

GVPT888B  
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### **Graduate Seminar: Democracy and Democratization**

This seminar surveys the big debates on democracy and democratization from a Comparative Politics perspective. We start the semester by examining procedural definitions of democracy and the classic literature on the subject. The seminar is organized thematically, following some of the more persistent (and interesting) questions in the field. For example, we will examine the political economy of democratic transitions and the international factors that might enable (or hinder) regime change. In this seminar, students will read some of the most significant contributions made to the field.

#### **Learning Outcomes:**

This seminar is designed to help socialize graduate students into the discipline and create a foundation for future professional success.

#### **Course Requirements (READ CAREFULLY):**

- 1) Always attend class and be prepared to discuss ALL the material assigned for the week.
- 2) Write a short (3 pages long) theoretically critical paper on two or more of the assigned readings. Give a 15 minute presentation at the beginning of class of your critical argument. Make your paper available (via email) to the instructor and all your classmates by Monday 10PM. The number of short papers/presentations during the semester will be determined the first week of class.
- 3) Write a 1-2 page-long reaction paper to your classmate's critical paper and present it in 5 minutes (immediately after the 15' presentation). Your paper and presentation need to be critical as well. You must engage your classmate's argument. You will give the instructor a copy of your reaction paper in class. The number of reaction papers/presentations during the semester will be determined the first week of class.
- 4) All students NOT presenting papers (requirements 2 and 3) must submit to the instructor by Monday 10PM (via email) a list of 5 (five) CRITICAL questions based on the readings, which will serve to trigger discussion in class.
- 5) Either write a final paper or take a final exam (practice comprehensive exam).

#### **Course Evaluation** is based on the following:

- 30% of final grade, short papers and presentations
- 30% of final grade, attendance and class participation throughout the semester
- 40% of final grade, final paper or "comps" type final exam

#### **Attendance Notice:**

All students are expected to attend class each and every time we meet. Only a highly contagious or severely grave disease is a valid excuse to miss class. As a significant percentage of your final grade depends on class participation, and you can only contribute to class discussion if you are present, it follows you cannot afford to be absent.

Week 1 August 21

**Introduction**

We will go over the syllabus and general expectations for the semester.

Week 2 August 28

**Procedural Democracy**

Dahl, Robert. 1971. *Polyarchy. Participacion and Opposition*. New Haven and London: Yale University Press.

Schumpeter, Joseph A. 1942. *Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy*. New York: Harper & Row, Publishers. Chapter XXI "The Classical Doctrine of Democracy," Chapter XXII "Another Theory of Democracy," and Chapter XXIII "The Inference."

Week 3 Sept. 4

**Class and Democracy**

Rueschemeyer, Dietrich, Evelyne Stephens Huber, and Stephens John D. 1992. *Capitalist Development and Democracy*. Chicago: Chicago UP. Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 7.

Moore, Barrington Jr. 1966. *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy. Lord and Peasant in the Making of the Modern World*. Boston: Beacon Press. Chapter 7 "The Democratic Route to Modern Society."

Week 4 Sept. 11

**Regime Transitions**

Rustow, Dankwart. 1970. "Transitions to Democracy." *Comparative Politics* 2 (3): 337-363.

O'Donnell, Guillermo, and Philippe C. Schmitter. 1986. *Transitions from Authoritarian Rule. Tentative Conclusions about Uncertain Democracies*.

Lijphart and Waisman (Eds.) 1996. *Institutional Design in New Democracies: Eastern Europe and Latin America*. Chapters 1 and 13.

Week 5 Sept. 18

**The Political Economy of Democracy (I)**

Przeworski, Adam. 1991. *Democracy and the market. Political and economic reforms in Eastern Europe and Latin America*. NY: Cambridge University Press.

Haggard and Kaufman. 1995. *The Political Economy of Democratic Transitions*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Chapters 1 and 2.

Week 6 Sept. 25

### **Classic Modernization Theory**

- Lipset, Seymour Martin. 1959. "Some Social Requisites of Democracy: Economic Development and Political Legitimacy." *American Political Science Review* 53 (1):69-105.
- Rustow, Dankwart. 1970. "Transitions to Democracy." *Comparative Politics* 2 (3): 337-363.
- Samuel Huntington. 1991. The Third Wave Chapters 1, 2, and 3.

