

Government 6353
Field Seminar in Comparative Politics
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This seminar provides an overview of the field of comparative politics targeted towards Ph.D students in the Government department. This course will introduce students to classic works as well as recent contributions that build upon those works. Readings draw from leading theoretical approaches—including structural, institutional, rational choice, and cultural perspectives—and cover a broad range of substantive topics, such as democratization, authoritarianism, states and civil society, political economy, and political participation and representation. Students from other programs may register only with the permission of the instructors. There are no prerequisites for the course.

The reading load for this course averages six to seven articles/chapters or approximately three hundred pages per week. Assigned readings are marked with an asterisk (*); we have listed additional background reading to identify important works that we will not be able to cover during our course. Students are expected to have done all of the assigned readings before each class.

There are four books available for purchase at the Cornell bookstore.

- Stathis Kalyvas. 2006. *The Logic of Violence in Civil War*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Guillermo O'Donnell and Philippe Schmitter. 1986. *Transitions from Authoritarian Rule: Tentative Conclusions about Uncertain Democracies*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press.
- Nicolas van de Walle. 2001. *African Economies and the Politics of Permanent Crisis, 1979-1999*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Sidney Tarrow. 1994. *Power in Movement: Social Movements and Contentious Politics*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Remaining readings are drawn from a mix of books and journal articles. The assigned readings are available online from one of two sources:

- Journal articles are available online via the Cornell library catalogue, which may be accessed at <http://www.library.cornell.edu/>. It is best to search for the journal title by clicking on the **E-Journal Titles** tab.
- Chapters and other selections are available at the Blackboard course site, which may be accessed at <http://blackboard.cornell.edu>. The course ID is GOVT6353-Roberts-Fall2010. Readings are found under the **Course Documents** tab.

There are three requirements for this course:

1. *Active and thoughtful class participation.* All students are expected to participate actively and regularly in discussions. In addition, two times during the semester, students will serve as discussion leaders. Discussion leaders will write a short, two-page critical review of the weekly readings and circulate it in advance to other members of the class in order to identify key issues for classroom discussion.
2. *Short response paper.* A 10 page paper due the week of October 13. Details will be forthcoming early in the semester.
3. *Final paper.* A 15-20 page paper that provides an overview and critical assessment of “the state of the literature” for one week’s readings. Due December 8.

We will not grant incompletes in this class except as a consequence of extraordinary personal circumstances. Late work will be penalized.

Course Readings (assigned readings with *):

Week 1 (Aug. 25): The Classics: Analytical Foundations of Comparative Politics

*Adam Smith, *An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations*, Chap. 2, “On the Principle Which Gives Occasion to the Division of Labour,” pp. 15-17, online at http://www.ibiblio.org/ml/libri/s/SmithA_WealthNations_p.pdf.

*Jeremy Bentham. 1789/1907. “Of the Principle of Utility.” Chapter 1 of *An Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation*. Oxford: Clarendon Press. Online at <http://www.econlib.org/library/Bentham/bnthPML1.html#Chapter%20I,%20Of%20the%20Principle%20of%20Utility>.

*Karl Marx. 1845. *The German Ideology*, Part I: Feuerbach: Opposition of the Materialist and Idealist Outlook, Section A on “Idealism and Materialism” and Section B on “The Illusion of the Epoch,” online at <http://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/1845/german-ideology/ch01c.htm>.

*Karl Polanyi. 1944. *The Great Transformation* (New York: Rinehart & Company), pp. 43-55 and 130-135, online at Blackboard site.

- *Max Weber. 1918. "Politics as a Vocation." Online at www.sscnet.ucla.edu/polisci/ethos/Weber-vocation.pdf (read pp. 1-10), plus "The Spirit of Capitalism," Chap. 2 of *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, online at http://www.ne.jp/asahi/moriyuki/abukuma/weber/world/ethic/pro_eth_frame.html.
- *Adam Przeworski and Henry Teune. 1970. *The Logic of Comparative Social Inquiry*. New York: Wiley-Interscience, pp. 3-39, online at Blackboard.
- *Giovanni Sartori. 1970. "Concept Misformation in Comparative Politics," *American Political Science Review* 64(4): 1033-1053 (online through Cornell library e-journals).

