

POLS 5201
Comparative Theory
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Course Description

The course is an examination of the field of Comparative Politics and major relevant theories and approaches to research and analysis.

The course is divided into three main parts. The **first part** deals with the comparative method and issues of research design in Comparative Politics. The **second part** covers some of the main research traditions in the field. The **third part**, finally, turns to selected subject fields and surveys major theoretical trends and contributions in these subfields.

Objectives

After this course, you will be able to:

- Describe some of the main research traditions in Comparative Politics.
- Explain the role of the comparative method and case selection in the research process.
- Apply basic principles of research design to your own research interests.

Requirements

1. **Active participation in class:** regular attendance and participation in class discussions.
2. **Research design:** Design your own research project for class session no. 5, using the class reading by Philippe Schmitter. Length: up to 1,000 words. Submission to me by email, due Saturday, 7 March 2015, (late submission will not be accepted).
3. **Book reviews:** discussion of major works in Comparative Politics; length: up to 1,500 words. Book review no. 1 is due on 26 March. You will present the second review in class in a short presentation (not longer than 15 minutes). Book reviews should not simply summarize the readings; your paper should make an argument and convey your own viewpoint in reference to the reviewed work. A critique is not necessarily negative. Whether or not you like an author's argument, you still must critique it: is the argument clearly stated? Is the evidence offered relevant to the argument and convincing, or is it biased in some way? Are alternative explanations ignored or addressed? Are the cases selected appropriate for the research question? Consult major journals in the discipline for examples of book reviews!
4. **Reaction paper:** write a short paper (up to 3,000 words) summarizing, discussing, and critiquing the readings assigned for one class session. You are strongly advised to consult further readings, apart from those texts assigned for class discussions. Submission to instructor due on 1 May.
5. **Final Essay:** take-home; three essay questions will be provided through blackboard of which you will answer ONE. You can use all

Readings

The main text is Mark Irving Lichbach and Alan S. Zuckerman (eds.), 1997. *Comparative Politics: Rationality, Culture, and Structure*, (Cambridge UP) and can be purchased through the bookstore. All other required readings will be available on blackboard.

Class Attendance and Absence

I will adhere to the the following policy on class attendance and absences:

Table 1: Grading System

Grade Points		Cut-off Scores	
Participation	10 points	A	94
Literature Reviews	30 points	A-	90
Reaction Paper	30 points	B+	86
Final Essay	30 points	B	82
Total	100 points	B-	78
		C+	74
		C	70
		C-	66
		F	below 65

A student who misses more than the equivalent of three weeks of class meetings during a semester for any reason may be assigned a reduced grade for the course—including the grade of “F”—solely on the basis of inadequate attendance, regardless of excuse. Students who miss fewer than three weeks of class sessions may not be penalized on the grounds of attendance alone. Students are personally responsible for making up any academic tasks and assignments missed due to their absence.

Classes start at 5pm sharp. If you are not present when I take attendance at the beginning of each class, you will not be registered as attending.

Course policy

- *Cheating and plagiarism:* Any information, arguments, or data used by students in their work should be properly cited and credited. Should you fail to give proper credits wherever appropriate or turn in the same paper for two different courses, I reserve the right to fail you for the course and to turn your name over to the University Administration for disciplinary measures. Your assignments will **all** checked with anti-plagiarism software. If you have doubts, feel free to ask me.
- *Academic freedom and intellectual interaction:* You are free to offer the class any disagreement you may have with the readings or lecture. You will **not** be penalized for disagreeing with other students or the instructor, but your perspective must be based on evidence from

Table 2: Overview

Session	Date	Topic
1	February 2	Introduction
2	February 9	History of the Discipline
	February 16	NO CLASS (ISA)
<i>Part 1: The Comparative Method</i>		
3	February 23	Research Design in Comparative Politics
4	March 2	Quantitative vs. Qualitative?
5	March 9	The Research Cycle
<i>Part 2: Research Traditions</i>		
6	March 16	Rational Choice
7	March 23	Culture and Identity
8	March 28	Structure
<i>Part 3: Selected Fields</i>		
9	March 30	The State and State Building
10	April 20	Economic Development
11	April 27	Democratization and Regime Change
12	May 4	Parties and Elections
13	May 11	Social Movements and Revolution
14	May 18	Ethnicity and Social Conflict
15	TBA	Conclusion

