



Course program and reading list

Semester 1 Year 2024

School: Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy B.A

Comparative Politics

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Course No.:	Course Type :	Weekly Hours :	Credit:
3748	Lecture	3	3

Course Requirements :	Group Code :	Language:
Final Paper	241374800	English

Prerequisites

Students who took one of the courses listed below will not be allowed to register to the course Comparative Politics (3748):

3104 - Introduction to Government

 Course Description

The course examines core topics and research methods in Comparative Politics. The topics include theories of democracy, development, historical evaluation of the state, nationality and ethnicity, the dynamics of regime change, study of institutions, bottom-up (civil society) versus top-down (elites) processes, religion and state and the challenges globalization imposes upon the nation-state.

Examples brought from different regions of the world and different periods in history will give the students a basis for comparative analysis.



Course Goals

To provide an overview to the field of study of Comparative Politics, as well as the comparative method. And consequently, to provide students with the tools to analyze case studies, as well as current affairs, using different theoretical frameworks.



Grading

Final paper - **100%**

*A passing grade (**60**)



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Additional Notes

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 Reading List**Week 1 – Political Science, Government and Comparative Politics - Introduction to the Field of Study**

Mason, Andrew. (1990). "Politics and the State," *Political Studies*, 38, pp. 575-587.

Lijphart, Arend. (1971). "Comparative Politics and the Comparative Method," *The American Political Science Review*, 65(3), pp. 682-693.

Recommended reading:

Popper, Karl. (1963). "Science: Conjectures and Refutations" in *Conjectures and Refutations*, London, Routledge & Kegan Paul, pp. 33-55.

Week 2 – The Modern State

Weber, Max. (1946). "Politics as a Vocation" in: H.H Gerth and C. Wright Mills (eds.) *From Max Weber*, New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 77-128.

Hall, Stuart. (1984). "The State in Question" in: Gregor McLennan, David Held and Stuart Hall (eds.), *The Idea of the Modern State*, Open University Press, pp. 1-28.

Recommended reading:

Poggi, Gianfranco. (1978). *The Development of the Modern State: A Sociological Introduction*, Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, ch. 1,4,5.

Migdal, Joel. (1997). "Studying the State", in: Mark Irving Lichbach and Alan S. Zucherman, *Comparative Politics: Rationality, Culture and Structure*, Cambridge University Press, pp. 208-235.

Week 3 – Legitimacy, Sovereignty and Power

Manin, Bernard. (1997). *The Principles of Representative Government*, Cambridge University Press, intro+ch.3+conclusion. (e-book library access).

Schmitt, Carl. (1976). *The Concept of the Political*, New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, pp. 19-37.

King, Roger. (1986). *The State in Modern Society*. London: Macmillan, pp. 141-161.

Recommended reading:

Morgan, Edmund S. (1989). *Inventing the People: The Rise of Popular Sovereignty in England and America*, New York and London: Norton Co., ch. 1-3.

Loughlin, Martin. (2003). "Ten Tenets of Sovereignty" in: Neil Walker (ed.), *Sovereignty in Transition*, Portland, OR.: Hart Publishing, pp. 55-86.

Week 4 – Political Ideologies

Marx, Karl & Engels, Friedrich. (1967). "The Communist Manifesto. 1848." Trans. Samuel Moore. London: Penguin, pp. 1-20.

Hayek, Friedrich A. (1966). "The principles of a liberal social order." *Il politico*, pp. 601-618.

Fukuyama, Francis. (1989). "The end of history?," *The national interest* 16, pp. 3-18.

Week 5 – Democratic Theory

Schumpeter, Joseph A. (1942). *Capitalism, socialism and democracy*. Routledge, pp. 8-11.

Dahl, Robert Alan. (1973). *Polyarchy: Participation and opposition*. Yale University Press, pp. 1-17. (e-book library access).

Schmitter, Philippe & Karl, Terry L. (1991). "What Democracy Is...and Is Not," *Journal of Democracy*, 2(3), pp. 75-88.

