

PSCI 5012/7012 (Spring 2006)
Seminar: Comparative Political Systems

Class Meetings: Tuesdays, 1530-1800, Ketchum 116
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Description

The core comparative seminar is designed to give the student a basic map of comparative political research. The reading schedule is not organized according to the historical development of comparative politics, but according to some of the main subjects of inquiry that constitute comparative politics. The goal of the course is not only to familiarize the student with some of the most basic and important research in comparative politics, but to develop tools useful for evaluating work in the discipline.

Requirements

Papers. Students are required to complete four short papers during the semester that both evaluate and synthesize the week's readings. Students can choose which week to write three of the four papers. All students must write the week we cover King, Keohane, and Verba. The papers are to be 5-6 pages in length and are due at 5pm on Monday before class. Papers over six pages will not be read and will be returned for editing, with a one-third grade deduction. Papers must use twelve-point font, be double-spaced and use margins that are at least one inch. Papers not meeting these criteria will be returned for editing as well. Late papers will not be accepted.

Participation. Course material will not be conveyed through lectures. I will briefly give 5-10 minute introductions. After the introduction, each student will give a 2-3 minute reaction to the reading, placing on the agenda any questions for discussion. After each student has given his or her reaction, every week one (or more) student(s) will give a 10-minute presentation synthesizing that week's readings and providing a detailed critique. To avoid facile critiques, an additional student will have the responsibility of defending that week's readings, answering the attacks lodged by that week's presenter(s). We will then proceed to a general discussion.

Nota Bene. No research papers are required in this class. The time spent preparing extensive research work should be used each week to very carefully read and prepare criticisms of the work under review. As with all core seminars, the reading load will vary but will generally be heavy. Students must come to class having done the reading and must be prepared to engage in discussion. Unexcused absences will reduce the final grade by 5% for each occurrence. Failure to participate or failure properly to prepare will also generate sizeable deductions.

Grade Computation

Student grades will be based on an average of the four written papers and a class participation grade, equally weighted.

Course Materials

The schedule below lists required (and sometimes recommended) readings for each meeting's topic. Readings marked with ** are available online, generally through the e-reserve or e-journal resources at the library. The following books are required for the course, and have been made available for purchase through the CU Bookstore.

1. Gary Cox, *Making Votes Count: Strategic Coordination in the World's Electoral Systems* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1997). ISBN 0521585279 (paper).
2. Samuel P. Huntington, *Political Order in Changing Societies* (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1968). ISBN 0300011717 (paper).
3. Ronald Inglehart, *Modernization and Postmodernization: Cultural, Economic and Political Change in 43 Societies* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1997). ISBN 069101180X (paper).
4. Gary King, Robert O. Keohane and Sidney Verba, *Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1994). ISBN 0691034710 (paper).
5. Arend Lijphart, ed., *Parliamentary versus Presidential Government* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1992). ISBN 0198780443 (paper).
6. Arend Lijphart, *Patterns of Democracy: Government Forms and Performance in Thirty-Six Countries* (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1999). ISBN 0300078935 (paper).
7. Barrington Moore, *Social Origins of Democracy and Dictatorship: Lord and Peasant in the Making of the Modern World* (Boston: Beacon Press, 1966). ISBN 0807050733 (paper).
8. Douglass C. North, *Institutions, Institutional Change and Economic Performance* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1992). ISBN 0521397340 (paper).
9. Pippa Norris, *Electoral Engineering: Voting Rules and Political Behavior* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2004). ISBN 0521536715 (paper).
10. Theda Skocpol, *States and Social Revolutions: A Comparative Analysis of France, Russia and China* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1979). ISBN 0521294991 (paper).
11. Sidney Tarrow, *Power in Movement: Social Movements and Contentious Politics* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1998). ISBN 0521629470 (paper).
12. George Tsebelis, *Veto Players: How Political Institutions Work* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2002). ISBN 0691099898 (paper).

Disabilities

Students with disabilities who qualify for academic accommodations must provide a letter from Disability Services (DS) and discuss specific needs with the professor, preferably during the first two weeks of class. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities (303-492-8671, Willard 322.)

