," *Comparative Politics* 44, No. 2 (January), pp. 127-149.
- Brownlee, Jason. (2007), *Authoritarianism in an Age of Democratization*, pp. 16-43.
- **Greene, Kenneth (2007). *Why Dominant Parties Lose: Mexico's Democratization in Comparative Perspective*, Chapters 1-2 (theory) 8 (Italy, Japan, Taiwan, Malaysia), and 9 (conclusion). Cambridge University Press.**
- Levitsky, Steven and Lucan Way (2015), "Not just what, but when (and how): comparative-historical approaches to authoritarian durability", in James Mahoney and Kathleen Thelen eds., *Advances in Comparative Historical Analysis*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- **Magaloni, Beatriz and Ruth Kricheli (2010), "Political Order and One-Party Rule." *Annual Review of Political Science* 13:123-43.**
- **Slater, Dan (2010), *Ordering Power: Contentious Politics and Authoritarian Leviathans in Southeast Asia*.**
- Smith, Benjamin (2005), "Life of the Party: The Origins of Regime Breakdown and Persistence under Single Party Rule," *World Politics* 57(3): 421-451.
- **Svolik, Milan (2012). *The Politics of Authoritarian Rule*. Cambridge University Press.**

(c) Hybrid regimes

- **Levitsky, Steven and Lucan Way (2011). *Competitive Authoritarianism: Hybrid Regimes after the Cold War*. New York: Cambridge University Press.** Intro (skim) Chapter 2, 37-83 and conclusion 339-364.
- Collier, David and Steven Levitsky (1997). "Democracy with Adjectives: Conceptual Innovation in Comparative Research," *World Politics* 49, no. 3: 430-451.
- Diamond, L. and L. Morlino 2004 "The Quality of Democracy: An Overview" *JoD* 15(4) 20-31.
- Mattes, Robert and Michael Bratton (2007) "Learning about Democracy in Africa: Awareness, Performance, and Experience" *AJPS*, 51, 1, 192-217.
- McFaul, M. (2002) "The Fourth Wave of Democracy and Dictatorship," *World Politics* 54, 2, 212-44.
- O'Donnell, Guillermo (1999), "Horizontal Accountability in New Democracies" in Schedler, Diamond and Plattner eds. *The Self-restraining State*.
- **Pepinsky, Tom, *Economic Crises and the Breakdown of Authoritarian Regimes: Indonesia and Malaysia in Comparative Perspective* (Cambridge 2009).**
- **Schedler, A. (2002), "Elections without Democracy." *Journal of Democracy* 13, 2, 36-50.**

- Whitehead, L. (2002) *Democratization: Theory and Experience*, Chapter 7.

**Aims of the session:** In this week, we will examine different approaches to understanding variations in economic outcomes across advanced capitalist democracies. We will examine state and market relationships more generally, asking how institutions shape varying productive strategies and the logic of market competition. We then ask whether these models are changing and what political dynamics (if any) are shaping change trajectories. In particular, we focus on the sources and politics of rising income inequality and insecurity across varieties of capitalism.

### Discussion Topics:

- 1) Do institutions matter for economic performance in advanced capitalist countries?
- 2) What explains key over time changes in political-economic outcomes?

### Readings

#### Background

- **Karl Polanyi. 1944. *The Great Transformation*. Chapters 6, 7, 8 [skim]**
- **Alexander Gerschenkron. 1962. *Economic Backwardness in Historical Perspective*. Chapter 1.**
- Olson, Mancur. 1982. *The Rise and Decline of Nations*. Chapter 1.
- North, Douglass C. 1990. Institutions, Institutional Change, and Economic Performance.
- Hall, Peter. 1986. *Governing the Economy*. Chapters 1, 5, 9.