Week 2 (Sept. 1): Nationalism and Political Identity

- *Clifford Geertz. 1973. "The Integrative Revolution: Primordial Sentiments and Civil Politics in the New States," Chapter 10 of *The Interpretation of Cultures*. New York: Basic Books, pp. 255-310.
- *Benedict Anderson. 1983. *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origins and Spread of Nationalism*. New York: Verso, pp. 1-46.
- *Ernest Gellner. 1983. *Nations and Nationalism*. Ithaca: Cornell UP, pp. 1-7 and 39-62.
- *David D. Laitin. 1998. "A Theory of Political Identities," Chapter 1 of *Identity in Formation: The Russian-Speaking Populations in the Near Abroad*. Ithaca: Cornell UP, pp. 1-35.
- *Daniel Posner. 2004. "The Political Salience of Cultural Difference: Why Chewas and Tumbukas are Allies in Zambia and Adversaries in Malawi," *American Political Science Review* 98(4): 529-545.
- *Mark R. Beissinger. 2002. "From the Impossible to the Inevitable," Chapter 1 of *Nationalist Mobilization and the Collapse of the Soviet State*. New York: Cambridge UP, pp. 1-46.
- *Anthony Marx. 1998. *Making Race and Nation: A Comparison of the United States, South Africa, and Brazil*. New York: Cambridge UP, pp. 1-25 and 264-278.

Additional Readings (includes political culture and the politics of identity)

- Rawi Abdelal, Yoshiko M. Herrera, Alastair Iain Johnston, and Rose McDermott. 2006. "Identity as a Variable," *Perspectives on Politics* 4(4): 695-711.
- Gabriel Almond and Sidney Verba. 1964. *The Civic Culture*. Princeton: Princeton UP and *Civic Culture Revisited*.

- Rogers Brubaker. 1996. *Nationalism Reframed: Nationhood and the National Question in the New Europe*. New York: Cambridge UP.
- Kanchan Chandra. 2006. "What is Ethnic Identity and Does It Matter?" *Annual Review of Political Science* 9: 397-424.
- David J. Elkins and Richard E. B. Simeon. 1979. "A Cause in Search of Its Effect, or What Does Political Culture Explain?" *Comparative Politics* 11(2): 127-146.
- Eric Hobsbawm. 1991. *Nations and Nationalism since 1780: Programme, Myth, Reality*. New York: Cambridge UP.
- Donald Horowitz. 2000. *Ethnic Groups in Conflict*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Ronald Inglehart and Christian Welzel. 2005. *Modernization, Cultural Change and Democracy*. New York: Cambridge UP.
- David D. Laitin. 1986. *Hegemony and Culture: Politics and Religious Change among the Yoruba*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- David D. Laitin. 1988. "Political Culture and Political Preferences," *American Political Science Review* 82(2): 589-93.
- Anthony Marx. 2003. *Faith in Nation: Exclusionary Origins of Nationalism*. Oxford: Oxford UP.
- Robert Putnam. 1994. *Making Democracy Work: Civic Traditions in Modern Italy*. Princeton: Princeton UP.
- Eugen Weber. 1976. *Peasants Into Frenchmen: The Modernization of Rural France, 1870-1914*. Stanford: Stanford UP.
- Inglehart, Ronald, and Pippa Norris. 2003. *Rising Tide: Gender Equality and Cultural Change*. New York: Cambridge UP.

Week 3 (Sept. 8): States and State-Building

- *Samuel P. Huntington. 1968. *Political Order in Changing Societies*. New Haven: Yale UP, pp. 1-59 and 78-92.
- *Theda Skocpol. 1985. "Bringing the State Back In: Strategies of Analysis in Current Research," in Peter Evans, Dietrich Rueschemeyer, and Theda Skocpol (eds.) *Bringing the State Back In*. New York: Cambridge UP, pp. 3-43.
- *Charles Tilly. 1985. "War Making and State Making as Organized Crime," in Peter Evans, Dietrich Rueschemeyer, and Theda Skocpol (eds.) *Bringing the State Back In*. New York: Cambridge UP, pp. 169-191.
- *Douglass C. North. 1986. "A Neoclassical Theory of the State," in Jon Elster (ed.) *Rational Choice*. New York: NYU Press, pp. 248-261.
- *Robert H. Bates. 2008. *When Things Fall Apart: State Failure in Late-Century Africa*. New York: Cambridge UP, pp. 3-29, 97-139.

*Jeffrey Herbst. 2000. *States and Power in Africa: Comparative Lessons in Authority and Control*. Princeton: Princeton UP, pp. 12-31.