Course Schedule

#	DATE	TOPIC	READINGS
Part I. Foundations			
1	20060117	History and Overview of the Field	<p>**Harry Eckstein, "A Perspective on Politics, Past and Present," in <i>Regarding Politics: Essays on Political Theory, Stability, and Change</i> (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1992) (E-RESERVE);</p> <p>**Roy Macridis, "Comparative Politics and the Study of Government: The Search for Focus," <i>Comparative Politics</i> 1 (October 1968): 79-90 (E-JOURNALS);</p> <p>**Lee Sigelman, and George H. Gadbois, Jr., "Contemporary Comparative Politics: An Inventory and an Assessment," <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> 16, 3 (October 1983): 275-305 (E-JOURNALS);</p> <p>**Rogowski, Ron. "Comparative Politics." In <i>Political Science: The State of the Discipline II</i>, edited by Ada Finifter, 431-450. Washington, DC: American Political Science Association, 1993 (E-RESERVE)</p> <p>**David D. Laitin, "Comparative Politics: The State of the Subdiscipline," in <i>Political Science: State of the Discipline</i>, edited by Ira Katznelson and Helen V. Milner (New York: W.W. Norton, 2002), pp. 630-659 (E-RESERVE);</p> <p>**Gerardo L. Munck and Richard Snyder, "Debating the Direction of Comparative Politics: An Analysis of Leading Journals," presented at the 2005 Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Washington, DC (E-RESERVE).</p>
2	20060124	Comparative Method(s)	<p>Gary King, Robert O. Keohane and Sidney Verba, <i>Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research</i> (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1994);</p> <p>**Giovanni Sartori, "Concept Misformation in Comparative Politics," <i>American Political Science Review</i> 64, 4 (December 1970): 1033-1053 (E-JOURNALS);</p> <p>**Adam Przeworski and Henry Teune, <i>The Logic of Comparative Social Inquiry</i> (New York: Wiley-Interscience, 1970), pp. 3-46 (E-RESERVE);</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED</u></p> <p>John Stuart Mill, <i>Philosophy of Scientific Method</i>, book II, ch. VIII ("Of the Four Methods of Experimental Inquiry");</p> <p>Arend Lijphart, "Comparative Politics and the Comparative Method," <i>American Political Science Review</i> 65, 3 (September 1971): 682-693;</p> <p>Harry Eckstein, "Case Study and Theory in Political Science," in <i>Handbook of Political Science</i>, vol. 7, edited by Fred Greenstein and Nelson Polsby, (Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley, 1975), pp. 79-137;</p> <p>Arend Lijphart, "The Comparable-Cases Strategy in Comparative Research," <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> 8, 2 (July 1975): 158-177;</p> <p>Charles C. Ragin, <i>The Comparative Method: Moving Beyond Qualitative and Quantitative Strategies</i> (Berkeley/Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1987);</p> <p>David Collier and James Mahon, "Conceptual 'Stretching' Revisited: Adapting Categories in Comparative Analysis," <i>American Political Science Review</i> 87 (1993): 845-855;</p> <p>Douglas Dion, "Evidence and Inference in the Comparative Case Study," <i>Comparative Politics</i> 30, 2 (January 1998): 127-145;</p> <p>James Mahoney and Dietrich Rueschmeyer (eds.), <i>Comparative Historical Analysis in the Social Sciences</i> (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003);</p> <p>Barbara Geddes, <i>Paradigms and Sand Castles: Theory Building and Research Design in Comparative Politics</i> (Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press, 2003).</p>

Part II. Societal, Economic and Cultural Contours

3	20060131	Political Development	<p>Barrington Moore, <i>Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy: Lord and Peasant in the Making of the Modern World</i> (Boston: Beacon Press, 1966), pp. 413-508;</p> <p>Samuel P. Huntington, <i>Political Order in Changing Societies</i> (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1968), pp. 1-92;</p> <p>**Seymour Martin Lipset, "The Social Requisites of Democracy Revisited," <i>American Sociological Review</i> 59, 1 (February 1994): 1-22 (E-JOURNALS);</p> <p>**Adam Przeworski and Fernando Limongi, "Modernization: Theory and Facts," <i>World Politics</i> 49, 2 (January 1997): 155-183 (E-JOURNALS).</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED</u></p> <p>Seymour Martin Lipset, "Some Social Requisites of Democracy: Economic Development and Political Legitimacy," <i>American Political Science Review</i> 53, 1 (March 1959): 69-105;</p> <p>Adam Przeworski et al., <i>Democracy and Development: Political Institutions and Well-Being in the World, 1950-1990</i> (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2000), chs. 1-2;</p> <p>Daron Acemoglu and James A. Robinson, <i>Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy</i> (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006).</p>
4	20060207	Economic Development	<p>**Alexander Gerschenkron, <i>Economic Backwardness in Historical Perspective</i> (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1962), ch. 1;</p> <p>**J. Samuel Valenzuela and Arturo Valenzuela, "Modernization and Dependency: Alternative Perspectives in the Study of Latin American Politics," <i>Comparative Politics</i> 10, 4 (1978): 535-52 (E-JOURNALS);</p> <p>Douglass C. North, <i>Institutions, Institutional Change and Economic Performance</i> (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1990).</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED</u></p> <p>Douglass C. North and Robert Paul Thomas, <i>The Rise of the Western World: A New Economic History</i> (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1973);</p> <p>Fernando Henrique Cardoso and Enzo Faletto, <i>Dependency and Development in Latin America</i> (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1979).</p> <p>Peter Evans, <i>Dependent Development: The Alliance of Multinational, State, and Local Capital in Brazil</i> (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1979);</p> <p>Douglass C. North, <i>Structure and Change in Economic History</i> (New York: Norton, 1981);</p> <p>Mancur Olson, <i>The Rise and Decline of Nations</i> (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1982);</p> <p>Adam Przeworski et al., <i>Democracy and Development: Political Institutions and Well-Being in the World, 1950-1990</i> (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2000), chs. 3-5;</p> <p>Peter A. Hall and David W. Soskice, eds., <i>Varieties of Capitalism: The Institutional Foundations of Comparative Advantage</i> (Oxford University Press, 2001);</p> <p>Douglass C. North, <i>Understanding the Process of Economic Change</i> (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2005).</p>