the course, other readings and/or empirical information. Freedom of speech and ideas is a basic principle of academic life. Please listen carefully to your classmates and respect other viewpoints. Every student will have a chance to express her/his opinion as long as it is voiced in a respectful manner. Intellectual interaction and a healthy academic environment necessitate that we address and refer to each other with politeness, cordiality, and an appropriate tone of speech. In addition, varied points of view must be expressed in a manner that is sensitive to differences in ability, class, ethnicity, lifestyle, race, religion, or sex, and should not be expressed so as to be perceived as a personal attack.

Detailed Course Outline

Introduction (2 February 2015)

History of the Discipline (9 February 2015)

Readings:

- Philippe Schmitter, 2009. The Nature and Future of Comparative Politics, *European Political Science Review* 1 (1), pp. 33-61.
- Gerardo L. Munck, 2007. “The Past and Present of Comparative Politics,” in: Gerardo L. Munck and Richard Snyder (eds.), *Passion, Craft, and Method in Comparative Politics*, (Johns Hopkins UP), Chapter 2.

0.1 Part 1: Research Design

0.1.1 Research Design in Comparative Politics (23 February 2015)

Readings:

- Arend Lijphart, 1971. Comparative Politics and the Comparative Method, *American Political Science Review* 65(3), 682-693.
- Donatella Della Porta, 2008. “Comparative Analysis: Case-Oriented Versus Variable-Oriented Research,” in: Donatella Della Porta and Michael Keating (eds.), *Approaches and Methodologies in the Social Sciences*, (Cambridge UP), Chapter 11.
- Stephen van Evera, 1997. *A Guide to Methods for Students of Political Science*, (Cornell UP), Chapter 1.

Further Readings:

- David de Vaus, 2001. *Research Design in Social Research*, (Sage).
- Giovanni Sartori, 1991. Comparing and Miscomparing, *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 3(3), pp. 243-257.
- Giovanni Sartori, 1970. Concept Misformation in Comparative Politics, *American Political Science Review* 64(4), pp. 1033-1053.
- Robert K. Yin, 2014. *Case Study Research: Design and Methods*, (Sage).

0.1.2 Quantitative vs. Qualitative? (2 March 2015)

Readings:

- Evan S. Lieberman, 2005. Nested Analysis as a Mixed-Method Strategy for Comparative Research, *American Political Science Review* 99(3), pp. 435-452.
- James Mahoney, 2010. After KKV: The New Methodology of Qualitative Research, *World Politics* 62(1), pp. 120-147.
- James Mahoney and Gary Goertz, 2006. A Tale of Two Cultures: Contrasting Quantitative and Qualitative Research, *Political Analysis* 14(3), pp. 227-249.

Further Readings:

- Henry Brady and David Collier, 2010. *Rethinking Social Inquiry: Diverse Tools, Shared Standards*, (Rowman and Littlefield).
- John Gerring, 2012. *Social Science Methodology: A Unified Framework*, (Cambridge UP).
- Gary King, Robert O. Keohane, and Sidney Verba, 1994. *Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research*, (Princeton UP).
- Charles Ragin, 2014. *The Comparative Method. Moving Beyond Qualitative and Quantitative Strategies*, (University of California Press).

0.1.3 The Research Cycle (9 March 2015)

Readings:

- Philippe C. Schmitter, 2008. “The Design of Social and Political Research,” in: Donatella Della Porta and Michael Keating (eds.), *Approaches and Methodologies in the Social Sciences*, (Cambridge UP), Chapter 14.
- David de Vaus, 2001. *Research Design in Social Research*, (Sage), Chapter 1.

0.2 Part 2: Research Traditions

0.2.1 Rational Choice (16 March 2015)

Required Readings:

- Lichbach & Zuckerman, chapter 2.
- Gerardo Munck, 2001. Game Theory and Comparative Politics: New Perspectives and Old Concerns, *World Politics* 53 (2), pp. 173-204.