*Miguel Centeno. 1997. "Blood and Debt: War and Taxation in Nineteenth Century Latin America," *American Journal of Sociology* 102(6): 1565-1605.

Additional Readings

Lisa Anderson. 1986. *The State and Social Transformation in Tunisia and Libya, 1830-1980*. Princeton: Princeton UP.

Robert Bates. 2009. *Prosperity and Violence, 2nd edition*. New York: W.W. Norton.

Fred Block. 1977. "The Ruling Class Does Not Rule: Notes on the Marxist Theory of the State," *Socialist Revolution* 7: 6-28.

Daniel Carpenter. 2001. *The Forging of Bureaucratic Autonomy: Reputation, Networks, and Policy Innovation in Executive Agencies, 1862-1928*. Princeton: Princeton UP.

Stephen L. Elkin. 1985. "Pluralism in its Place: State and Regime in Liberal Democracy," in Roger Benjamin and Stephen L. Elkin (eds.), *The Democratic State*. Lawrence: University of Kansas Press. 179-211.

Thomas Ertman. 1997. *Birth of the Leviathan: Building States and Regimes in Medieval and Early Modern Europe*. New York: Cambridge UP.

Barbara Geddes. 1994. *The Politician's Dilemma: Building State Capacity in Latin America*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Anna Grzymala Busse. 2006. "The Discreet Charm of Formal Institutions: Postcommunist Party Competition and State Oversight," *Comparative Political Studies* 39(3): 1-30.

John D. Huber and Charles Shipan. 2002. *Deliberate Discretion: The Institutional Foundations of Bureaucratic Autonomy*. New York: Cambridge UP.

Robert Jackson and Carl Rosberg. 1982. "Why Africa's Weak States Persist," *World Politics* 35(1): 1-24.

Desmond King and Robert Lieberman. 2009. "Ironies of State Building: A Comparative Perspective on the American State," *World Politics* 61(3): 547-588.

Stephen Krasner. 1972. "Are Bureaucracies Important? (Or Allison Wonderland)" *Foreign Policy* 7: 159-179.

Stephen Krasner. 1984. "Approaches to the State: Alternative Conceptions and Historical Dynamics," *Comparative Politics* 16(2): 223-246.

Margaret Levi. 1988. *Of Rule and Revenue*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Margaret Levi. 2002. "The State of the Study of the State," in Ira Katznelson and Helen Milner (eds.) *Political Science: The State of the Discipline*. New York: W.W. Norton, pp. 33-55.

Joel Migdal. 1988. *Strong Societies and Weak States: State-Society Relations and State Capabilities in the Third World*. Princeton: Princeton UP.

Joel Migdal. 2009. "Researching the State," in Mark Irving Lichbach and Alan Zuckerman (eds.), *Comparative Politics: Rationality, Culture, and Structure*. New York: Cambridge UP, pp. 208-236.

Joel Migdal. 2001. *The State in Society*. New York: Cambridge UP.

J.P. Nettle. 1968. "The State as a Conceptual Variable," *World Politics* 20(4): 559-592.

- Dan Slater. 2008. "Can Leviathan be a Democrat? Competitive Elections, Robust Mass Politics, and State Infrastructural Power." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 43(4): 252-272.
- Dan Slater. 2010. *Ordering Power: Contentious Politics and Authoritarian Leviathans in Southeast Asia*. New York: Cambridge UP.
- Hendrik Spruyt. 1994. *The Sovereign State and its Competitors*. Princeton: Princeton UP.
- Ellen Kay Trimberger. 1978. *Revolution from Above: Military Bureaucrats and Development in Japan, Turkey, Egypt, and Peru*. New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Books.
- David Waldner. 1999. *State Building and Late Development*. Ithaca: Cornell UP.
- Max Weber, "Bureaucracy" in Gerth and Mills (eds) *From Max Weber* (pp. 198-244)
- Daniel Ziblatt. 2004. "Rethinking the Origins of Federalism," *World Politics* 57(1): 70-98.