#### “Varieties of capitalism” approaches

- K. O. Moene, and M. Wallerstein. 1999. “Social Democratic Labor Market Institutions: A Retrospective Analysis” in *Continuity and Change in Contemporary Capitalism*. Ed. Kitschelt, Lange, Marks, and Stephens. 231-260.
- **Soskice, David and Hall, Peter. 2001. *Varieties of Capitalism*. Introduction.**
- Bruno Amable. 2003. *The Diversity of Modern Capitalism*. Oxford University Press
- Hall, Peter A. 2007. “The evolution of varieties of capitalism in Europe.” In *Beyond Varieties of Capitalism: conflict, contradictions, and complementarities in the European economy*, edited by Bob Hancké, Martin Rhodes and Mark Thatcher, 39-85. Oxford: Oxford University Press. [See other selections or critiques in that volume].

#### Changes in Advanced Capitalism and alternative frameworks

- **Pablo Beramendi, Silja Hausermann, Herbert Kitschelt and Hanspeter Kriesi. 2015. *The politics of advanced capitalism*. Introduction. Cambridge University Press.**
- **Thelen. Kathleen 2014 *Varieties of liberalization and the new politics of social solidarity*. Cambridge University Press. Chapters 1-2, and select one empirical chapter.**
- Wolfgang Streeck and Daniel Mertens 2013. “Public Finance and the Decline of State Capacity in Democratic Capitalism” *Politics in the Age of Austerity*. Eds. Wolfgang Streeck and Armin Schaefer. Wiley. 26-58.
- Marten Goos and Alan Manning 2007. “Lousy and lovely jobs: The rising polarization of work in Britain.” *Review of Economics and Statistics*. See also Oesch in the Beramendi et al. volume.
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**Aims of the session:** In this week we look at the origins and variation in trajectories of welfare states and redistribution more broadly. We first ask why welfare states exist, how they vary and what explains this variation, examining debates among approaches emphasizing different actors and institutional dynamics in shaping the development of the state. We then turn to examining how welfare states are changing and why, looking at both change trajectories in policy reform and broader responses to growing inequality and insecurity in many countries.

### Discussion Topics:

- 1) What do welfare states do? How do they differ?
- 2) Which approaches to explaining variation are most persuasive?

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(e) Aggregating Interests?

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**Aim of the session:** This week's seminar addresses the large topic of ethnic, racial and immigrant sources of division in advanced democracies. The last decade has seen an upsurge in political conflicts rooted in struggles about immigration and ethnicity (increasingly associated with a religious context) in many countries including France, Germany, Austria, the Netherlands, the UK, and Denmark though not in Canada. Other countries have had less forceful ethnic and immigrant cleavages but have witnessed populist movements (of the left and right) mobilizing political disaffection and defending entrenched racial and ethnic cleavages.

### Discussion Topics:

- (a) Does recent scholarly research confirm the new salience of immigration and ethnicity as sources of political division in advanced democracies?
- (b) Are there different models of assimilation for immigrant political incorporation?
- (c) Are political conflicts about immigration merely camouflages for other cleavages such as religion or race?
- (d) How do we account for the persistence of racial polarization (now coincident with party polarization) in the US?

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*The US case.* The role of racial divisions and their legacies of *de jure* segregation in the United States dominate American history and politics. The historical experience of African Americans is unique. Without analysis of this history no sense can be rendered about such issues as ideological, polarization and material inequality in US politics or the racialization of public policy debates. However, some scholars maintain that recent demographic changes in contemporary America constitute an enduring breach of it the country's entrenched black-white racial cleavage. **Does scholarly research assist in drawing useful analytical contrasts and comparisons between the US and other political regimes?**

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**Aim of the session:** Populism has been a persistent problem for a number of democracies, particularly developing democracies. Since the beginning of the third wave of democratization in the early 1980s, we have witnessed the re-emergence of populist politics in Latin America, Africa and Europe. The purpose of this session is to understand what populism, an often-misinterpreted concept, is, and to explore explanations for the persistence of populism in some countries, and the apparent absence of populism in others.

**Discussion Topics:**

- (a) How do we define populism?
- (b) Why is populism so prevalent in some democracies, yet largely absent in others?\*
- (c) What is the relationship between populism and democracy?