Further Readings:

- Colomer, Josep, 2000. *Strategic Transitions. Game Theory and Democratization*. (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press).
- Downs, Anthony, 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. (New York: Harper).
- Elster, Jon (ed.), 1986. *Rational Choice: Readings in Social and Political Theory*. (Oxford: Blackwell).
- Gandhi, Jennifer, 2008. *Political Institutions under Dictatorship*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).
- Green, Donald and Ian Shapiro, 1996. *The Pathologies of Rational Choice: A Critique of Applications in Political Science*. (New Haven: Yale University Press).
- Johnson, Chalmers, 1997. Preconception vs. Observation, or the Contributions of Rational Choice Theory and Area Studies to Contemporary Political Science, *PS: Political Science and Politics* 30 (2), pp. 170-174.

- Lust-Okar, Ellen, 2005. *Structuring Conflict in the Arab World: Incumbents, Opponents, and Institutions*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).
- North, Douglass, John Wallis and Barry Weingast, 2012. *Violence and Social Order: A Framework for Interpreting Recorded Human History*. (Cambridge: Cambridge UP).
- Olson, Mancur, 1971. *The Logic of Collective Action*. (Cambridge: Harvard University Press).
- Przeworski, Adam. 1988. “Democracy as a Contingent Outcome of Conflicts,” in: *Constitutionalism and Democracy*, ed. Jon Elster and Rune Slagstad. (Cambridge: Cambridge UP).
- Svobik, Milan, 2012. *The Politics of Authoritarian Rule*. (Cambridge: Cambridge UP).
- Tsebelis, George, 1990. *Nested Games: Rational Choice in Comparative Politics*. (Berkeley: University of California Press).

0.2.2 Culture and Identity (23 March 2015)

Required Readings:

- Lichbach & Zuckerman, chapter 3.
- Huntington, Samuel, 1993. The Clash of Civilizations? *Foreign Affairs* 72(3), pp. 22-49.
- Wedeen, Lisa, 1998. Acting “As If”: Symbolic Politics and Social Control in Syria, *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 40(3), pp. 503-523.

Further Readings:

- Almond, Gabriel, 1990. “The Study of Political Culture,” in: *A Discipline Divided: Schools and Sects in Political Science*, ed. Gabriel Almond. (Newbury Park: Sage).
- Almond, Gabriel and Sidney Verba, 1989. *The Civic Culture: Political Attitudes and Democracy in Five Nations*. (London: Sage).

- Anderson, Lisa, 1995. “Democracy in the Arab World: A Critique of the Political Culture Approach,” in: *Political Liberalization and Democratization in the Arab World*, Vol. 1: Theoretical Perspectives, ed. Rex Brynen, Bahgat Korany, and Paul Noble. (Boulder: Lynne Rienner).
- Berman, Sheri, 2001. Ideas, Norms, and Culture in Political Analysis, *Comparative Politics* 33 (2), pp. 231-250.
- Eckstein, Harry F., 1988. A Culturalist Theory of Political Change, *American Political Science Review* 82, pp. 789-804.
- Elkins, David J. and Richard E. B. Simeon, 1979. A Cause in Search of Its Effect, or What Does Political Culture Explain? *Comparative Politics* 11 (2), pp 127-45.
- Geertz, Clifford, 1973. *The Interpretation of Cultures*. (New York: Basic Books).
- Inglehart, Ronald, 1997. *Modernization and Postmodernization: Cultural, Economic, and Political Change in 43 Societies*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press).
- Putnam, Robert D., 1993. *Making Democracy Work: Civic Traditions in Modern Italy*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press).
- Wedeen, Lisa, 2008. *Peripheral Visions: Publics Power, and Performance in Yemen*. (Chicago: Chicago University Press).
- Wedeen, Lisa, 2002. Conceptualizing Culture: Possibilities for Political Science, *The American Political Science Review* 96(4), pp. 713-728.

0.2.3 Structure (Saturday 28 March 2015)

Required Readings:

- Lichbach & Zuckerman, chapter 4.
- Hall, Peter and Rosemary Taylor, 1996. Political Science and the Three New Institutionalisms, *Political Studies* 44(4), pp. 936-57.

- James Mahoney and Dietrich Rueschemeyer, 2003. “Comparative Historical Analysis: Achievements and Agendas,” in: James Mahoney and Dietrich Rueschemeyer (eds.), *Comparative Historical Analysis in the Social Sciences*, (Cambridge UP), Chapter 1.