Week 4 (Sept. 15): Institutions in Comparative Politics

- *Peter A. Hall and Rosemary C. R. Taylor. 1996. "Political Science and the Three New Institutionalisms." *Political Studies* 44: 936-957.
- *George Tsebelis. 2002. "Introduction" and "Veto Players Theory," Introduction and Chapters 1-2 of *Veto Players: How Institutions Work*. Princeton: Princeton UP, pp. 1-63.
- *William Riker. 1980. "Implications from the Disequilibrium of Majority Rule for the Study of Institutions," *American Political Science Review* 74(2): 432-446.
- *Daniel Diermeier and Keith Krehbiel. 2003. "Institutionalism as a Methodology," *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 15(2): 123-44.
- *Gretchen Helmke and Steven Levitsky. 2004. "Informal Institutions and Comparative Politics: A Research Agenda," *Perspectives on Politics* 2(4): 725-40.
- *Elinor Ostrom. 1990. *Governing the Commons: The Evolution of Institutions for Collective Action*. New York: Cambridge UP, pp. 1-55.
- *Avner Greif and David D. Laitin. 2004. "A Theory of Endogenous Institutional Change," *American Political Science Review* 98(4): 633-652.
- *Paul Pierson. 2000. "Path Dependence, Increasing Returns, and the Study of Politics," *American Political Science Review* 94(2): 251-267

Additional Readings

- Daron Acemoglu. 2003. "Why Not a Political Coase Theorem? Social Conflict, Commitment, and Politics," *Journal of Comparative Economics* 31(4): 620-652.

- John Gerring and Strom C. Thacker. 2008. *A Centripetal Theory of Democratic Governance*. New York: Cambridge UP.
- Ruth Berins Collier and David Collier, *Shaping the Political Arena: Critical Junctures, Labor Movements, and Regime Dynamics in Latin America* (Princeton 1991).
- Rafael la Porta, Florencia Lopez-de-Silanes, and Andrei Shleifer. 2008. "The Economic Consequences of Legal Origins," *Journal of Economic Literature* 46(2): 285-332.
- Arend Lijphart. 2004. "Constitutional Design for Divided Societies," *Journal of Democracy* 15(2): 96-109.
- James G. March and Johan P. Olson. 1984. "The New Institutionalism: Organizational Factors in Political Life," *American Political Science Review* 78(3): 734-49.
- James G. March and Johan P. Olsen. 2007. "Elaborating the 'New Institutionalism,'" in R. A. W. Rhodes, Sarah A. Binder, Bert A. Rockman (eds.) *Oxford Handbook of Political Institutions*. New York: Oxford UP. 3-21.
- John W. Meyer and Brian Rowan. 1977. "Institutionalized Organizations: Formal Structure as Myth and Ceremony," *American Journal of Sociology* 83(2): 340-363.s
- Paul Pierson. 2004. *Politics in Time: History, Institutions, and Social Analysis*. Princeton UP.
- Jonas Pontusson. 1995. "From Comparative Public Policy to Political Economy: Putting Political Institutions in Their Place and Taking Interests Seriously," *Comparative Political Studies* 28(1): 117-147.
- Douglas W. Rae. 1971. *The Political Consequences of Electoral Law*. New Haven: Yale UP.
- Karen Remmer. 1997. "Theoretical Decay and Theoretical Development: The Resurgence of Institutional Analysis," *World Politics* 50 (1): 34-61.
- William H. Riker. 1964. *Federalism: Origin, Operations, Significance*. Boston: Little, Brown.
- Jonathan A. Rodden. 2006. *Hamilton's Paradox: The Promise and Peril of Fiscal Federalism*. New York: Cambridge UP.
- Jonathan Rodden and Erik Wibbels. 2002. "Beyond the Fiction of Federalism: Macroeconomic Management in Multi-tiered Systems," *World Politics* 54(4): 494-531.
- Sven Steinmo, Kathleen Thelen, and Frank Longstreth (eds.) 1992. *Structuring Politics: Historical Institutionalism in Comparative Analysis*. New York: Cambridge UP.
- Kathleen Thelen. 1999. "Historical Institutionalism in Comparative Politics," *Annual Review of Political Science* 2: 369-404.
- Daniel Treisman. 2007. *The Architecture of Government: Rethinking Political Decentralization*. New York: Cambridge UP.
- Barry M. Weingast. 1995. "The Economic Role of Political Institutions: Market-Preserving Federalism and Economic Development," *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* 11(1): 1-31.
- Erik Wibbels. 2000. "Federalism and the Politics of Macroeconomic Policy and Performance," *American Journal of Political Science* 44(4): 687-702.
- Oliver E. Williamson. 2000. "The New Institutional Economics: Taking Stock, Looking Ahead," *Journal of Economic Literature* 38(3): 595-613.
- Daniel Ziblatt. 2006. *Structuring the State: The Formation of Italy and Germany and the Puzzle of Federalism*. Princeton: Princeton UP.