5	20060214	Political Culture	<p>Ronald Inglehart, <i>Modernization and Postmodernization: Cultural, Economic and Political Change in 43 Societies</i> (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1997).</p> <p>RECOMMENDED</p> <p>Max Weber, <i>The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism</i> (various editions, 1930);</p> <p>Gabriel A. Almond and Sidney Verba, <i>The Civic Culture: Political Attitudes and Democracy in Five Nations</i> (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1963);</p> <p>James C. Scott, <i>The Moral Economy of the Peasant: Rebellion and Subsistence in Southeast Asia</i> (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1976);</p> <p>Robert D. Putnam, <i>Making Democracy Work: Civic Traditions in Modern Italy</i> (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1993);</p> <p>Granato, J., R. Inglehart, and D. Leblang. 1996. "The Effect of Cultural Values on Economic Development: Theory, Hypotheses, and Some Empirical Tests." <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 40(3): 607-631.</p> <p>Jackman, Robert W., and Ross A. Miller. 1996. "A Renaissance of Political Culture?" <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 40(3): 632-660.</p> <p>Granato, J., R. Inglehart, and D. Leblang. 1996. "Cultural Values, Stable Democracy, and Economic Development: A Reply." <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 40(3): 680-696.</p> <p>Jackman, Robert W., and Ross A. Miller. 1996. The Poverty of Political Culture. <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 40(3): 697-717.</p>
Part III. Topics in Democratic Governance			
III.A. Characterizing Democratic Institutions			
6	20060221	Majoritarian and Consensus Visions	Arend Lijphart, <i>Patterns of Democracy: Government Forms and Performance in Thirty-Six Countries</i> (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1999).
7	20060228	Presidentialism and Parliamentarism	<p>Arend Lijphart, ed., <i>Parliamentary versus Presidential Government</i> (New York: Oxford University Press, 1992);</p> <p>RECOMMENDED</p> <p>Matthew Soberg Shugart and John M. Carey, <i>Presidents and Assemblies: Constitutional Design and Electoral Dynamics</i> (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1992).</p>
8	20060307	Veto Players	George Tsebelis, <i>Veto Players: How Political Institutions Work</i> (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2002).
III.B. Aggregating Preferences in Democratic Polities			
9	20060314	Political Parties and Party Systems	<p>**Maurice Duverger, <i>Political Parties: Their Organization and Activity in the Modern State</i>, translated by Barbara and Robert North (New York: John Wiley & Sons, 1963): introduction, chs. II-1, II-2, II-3, conclusion (E-RESERVE);</p> <p>**Seymour Martin Lipset and Stein Rokkan, "Cleavage Structures, Party Systems, and Voter Alignments: An Introduction," in <i>Party Systems and Voter Alignments: Cross-National Perspectives</i>, edited by <i>idem</i>. (New York: Free Press, 1967), pp. 1-62 (E-RESERVE).</p> <p>RECOMMENDED</p> <p>Giovanni Sartori, <i>Parties and Party Systems</i> (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1976).</p>