Further Readings:

- Apter, David, 1991. Institutionalism Reconsidered, *International Social Science Journal* 43(3), pp. 463-81.
- Bendix, Reinhard, 1964. *Nation-Building and Citizenship: Studies of Our Changing Social Order*. (New York: Wiley).
- Collier David and Ruth Collier, 1991. *Shaping the Political Arena: Critical Junctures, the Labor Movement, and Regime Dynamics in Latin America*. (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press).
- Helmke, Gretchen and Steven Levitsky (eds.), 2006. *Informal Institutions and Democracy: Lessons from Latin America*. (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press).
- Huntington, Samuel, 1968. *Political Order in Changing Societies*. (New Haven: Yale UP).
- Lipset, Seymour M. 1960. *Political Man: The Social Bases of Politics*. (Garden City: Doubleday and Co.).
- Mahoney, James, Erin Kimball and Kendra L. Koivu, 2009. The Logic of Historical Explanation in the Social Sciences, *Comparative Political Studies* 42(1), 114-146.
- Mahoney. James and Dietrich Rueschemeyer (eds.), 2003. *Comparative Historical Analysis in the Social Sciences*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).
- Moore, Barrington Jr., 1966. *The Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy: Lord and Peasant in the Making of the Modern World*. (Boston: Beacon).
- North, Douglass, 1990. *Institutions, Institutional Change, and Economic Performance*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).
- Ostrom, Elinor, 1990. *Governing the Commons: The Evolution of Institutions for Collective Action*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).

- Pierson, Paul, 2000. Increasing Returns, Path Dependence, and the Study of Politics, *American Political Science Review* 94(2), 251-68.
- Skocpol, Theda. 1979. *States and Social Revolutions*. (Cambridge: Cambridge UP).
- Slater, Dan 2010. *Ordering Power: Contentious Politics and Authoritarian Leviathans in Southeast Asia*. (Cambridge: Cambridge UP).
- Steinmo, Sven, Kathleen Thelen, and Frank Longstreth (eds.), 1992. *Structuring Politics: Historical Institutionalism in Comparative Analysis*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).
- Waldner, David, 1999. *State Building and Late Development*, (Ithaca: Cornell UP).

0.3 Part 3: Selected Fields

0.3.1 The State and State Building (30 March 2015)

Required Readings:

- Lichbach & Zuckerman, chapter 8.
- Skocpol, Theda, 1985. "Introduction: Bringing the State Back In," in: *Bringing the State Back In*, ed. Peter Evans et al. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).

Further Readings:

- Barker, Rodney, 1990. *Political Legitimacy and the State*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press).
- Eisenstadt, S.N., 1980. Comparative Analysis of State Formation in Historical Contexts, *International Social Science Journal* 32(4), pp. 624-654.
- Geddes, Barbara, 1994. *Politician's Dilemma: Building State Capacity in Latin America*. (Berkeley: University of California Press).
- Herbst, Jeffrey, 2000. *States and Power in Africa: Comparative Lessons in Authority and Control*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press).
- Krasner, Stephen, 1984. Approaches to the State: Alternative Conceptions and Historical Dynamics, *Comparative Politics* 16, pp. 223-46.

- Migdal, Joel, 1988. *Strong Societies and Weak States*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press).
- Migdal, Joel, Atul Kohli, and Vivienne Shue (eds.), 1994. *State Power and Social Forces: Domination and Transformation in the Third World*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).
- Mitchell, Timothy. 1991. The Limits of the State: Beyond Statist Approaches and their Critics, *American Political Science Review* 85(1), pp. 77-96.
- Scott, James, 1998. *Seeing Like a State: How Certain Schemes to Improve the Human Condition Have Failed*. (New Haven: Yale University Press).
- Spruyt, Hendrik, 1994. *The Sovereign State and Its Competitors: An Analysis of System Change*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press).
- Tilly, Charles. 1985. "State Building as Organized Crime," in: *Bringing the State Back In*, ed. Peter Evans et al. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).
- Weber, Max. 1964. *Theory of Social and Economic Organization*. (New York: Free Press).
- Waldner, David, 1999. *State Building and Late Development*, (Ithaca: Cornell UP).