Week 5 (Sept. 22): Democracy and its Origins

- *Robert Dahl. 1974. *Polyarchy: Participation and Opposition*. New Haven: Yale UP, pp. 1-16 & 33-61.
- *Barrington Moore. 1966. *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*. Boston: Beacon Press, pp. 413-432.
- *Charles Tilly. 2007. *Democracy*. New York: Cambridge UP, pp. 1-24 and 51-79.
- *Adam Przeworski. 1991. *Democracy and the Market: Political and Economic Reforms in Eastern Europe*. New York: Cambridge UP, pp. 10-40.
- *Steven Levitsky and David Collier. 1997. "Democracy with Adjectives: Conceptual Strategies in Comparative Research," *World Politics* 49(3): 430-451.
- *Dietrich Rueschemeyer, Evelyne Stephens, and John Stephens. 1992. *Capitalist Development and Democracy*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, pp. 12-78.
- *Adam Przeworski and Fernando Limongi. 1997. "Modernization: Theories and Facts," *World Politics* 49(2): 155-183.
- *Michael Ross. 2001. "Does Oil Hinder Democracy?" *World Politics* 53(3): 325-361.

Additional Readings

- Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, James A. Robinson, and Pierre Yared. 2008. "Income and Democracy," *American Economic Review* 98(3): 808-42.
- Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson. 2000. "Why did the West Extend the Franchise? Democracy, Inequality, and Growth in Historical Perspective," *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 115(4), 1167-1199.
- Carles Boix. 2003. *Democracy and Redistribution*. New York: Cambridge UP.
- Carles Boix and Susan Stokes. 2003. "Endogenous Democratization," *World Politics* 55(4).
- Kirk Bowman, Fabrice Lehoucq, and James Mahoney. 2005. "Measuring Political Democracy: Case Expertise, Data Adequacy, and Central America," *Comparative Political Studies* 38(8).
- Bratton, Michael and Nicolas van de Walle. 1997. *Democratic Experiments in Africa* New York: Cambridge UP.
- Ruth Berins Collier. 1999. *Paths Towards Democracy: The Working Class and Elites in Western Europe and South America*. New York: Cambridge UP.
- Robert Dahl. 1956. *A Preface to Democratic Theory*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Robert Dahl. 1989. *Democracy and its Critics*. New Haven: Yale UP.
- Ralf Dahrendorf. 1990. *Reflections on the Revolution in Europe*. New York: Times Books.
- Seymour Martin Lipset. 1959. "Some Social Requisites of Democracy: Economic Development and Political Legitimacy," *American Political Science Review* 53(1): 69-105.
- Seymour Martin Lipset. 1960. *Political Man: The Social Bases of Politics*. Garden City, NY: Doubleday, chapter 2.

- John B. Londregan and Keith T. Poole. 1996. "Does High Income Promote Democracy?" *World Politics* 49(1): 1-30.
- Gregory Luebbert. 1991. *Liberalism, Fascism, and Social Democracy: Social Classes and the Political Origins of Regimes in Interwar Europe*. New York: Oxford UP.
- Scott Mainwaring and Aníbal Pérez-Liñán. 2003. "Level of Development and Democracy: Latin American Exceptionalism," *Comparative Political Studies* 36(9): 1031-1067.
- Timur Kuran. 1991. "Now Out of Never: The Element of Surprise in the Eastern European Revolutions of 1989," *World Politics* 44(1): 7-48.
- O'Donnell and Schmitter interviews in Gerardo L. Munck and Richard Snyder, *Passion, Craft, and Method in Comparative Politics*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP.
- Elisabeth Jean Wood. 2001. "An Insurgent Path to Democracy: Popular Mobilization, Economic Interests and Regime Transition in South Africa and El Salvador," *Comparative Political Studies* 34(8): 862-888.
- Daniel Ziblatt. 2006. "How Did Europe Democratize?" *World Politics* 58(2): 311-38.

