Parties, Congresses, Bureaucracies: Institutions in a Comparative Perspective

Class Materials
The students are expected to buy seven paperback books, already available at the UMD bookstore. All other readings will be distributed in electronic format, made available on the first day of classes.

Requirements
The students will be required to do all the readings and to actively participate in the class. Students will also be required to write and present two four-page papers, prepare two counter-presentations triggered by the papers of their peers, and write a final take home exam. Each of the two four-page papers should be email to all classmates at least 48 hours before the seminar, to ensure that a response can be prepared in time for the class.

Grade:
Two four-page papers 15% each 30%
Two response presentations 10% each 20%
Participation in Class 10%
Final Take-Home Exam 40%

100%

BOOKS


**Week 1: Institutions: Old and New, Formal and Informal.**


**Week 2: Regimes I: Democracy and Development.**


**Week 3: Regimes II: Democracies?**


**Week 4: Regimes III: The Evolution of Regimes.**


**Week 5: The Choice of Electoral Systems**


Kreuzer, Marcus. Forthcoming. Historical Knowledge and Quantitative Analysis: The Case of the Origins of Proportional Representation. APSR.


**Week 6: Parties and Party Systems**


**Week 7: Equilibrium Models of Party Competition**


**Week 8: Comparative Legislatures I**


**Week 10: Comparative Legislatures II**


**Week 11: Bureaucracy**


**Week 12: Institutions and Ethnic Conflict**


**Week 13: Redistribution**


**Week 14: Federalism**