0.3.2 Economic Development (20 April 2015)

Required Readings:

- Lichbach & Zuckerman, chapter 7.
- Evans, Peter. 1992. "The State as Problem and Solution: Predation, Embedded Autonomy and Adjustment," in: *The Politics of Economic Adjustment: International Constraints, Distributive Politics, and the State*, ed. Stephan Haggard and Robert Kaufman. (Princeton: Princeton University Press).

Further Readings:

- Bates, Robert, ed. 1988. *Toward a Political Economy of Development*. (Berkeley: University of California Press).

- Beblawi, Hazem and Giacomo Luciani. 1987. *The Rentier State*. (London: Croom Helm).
- Deyo, Frederic, ed. 1987. *The Political Economy of the New Asian Industrialism*. (Ithaca: Cornell University Press).
- Evans, Peter. 1995. *Embedded Autonomy: States and Industrial Transformation*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press).
- Gershenkron, Alexander. 1966. *Economic Backwardness in Historical Perspective*. (Cambridge: Harvard University Press).
- Haggard, Stephen. 1990. *Pathways from the Periphery: The Politics of Growth in the Newly Industrializing Countries*. (Ithaca: Cornell University Press).
- Hall, Peter and David Soskice. 2001. *Varieties of Capitalism: The Institutional Foundations of Comparative Advantage*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press).
- Katzenstein, Peter. 1985. *Small States in World Markets: Industrial Policy in Europe*. (Ithaca: Cornell University Press).
- Packenham, Robert. 1992. *The Dependency Movement: Scholarship and Politics in Development Studies*. (Cambridge: Harvard University Press).
- Ross, Michael. 2001. Does Oil Hinder Democracy? *World Politics* 53(3), pp. 325-361.
- Schamis, Hector. 1999. Distributional Coalitions and the Politics of Economic Reform in Latin America, *World Politics* 51(2), pp. 236-268.
- Schumpeter, Joseph. 1942. *Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy*. (London: Allen & Unwin).
- Steinmo, Sven. 1993. *Taxation and Democracy: Swedish, British, and American Approaches to Financing the Modern State*. (New Haven: Yale University Press).
- Wade, Robert. 1990. *Governing the Market: Economic Theory and the Role of Government in East Asian Industrialization*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press).

0.3.3 Democratization and Regime Change (27 April 2015)

Required Readings:

- Schmitter, Philippe C. and Terry Lynn Karl 1991: What Democracy Is and Is Not, *Journal of Democracy* 2(3), pp. 75-88.
- Geddes, Barbara. 1999. What Do We Know About Democratization after Twenty Years? *Annual Review of Political Science* (2), pp. 115-144.
- Albrecht, Holger and Oliver Schlumberger. 2004. Waiting for Godot: Regime Change without Democratization in the Middle East, *International Political Science Review* 25(4), pp. 371-392.

Further Readings:

- Bunce, Valerie. 2000. Comparative Democratization. Big and Bounded Generalizations, *Comparative Political Studies* 33(6/7), pp. 703-734.
- Carother, Thomas. 2002. The End of the Transition Paradigm, *Journal of Democracy* 13(1), pp. 5-21.
- Dahl, Robert. 1971. *Polyarchy. Participation and Opposition*. (New Haven: Yale UP).
- Downs, Anthony. 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. (New York: Harper & Row).
- Haggard, Stephan and Robert Kaufmann. 1995. *The Political Economy of Democratic Transitions*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press).
- Linz, Juan and Alfred Stepan. 1996. *Problems of Democratic Transition and Consolidation. Part I: Theoretical Overview*. (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press).
- Lipset, Seymour M. 1959. Some Social Requisites of Democracy: Economic Development and Political Legitimacy, *American Political Science Review* 53(1), pp. 69-105.
- McFaul, Michael. 2002. The Fourth Wave of Democracy and Dictatorship: Noncooperative Transitions in the Postcommunist World, *World Politics* 54(2), pp. 212-244.