\* This discussion will begin with a student presentation and then a student commentary.

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**Discussion topics:**

- (a) Are constitutions best described as commitment mechanisms, coordination devices or something else?\*
- (b) What difficulties are most obvious in attempts to construct large-n studies of constitutions? How can these difficulties best be overcome?

\* This discussion will begin with a student presentation and then a student commentary.

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**Aim of the session:** Democratic regimes structure representation, accountability and the policy process in different ways. This session examines the nature of differences in executive format, their origin and analytic value, and the extent to which they affect political outcomes ranging from the survival of democracy to budget balances.

### Discussion topics:

- (a) What are the main differences between parliamentarism and presidentialism, and do they have any substantive implications for the nature of democratic representation and accountability?\*
- (b) Is parliamentarism conducive to better political outcomes than presidential systems? Why/Why not?
- (c) Does interparty coalition formation solve the “perils” of presidentialism?

\*This discussion will begin with a student presentation and then a student commentary.

### Readings

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Regime type, Coalitions, and Cabinets

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**Aim of the session:** Since the beginning of the third wave of democratization in the early 1980s, we have witnessed the emergence of new democracies from Latin America, Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe. Political parties in these developing democracies however, do not behave as we might expect, given our understanding and experience of party systems in advanced industrial democracies. The purpose of this session is to explore why this is so, and to investigate what might explain the variation in the behavior and structure of political parties across developing democracies.

#### Discussion Topics:

- (a) What explains the variation in party system institutionalization in new democracies?
- (b) Why do some political parties in developing democracies establish linkages with the electorate based on programmatic appeals, while other others resort to clientelistic linkages, while others still employ a mixture of both strategies?
- (c) Why do previously competitive or dominant political parties collapse in developing democracies?

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(c) Party collapse

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**Aim of the session:** Elections are deemed essential to a functioning democracy because they supposedly allow public preferences to be translated into public policy and enable people to hold governments to account. Is this actually true? This session aims to explore why people vote for one party rather than another, and how this shapes both policy and accountability.

**Presentation topic:**

'How should we understand the decision that voters make in the polling booth? What are the factors that influence vote choices and how do we fit these into an overarching theoretical framework?'

**Discussion topics:**

- (a) Is a positional model of voting the same as a cleavage model of voting?
- (b) Is party identification a satisfactory account of voting behaviour?
- (c) What are the possible consequences of motivated reasoning?
- (d) Does 'performance politics' explain voters' party choices?
- (e) How do we explain why decision making processes by voters differ across time and space?

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**Aim of the session:** To understand the political determinants of development. We will consider the link between institutions and development, as well as other potential historical determinants of development. We will also discuss the macro- and micro-level effects of democratic institutions on development.

### Discussion topics:

- (a) Do differences in institutions explain variations in development outcomes? How?
- (b) Are there other historical determinants of development?
- (c) Does democracy encourage development? If so, why?

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**Aim of the session:** to understand the role of judicial institutions in contemporary political processes

**Discussion topics:**

- (c) What are the origins of judicial power? Why do politicians delegate authority in courts?\*
- (d) Under what conditions are courts more likely to wield power, and in what ways?
- (e) Are courts effective in producing policy and social change, or are they “hollow hopes”?

\*This discussion will begin with a student presentation and then a student commentary.

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**Aim of the session:** To understand the political and economic impact of resource wealth on state formation, institutional development and state-society relations.

### Discussion Topics:

- (a) What type of states results from natural resource wealth, and what are the associated patterns of state-society relations?\*
- (b) Is there a resource curse? Do resources cause conflict?
- (c) Does the presence of natural resources favor authoritarianism?

\* This discussion will begin with a student presentation and then a student commentary.

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**Aim of the session:** To explain the different forms as well as the causes and consequences of violent conflict.

**Discussion topics:**

- (a) Why does violent conflict arise?
- (b) Why does violent conflict take different forms?
- (c) Macro-, meso-, and microdynamics of violent conflict

\*This discussion will begin with a student presentation followed by a student commentary.

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