10	20060321	Electoral Systems and Party Competition	<p>Gary Cox, <i>Making Votes Count: Strategic Coordination in the World's Electoral Systems</i> (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1997).</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED</u></p> <p>Anthony Downs, <i>An Economic Theory of Democracy</i> (New York: Harper and Row, 1957); Douglas W. Rae, <i>The Political Consequences of Electoral Laws</i> (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1969); William Riker, "The Two-Party System and Duverger's Law: An Essay on the History of Political Science," <i>American Political Science Review</i> 76 (1982): 753-66; Giovanni Sartori, "The Influence of Electoral Systems: Faulty Laws or Faulty Method?" in Bernard Grofman and Arend Lijphart (eds.), <i>Electoral Laws and Their Political Consequences</i> (New York: Agathon, 1986); Rein Taagepera and Matthew Shugart, <i>Seats and Votes: The Effects and Determinants of Electoral Systems</i> (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1989); Arend Lijphart, <i>Electoral Systems and Party Systems. A Study of Twenty-Seven Democracies</i> (New York: Oxford University Press, 1994).</p>
X	20060328	SPRING BREAK	
11	20060404	Elections and Voting	<p>Pippa Norris, <i>Electoral Engineering: Voting Rules and Political Behavior</i> (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2004).</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED</u></p> <p>Michael S. Lewis-Beck, <i>Economics and Elections: The Major Western Democracies</i> (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1988); Robert W. Jackman and Ross A. Miller, "Voter Turnout in the Industrial Democracies During the 1980s," <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> 27, 4 (January 1995): 467-492; Samuel Barnes, "Electoral Behavior and Comparative Politics," in Mark I. Lichbach and Alan S. Zuckerman (eds.), <i>Comparative Politics: Rationality, Culture and Structure</i> (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1997), pp. 115-141; Russell J. Dalton, "Citizen Attitudes and Political Behavior," <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> 33, 6/7 (August-September 2000): 912-940; G. Bingham Powell, <i>Elections as Instruments of Democracy</i> (Yale University Press, 2000).</p>
12	20050411	Interest Intermediation	<p>**Philippe C. Schmitter, "Still the Century of Corporatism?" <i>Review of Politics</i> 36, 1 (January 1974): 85-131 (E-RESERVES);</p> <p>**Arend Lijphart and Markus M.L. Crepaz, "Corporatism and Consensus Democracy in Eighteen Countries: Conceptual and Empirical Linkages," <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> 21, 2 (1991): 235-246 (E-JOURNALS);</p> <p>**Hans Keman and Paul Pennings, "Managing Political and Social Conflict in Democracies: Do Consensus and Corporatism Matter?" <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> 25, 2 (1995): 271-281 (E-JOURNALS);</p> <p>**Markus M.L. Crepaz and Arend Lijphart, "Linking and Integrating Corporatism and Consensus Democracy: Theory, Concepts and Evidence," <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> 25, 2 (1995): 281-288 (E-JOURNALS).</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED</u></p> <p>Frank L. Wilson, "Alternative Models of Interest Intermediation: The Case of France," <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> 12, 2 (April 1982): 173-200; Frank L. Wilson, "French Interest Group Politics: Pluralist or Neocorporatist?" <i>American Political Science Review</i> 77,4 (December 1983): 895-910; John T.S. Keeler, "Situating France on the Pluralism-Corporatism Continuum: A Critique of and Alternative to the Wilson Perspective," <i>Comparative Politics</i> 17, 2 (January 1985): 229-249.</p>

Part IV. Politics Outside the System			
13	20060418	Contentious Politics	Sidney Tarrow, <i>Power in Movement: Social Movements and Contentious Politics</i> (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1998).
14	20060425	Social Revolutions	Theda Skocpol, <i>States and Social Revolutions: A Comparative Analysis of France, Russia and China</i> (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1979); **Jack A. Goldstone, "Toward a Fourth Generation of Revolutionary Theory," <i>Annual Review of Political Science</i> 4 (2001): 139-187 (E-JOURNALS). <u>RECOMMENDED</u> Theda Skocpol, <i>Social Revolutions in the Modern World</i> (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1994); Jeff Goodwin, <i>No Other Way Out: States and Revolutionary Movements, 1945-1991</i> (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2001).
Part V. Debates and Conclusion			
15	20060502	Debates and Conclusions	1. <u>The "Area Studies" Debate</u> Robert H. Bates, "Area Studies and the Discipline: A Useful Controversy?" <i>PS: Political Science and Politics</i> 30, 2 (June 1997): 166-169 (E-JOURNALS); Chalmers Johnson, "Preconception vs. Observation, or the Contributions of Rational Choice Theory and Area Studies to Contemporary Political Science," <i>PS: Political Science and Politics</i> 30, 2 (June 1997): 170-174 (E-JOURNALS); Ian S. Lustick, "The Disciplines of Political Science: Studying the Culture of Rational Choice as a Case in Point," <i>PS: Political Science and Politics</i> 30, 2 (June 1997): 175-179 (E-JOURNALS). 2. <u>"Across the Great Divide"? Comparative and International Politics</u> **Symposium, "Is Comparative Politics Obsolete?" <i>APSA-CP Newsletter</i> 7,2 (Summer 1996), available online at http://www.nd.edu/~apsacp/pdf/ApsaCPSummer1996.pdf ; **James A. Caporaso, "Across the Great Divide: Integrating Comparative and International Politics," <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> 41, 4 (December 1997), pp. 563-591 (E-JOURNALS); **Symposium, "The Confluence of International Relations and Comparative Politics: Professional Dilemmas," <i>APSA-CP Newsletter</i> 16, 1 (Winter 2005), pp. 7-25 (E-RESERVES).