- Moore, Barrington. 1966. *The Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy: Lord and Peasant in the Making of the Modern World*. (Boston: Beacon Press).
- O'Donnell, Guillermo and Philippe Schmitter 1986: *Transitions from Authoritarian Rule. Tentative Conclusions about Uncertain Democracies*. (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press).
- Pridham, Geoffrey. 1995. *Transitions to Democracy: Comparative Perspectives from Southern Europe, Latin America and Eastern Europe*. (Aldershot et al.: Dartmouth).
- Przeworski, Adam. 1991. *Democracy and the Market*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).
- Rustow, Dankwart. 1970. Transition to Democracy. Towards a Dynamic Model, *Comparative Politics* 3(3), pp. 337-363.
- Sartori, Giovanni. 1987. *The Theory of Democracy Revisited*. (Chatham: Chatham House).
- Vanhanen, Tatu. 1990. *The Process of Democratization: A Comparative Study of 147 States, 1980-1988*. (New York: Crane Russak).

0.3.4 Parties and Elections (4 May 2015)

Required Readings:

- Lichbach & Zuckerman, chapter 5.
- Gandhi, Jennifer and Ellen Lust-Okar, 2009. Elections Under Authoritarianism, *Annual Review of Political Science* 12, pp. 403-422.
- McFaul, Michael, 2001. Explaining Party Formation and Nonformation in Russia: Actors, Institutions, and Chance, *Comparative Political Studies* 34(10), pp. 1159-1187.

Further Reading:

- Bartolini, Stefano and Peter Mair, 1990. *Identity, Competition, and Electoral Availability: The Stabilisation of European Electorates 1885-1985*, (Cambridge: Cambridge UP).
- Blaydes, Lisa, 2011. *Elections and Distributive Politics in Mubarak's Egypt*, (Cambridge: Cambridge UP).

- Cox, Gary, 1997. *Making Votes Count: Strategic Coordination in the World's Electoral Systems*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).
- Duverger, Maurice, 1954. *Political Parties*. (London: Methuen).
- Hale, Henry, 2007. *Why Not Parties in Russia? Democracy, Federalism, and the State*, (Cambridge: Cambridge UP).
- Kitschelt, Herbert et al. 1999. *Post-Communist Party Systems: Competition, Representation, and Inter-Party Cooperation*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).
- LaPalombara, Joseph and Myron Weiner (eds.), 1966. *Political Parties and Political Development*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press).
- Lijphart, Arend. 1994. *Electoral Systems and Party Systems*. (Oxford: Oxford UP).
- Mair, Peter, 1997. *Party System Change: Approaches and Interpretations*, (Oxford: Oxford UP).
- Masoud, Tarek, 2014. *Counting Islam: Religion, Class, and Elections in Egypt*, (Cambridge: Cambridge UP).
- Powell, G. Bingham, 2000. *Elections as Instruments of Democracy: Majoritarian and Proportional Visions*, (New Haven: Yale UP).
- Sartori, Giovanni. 1976. *Parties and Party Systems*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).
- Shefter, Martin, 1994. *Political Parties and the State: The American Historical Experience*, (Princeton: Princeton UP).

0.3.5 Social Movements and Revolution (11 May 2015)

Required Reading:

- Lichbach & Zuckerman, chapter 6.
- Goldstone, Jack A. 2001. Toward a Fourth Generation of Revolutionary Theory, *Annual Review of Political Science* 4, pp. 139-187.

Further Readings:

- Della Porta, Donatella. 1995. *Social Movements, Political Violence and the State: A Comparative Analysis of Italy and Germany*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).
- Goldstone, Jack A. 1991. *Revolution and Rebellion in the Early Modern World*. (Berkeley: University of California Press).
- Gurr, Ted Robert. 1970. *Why Men Rebel*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press).
- Hirschman, Albert. 1970. *Exit, Voice and Loyalty*. (Cambridge: Harvard University Press).
- McAdam, Doug, John D. McCarthy and Mayer N. Zald (eds.), 1996. *Comparative Perspectives on Social Movements: Political Opportunities, Mobilizing Structures, and Cultural Framings*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).
- Migdal, Joel. 1974. *Peasants, Politics, and Revolution: Pressures Toward Social and Political Change in the Third World*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press).
- Skocpol, Theda. 1979. *States and Social Revolutions*. (Cambridge: Cambridge UP).
- Scott, James C. 1985. *Weapons of the Weak: Everyday Forms of Peasant Resistance*. (New Haven: Yale University Press).
- Tarrow, Sidney. 1998. *Power in Movement: Social Movements, Collective Action, and Politics*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).
- Trimberger, Ellen Kay. 1978. *Revolution from Above: Military Bureaucrats in Development in Japan, Turkey, Egypt, and Peru*. (New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Books).
- Wiktorowicz, Quintan, ed. 2004. *Islamic Activism. A Social Movement Theory Approach*. (Bloomington: Indiana University Press).