Week 6 (Sept. 29): Authoritarianism

- *Barrington Moore. 1966. *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*. Boston: Beacon Press. pp. 433-452.
- *Guillermo A. O'Donnell. 1973. *Modernization and Bureaucratic Authoritarianism: Studies in South American Politics*. Berkeley: Institute for International Studies, pp. 1-15 & 51-91.
- *Gregory M. Luebbert. 1987. "Social Foundations of Political Order in Interwar Europe," *World Politics* 39(4): 449-478.
- *Jennifer Gandhi and Adam Przeworski. 2006. "Cooperation, Cooptation, and Rebellion under Dictatorships," *Economics and Politics* 18(1):1-26.
- *Steven Levitsky and Lucan Way. 2002. "The Rise of Competitive Authoritarianism," *Journal of Democracy* 13(2): 51-65.
- *M. Steven Fish. 2002. "Islam and Authoritarianism," *World Politics* 55(1): 4-37.

Additional Readings

- Eva Bellin. 2004. "The Robustness of Authoritarianism in the Middle East: Exceptionalism in Comparative Perspective," *Comparative Politics* 36(2): 139-157.
- Jason Brownlee. 2007. "Hereditary Succession in Modern Autocracies," *World Politics* 59(4): 595-628.

- Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, Alastair Smith, Randolph M. Siverson, and James D. Morrow. 2003. *The Logic of Political Survival*. Cambridge: The MIT Press.
- Valerie J. Bunce. 1980. "The Succession Connection: Policy Cycles and Political Change in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe," *American Political Science Review* 74(4): 966-977.
- Valerie J. Bunce, Michael McFaul, and Kathryn Stoner-Weiss, eds. 2010. *Democracy and Authoritarianism in the Postcommunist World*. New York: Cambridge UP.
- David Collier, ed. 1979. *The New Authoritarianism in Latin America*. Princeton: Princeton UP.
- Mary E. Gallagher. 2002. "'Reform and Openness': Why China's Economic Reforms Have Delayed Democracy," *World Politics* 54(3): 338-372.
- Jennifer Gandhi and Adam Przeworski. 2007. "Authoritarian Institutions and the Survival of Autocrats," *Comparative Political Studies* 40(11): 1279-1301.
- Jennifer Gandhi. 2008. *Political Institutions under Dictatorship*. New York: Cambridge UP.
- Barbara Geddes. 2003. *Paradigms and Sand Castles: Theory-Building and Research Design in Comparative Politics*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.
- Kenneth Greene. 2007. *Why Dominant Parties Lose: Mexico's Democratization in Comparative Perspective*. New York: Cambridge UP.
- Guy Hermet, Alain Rouquié, and Richard Rose. 1978. *Elections without Choice*. New York: Wiley.
- Amaney Jamal. 2007. *Barriers to Democracy: The Other Side of Social Capital in Palestine and the Arab World*. Princeton: Princeton UP.
- Pierre F. Landry. 2008. *Decentralized Authoritarianism in China: The Communist Party's Control of Local Elites in the Post-Mao Era*. New York: Cambridge UP.
- Steven Levitsky and Lucan A. Way. Forthcoming. *Competitive Authoritarianism: Hybrid Regimes after the Cold War*. New York: Cambridge UP.
- Juan J. Linz. 2000. *Totalitarian and Authoritarian Regimes*. Boulder: Lynne Reiner.
- H. E. Chehabi and Juan J. Linz (eds.). 1998. *Sultanistic Regimes*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP.
- Beatriz Magaloni. 2006. *Voting for Autocracy: Hegemonic Party Survival and Its Demise in Mexico*. New York: Cambridge UP.
- Mancur Olson. 1993. "Dictatorship, Democracy, and Development," *American Political Science Review* 87(3): 567-576.
- Andreas Schedler. 2002. "The Menu of Manipulation," *Journal of Democracy* 13(2): 36-50.
- Alfred C. Stepan. 1988. *Rethinking Military Politics: Brazil and the Southern Cone*. Princeton: Princeton UP.
- Kellee Tsai. 2006. "Adaptive Informal Institutions and Endogenous Institutional Change in China," *World Politics* 59(1): 116-141.
- Lucan A. Way. 2005. "Authoritarian Statebuilding and the Sources of Regime Competitiveness in the Fourth Wave: The Cases of Belarus, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine," *World Politics* 57(2): 231-261.
- Ronald Wintrobe. 1998. *The Political Economy of Dictatorship*. New York: Cambridge UP.