Recommended reading:

Sen, Amartya. (1999). "Democracy as a Universal Value," *Journal of Democracy*, 10(3), pp. 3-16.

Week 6 – Regime Transformations and Democratic Transitions

Rustow, Dankwart A. (1970). "Transitions to democracy: Toward a dynamic model," *Comparative politics*, 2(3), pp. 337-363.

Lipset, Seymour Martin. (1963). *Political Man: The Social Bases of Politics*, Garden City, NY: Anchor Books, pp. 31-53.

Moore, Barington. (1966). *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy: Lord and Peasant in the Making of the Modern World*. Boston: Beacon Press, ch. 1, 7-9.

Recommended reading:

Linz, Juan J. & Stepan, Alfred. (1996). *Problems of Democratic Transition and Consolidation*. Ch. 6: "The Paradigmatic Case of Reforma Pactada-Ruptura Pactada: Spain", pp. 87-115.

Week 7 – State Institutions in Modern Regimes

North, Douglass. (1990). *Institutions, Institutional Change and Economic Performance*. New York: Cambridge University Press, pp. 3-10.

Huntington, Samuel P. (1965). "Political development and political decay," *World politics*, 17(3), pp. 386-430.

Week 8 – Bottom-up Processes (Civil Society) vs. Top-down Processes (Elite)

Mosca, Gaetano. (1939). "On the Ruling Class." (1939). New York: McRaw-Hill, pp. 59-69.

Michels, Robert. (2010). "Oligarchs and Democrats". Intellectuals and Politics. Routledge Revivals, pp. 35-54.

Putnam, Robert. (1995). "Bowling Alone: America's Declining Social Capital," Journal of Democracy, 6(1), pp. 35-78.

Recommended reading:

Berman, Sheri. (1997). "Civil society and the collapse of the Weimar Republic," World Politics, 49(3), pp. 401-429.

Week 9 – Modernization and Development Theories

Webster, Andrew. (1990). Introduction to the Sociology of Development. London: Macmillan, pp. 41-63.

Smith, Tony. (2002). "The dependency Approach," in Howard Wiarda (ed.), New Directions in Comparative Politics. Boulder: Westview Press, pp. 45-61.

Recommended reading:

Fukuyama, Francis. (2004). "The Imperative of State Building", Journal of Democracy, 15(2), pp. 17-31.

Week 10 – Nationalism

Brubaker, Rogers. (1992). Citizenship and Nationhood in France and Germany, Cambridge, Mass. and London: Harvard University Press, pp. 1-17.

Anderson, Benedict. (1983). "Imagined communities: reflections on the origins and spread of nationalism. London: UK. Introduction + Chapter 3 + Chapter 6.

Gellner, Ernest. (2008). Nations and nationalism. Cornell University Press, ch. 1+ ch. 5.

Recommended reading:

Connor, Walker. (1978). "A nation is a nation, is a state, is an ethnic group is a...." Ethnic and racial studies, 1(4), pp.377-400.

Marx, Anthony W. (2005). Faith in nation: exclusionary origins of nationalism. Oxford University Press.

Week 11 – Religion and Politics

Stepan, Alfred. (2000). "Religion, democracy, and the "Twin Tolerations"," Journal of democracy, 11(4), pp. 37-57.

Golan-Nadir, Niva. (2022). "Public Preferences and Institutional Designs." Berlin and

Heidelberg: Springer Books, ch, 1. (e-book library access).

Golan-Nadir, Niva. (2023). "Macro-Level Factors Encouraging Bureaucratic Policy Entrepreneurship: The Case of Religion and State in Israel. *European Policy Analysis*. DOI:10.1002/epa2.1191.

Recommended reading:

Casanova, Jose. (2005). "Catholic and Muslim Politics in Comparative Perspective", *The Taiwan Journal of Democracy*, 1(2), pp. 89-108.<https://s3.amazonaws.com/berkeley-center/CasanovaCatholicMuslimPoliticsComparativePerspective.pdf>

Week 12 – Summary and Conclusion

Caramani, Daniele. (Ed.). (2017). *Comparative politics*. Oxford University Press, Ch. 1