0.3.6 Ethnicity and Social Conflict (18 May 2015)

Required Readings:

- Lichbach & Zuckerman, chapter 15.

- Hale, Henry E. 2004. Explaining Ethnicity, *Comparative Political Studies* 37(4), pp. 458-485.
- Fearon, James D. and David D. Laitin. 2000. Violence and the Social Construction of Ethnic Identity, *International Organization* 54(4), pp. 845-77.

Further Readings:

- Anderson, Benedict. 1991. *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origins and Spread of Nationalism*. (New York: Verso).
- Barth, F., ed. 1969. *Ethnic Groups and Boundaries: The Social Organization of Cultural Difference*. (Boston: Little, Brown).
- Fearon, James D. and David D. Laitin. 2003. Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War, *American Political Science Review* 97(1), pp. 75-90.
- Gagnon, V. P. 2004. *The Myth of Ethnic War: Serbia and Croatia in the 1990s*. (Ithaca: Cornell University Press).
- Gurr, Ted Robert. 2001. *People versus States: Minorities at Risk in the New Century*. (Washington, DC: United States Institute of Peace Press).
- Hale, Henry E. 2004. Divided We Stand: Institutional Sources of Ethnofederal State Survival and Collapse, *World Politics* 56(2), pp. 165-193.
- Horowitz, Donald. 2000. *Ethnic Groups in Conflict*. (Berkeley: University of California Press).
- Kalyvas, Stathis N. 2003. The Ontology of ‘Political Violence’: Action and Identity in Civil Wars, *Perspectives on Politics* 1(3), pp. 475-94.
- Laitin, David. 1998. *Identity in Formation*. (Ithaca: Cornell University Press).
- Peterson, Roger. 2001. *Understanding Ethnic Violence: Fear, Hatred, Resentment in Twentieth Century Eastern Europe*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).
- Smith, Anthony D. 1986. *The Ethnic Origins of Nations*. (Oxford: Blackwell).

- Varshney, Ashutosh. 2002. *Ethnic Conflict and Civic Life: Hindus and Muslims in India*. (New Haven: Yale University Press).
- Wolff, Stefan. 2006. *Ethnic Conflict: A Global Perspective*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press).

0.3.7 Conclusion (TBA)

POLS 1155 Fall 2015 Rodine-Hardy POLITICAL SCIENCE POLS 155: COMPARATIVE POLITICS NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
FALL 2015 Monday, Thursday Section 11:45 – 1:25 Ryder Hall 296 HONORS Professor: Kirsten Rodine Hardy, PhD () Office: 215L Renaissance Park (across from International Village) Office hours: Monday 10:30 – 11:30 am; 3:00- 4:00 pm 617-373-4411 (email is best) Updated 2015-09-05; may change slightly during semester I. Course Description The assumption of comparative politics is that we may better understand domestic politics, governance, and policy by comparing the political conditions and institutions within different countries. Comparative Advantage. Stanford Undergraduate Economics Journal Spring 2015. Volume 3, Issue 1. Note from the Editor. On behalf of the Editorial Board, I am honored to present the 2015-2016 Stanford Economics Journal. May 2015. Abstract Are immigrants in the United States more likely to be enrolled in welfare programs than natives and how has this comparative usage changed over time? To address this question, I pool four panels from the 1990, 1991, 2001, and 2004 Survey of Income and Program Participation and regress different measures of welfare usage on binary migrant variables as well as including time fixed-effects. POLS 5201-01 AI. advertisement. American University in Cairo Department of Political Science PolS.5201 Prof. Mustapha K.Ai-Sayyid Fall 2015. Comparative Politics Course description This is an advanced course in comparative politics. It targets graduate political science students who have already taken comparative politics courses in their undergraduate years. Introduction Third week: Wednesday September 16 Strategies in comparison Theory in comparative politics. Timothy C. Lim. Chapters 2& 3.p.31-104 Fourth week Wednesday September 30 Major perspectives Culture in comparative politics Read: Ross, Marc Howard.