Week 7 (Oct. 6): Regime Transitions

Group 1: Democratic Breakdowns

- *Juan J. Linz. 1998. *The Breakdown of Democratic Regimes: Crisis, Breakdown, and Reequilibration*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP, pp. 1-49.
- *Juan J. Linz. 1990. "The Perils of Presidentialism," *Journal of Democracy* 1(1): 51-69.
- *Jose Antonio Cheibub and Fernando Limongi. 2002. "Democratic Institutions and Regime Survival: Parliamentary and Presidential Democracies Reconsidered," *Annual Review of Political Science* 5: 151-79.
- *M. Stephen Fish. 2005. *Democracy Derailed in Russia: The Failure of Open Politics*. New York: Cambridge UP, pp. 1-14, 82-105, & 246-71.

Group 2: Democratic Transitions

- *Dankwart Rustow. 1970. "Transitions to Democracy: Toward a Dynamic Model," *Comparative Politics* 2(3): 337-364.
- *Guillermo O'Donnell. 1979. "Tensions in the Bureaucratic-Authoritarian State and the Question of Democracy," in David Collier (ed.) *The New Authoritarianism in Latin America*. Princeton: Princeton UP, pp. 285-318.
- *Guillermo O'Donnell, and Philippe C. Schmitter. 1986. *Transitions from Authoritarian Rule: Tentative Conclusions about Uncertain Democracies*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP.
- *James Mahoney and Richard Snyder. 1999. "Rethinking Agency and Structure in the Study of Regime Change," *Studies in Comparative International Development* 34(2): 3-32.
- *Michael Bratton and Nicolas van de Walle. 1994. "Neopatrimonial Regimes and Political Transitions in Africa," *World Politics* 46(4): 453-489.
- *Valerie Bunce and Sharon Wolchik. 2010. "Defeating Dictators: Electoral Change and Stability in Competitive Authoritarian Regimes," *World Politics* 62(1): 43-86.
- *Daron Acemoglu and James A. Robinson. 2001. "A Theory of Political Transitions," *American Economic Review* 91(4): 938-963.

Additional Readings

- Nancy Bermeo. 2003. *Ordinary People in Extraordinary Times: The Citizenry and the Breakdown of Democracy*. Princeton: Princeton UP.
- Valerie Bunce. 2003. "Rethinking Recent Democratizations: Lessons from the Post-Communist Experience," *World Politics* 55(2): 167-192.
- Keith Darden and Anna Grzymała-Busse. 2006. "The Great Divide: Literacy, Nationalism, and Communist Collapse," *World Politics* 59(1): 83-115.

- Barbara Geddes. 1999. "What Do We Know about Democratization after Twenty Years?" *Annual Review of Political Science* 2: 115-144.
- Stephan Haggard and Robert R. Kaufman. 1995. *The Political Economy of Democratic Transitions*. Princeton: Princeton UP.
- Samuel P. Huntington. 1991. *The Third Wave: Democratization in the Late Twentieth Century*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press.
- Jeffrey S. Kopstein and David A. Reilly. 2000. "Geographic Diffusion and the Transformation of the Postcommunist World," *World Politics* 53(1): 1-37.
- Juan J. Linz and Alfred Stepan. 1996. *Problems of Democratic Transition and Consolidation*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP.
- Michael McFaul. 2002. "The Fourth Wave of Democracy and Dictatorship: Noncooperative Transitions in the Postcommunist World," *World Politics* 54(2): 212-244.
- Thomas B. Pepinsky. 2009. *Economic Crises and the Breakdown of Authoritarian Regimes: Indonesia and Malaysia in Comparative Perspective*. New York: Cambridge UP.
- Karen Remmer. 1991. "New Wine or Old Bottlenecks? The Study of Latin American Democracy," *Comparative Politics* 23(4): 479-495.
- Dan Slater. 2009. "Revolutions, Crackdowns, and Quiescence: Communal Elites and Democratic Mobilization in Southeast Asia," *American Journal of Sociology* 115(1): 203-54.
- Richard Snyder. 1998. "Paths out of Sultanistic Regimes," in H.E. Chehabi and Juan J. Linz (eds.) *Sultanistic Regimes*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP. 49-81.
- Daniel Ziblatt. 2008. "Does Landholding Inequality Block Democratization? A Test of the Bread and Democracy Thesis and the Case of Prussia," *World Politics* 60(4): 610-641.

Week 8 (Oct. 13): Fall Break (first paper due)

Week 9 (Oct. 20): Parties, Voters, and Elections

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