Week 7 Oct. 2

### **The Political Economy of Democracy II (or Exogenous Democratization)**

- Przeworski, Adam, et al. 2000. *Democracy and Development. Political Institutions and Well-Being in the World, 1950-1990*. NY: Cambridge University Press.
- Haggard and Kaufman. 1995. *The Political Economy of Democratic Transitions*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Chapter 9.

Week 8 Oct. 9

### **Endogenous Democratization and the Current Modernization Debate**

- Boix, Carles, and Susan C. Stokes. 2003. "Endogenous Democratization." *World Politics* 55:517-49.
- Epstein, Bates, Jack Goldstone, Ida Kristensen, Sharyn O'Halloran 2006 "Democratic Transitions" *American Journal of Political Science* 50 (3), 551–569.
- Knack, Stephen. 2004. "Does Foreign Aid promote Democracy?" *International Studies Quarterly* 48: 251-266
- Rose and Doh Chull Shin. 2001. "Democratization Backwards: The Problem of Third-Wave Democracies" *British Journal of Political Science* 31: 331-354

Week 9 Oct. 16

### **Accountability and Democratization**

- Przeworski, Stokes, and Manin. 1999. *Democracy, Accountability, and Representation*. NY: Cambridge University Press
- O'Donnell, Guillermo. 1998. "Horizontal Accountability in New Democracies" *Journal of Democracy* Volume 9, Number 3, pp. 112-126

Week 10 Oct. 23

### **Economic Voting**

- Joshua Tucker. 2006. *Regional Economic Voting: Russia, Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic, 1990-1999*. NY: Cambridge University Press.
- Duch, Raymond. 2001. "A Developmental Model of Heterogeneous Economic Voting in New Democracies." *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 95, No. 4, pp. 895-910

Week 11 Oct. 30

### **Institutional Legacies in Democratization**

- Linz and Stepan. 1996. *Problems of Democratic Transition and Consolidation: Southern Europe, South America, and Post-Communist Europe*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press. Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

- Long-Jones and Grzymala-Busse. 2002. "Reconceptualizing the State: Lessons from Post-Communism." *Politics and Society*. Vol. 30:4, pp. 529-554.
- Tucker, Joshua. 2007. "Enough! Electoral Fraud, Collective Action Problems, and Post-Communist Colored Revolutions." *Perspectives on Politics* 5 (3): pp. 537-553

Week 12 Nov. 6

### **Class and Democratization (II)**

- Wood, Elizabeth Jean. 2000. *Forging Democracy from Below. Insurgent Transitions in South Africa and El Salvador*. NY: Cambridge University Press.
- Joseph, Richard. 1997. "Democratization in Africa after 1989: Comparative and Theoretical Perspectives" *Comparative Politics*, Vol. 29, No. 3.

Week 13 Nov. 13

### **The International System and Democratization**

- Kant, Emmanuel. The Eternal Peace
- Mansfield, Edward and Jon Pevehouse. 2006. Democratization and International Organizations. *International Organization* 60: 137-167
- Mansfield, Edward and Jack Snyder. 2002. Democratic Transitions, Institutional Strength, and War. *International Organization* 57: 297-337
- Gleditsch and Ward. 2006. Diffusion and the International Context of Democratization. *International Organization* 60 (4): 911-933.

Week 14 Nov. 20

### **Recent Trends and Debates**

- Putnam, Robert. 1994. *Making Democracy Work: Civic Traditions in Modern Italy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Chapters 5 and 6.
- Geddes, Barbara. 1999. "What Do We Know about Democratization after Twenty Years?" *Annual Review of Political Science* II.
- Inglehart, Ronald and Christian Welzel. 2005. "Value Change and the Persistence of Cultural Traditions in *Modernization, Cultural Change and Democracy*, Cambridge University Press. Chapter 2.
- Saad Eddin Ibrahim. Toward Muslim Democracies. *Journal of Democracy*. April 2007, Vo. 18, No. 2.
- Puddington, A. The Pushback against Democracy. *Journal of Democracy*. April 2007, Vo. 18, No. 2.

Week 15 Nov. 27

### **Discussion of Final Papers and Course Wrap-up**