

# POSC 217: Core Seminar in Comparative Politics

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## Course Information

Class Time: Wednesday 9 am - 11:50 am

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## Course Description

This course is the core seminar for the field of comparative politics in the political science PhD program. It provides an introduction to the dominant questions, theories, and empirical research in comparative politics. The course has three objectives. One is to expose you to leading work in the field. Comparative politics is a vast field, so it is impossible for this seminar to be comprehensive. However, we will survey a broad range of different literatures that are representative of important debates in the different subfields within comparative politics (regime types, comparative political institutions, comparative political economy, comparative political behavior, civil wars). The second goal is to train you to think like a comparativist, honing your skills in analytical reading and critique. Finally, the third goal is to help prepare doctoral candidates for the comprehensive examination in comparative politics.

## Course Requirements

Evaluation for the course will consist of three parts. First, all students will be expected to participate actively in every class meeting. In-class performance will count for 20 percent of your grade. Second, students are expected to write two *analytical* essays (+/- 5 pages) which take all the required readings for each week and analyze them. The analytical essays will count for 30 percent of your grade. The other 50 percent will be based on your performance on an end-of-quarter take-home written examination.

### 1. Participation (20%)

This will be a demanding course. The reading list for each week is relatively heavy, and I expect every student to be prepared to discuss any reading when called upon. You may need to read some items more than once to be able to do that. Your goal should be to come to class prepared to summarize the main point of each item assigned as well as to be able to present a brief and accurate review of the approach, argument, and evidence. In preparing for class, students should think carefully about both the substantive and methodological aspects of each reading individually and in comparison with each other.

Check *How to Read* (Macartan Humphreys): <http://www.macartan.nyc/teaching/how-to-read/>

## 2. Analytical essays (30%)

The papers (+/- 5 pages) should not be a mere summary of the readings but a critical commentary and a discussion of the issues that arise in the works. Papers that simply summarize the readings will be heavily penalized. The object of the papers is to analyze the central issues addressed in the readings, to locate the principal authors' positions, and to comment critically on the state of the debate and the value of the individual contributions to it. You should point to potential drawbacks and shortcomings in the approaches developed in the literature and consider how the various readings dialogue with each other. The essays should compare and contrast, criticize and praise. They should be thematic, rather than discuss every reading one by one. You must write two of these papers during the quarter (the first one should be written by week 5 at the latest). The essay must be submitted to the professor by e-mail before the class in which the readings are discussed (deadline - Tuesday at noon).

Check the checklist in *How to Critique* (Macartan Humphreys): <http://www.macartan.nyc/teaching/discuss/>

## 3. Final exam (50%)

The exam will be timed and will be designed to replicate the conditions of an actual comprehensive examination. The exam questions will be similar in nature to the sort of topics that you will see on comps exams. You will be asked to answer two out of a possible four questions. You are encouraged to move beyond the required readings of the class to address them. Each answer should be about 2,500 words (6 to 8 double-spaced pages). The exams will be distributed on March 11 at 1 pm and will be due back on March 18 at 5 pm.

## Readings

You should access assigned published articles electronically on your own. Many books are also available online through the UCR library so you should always check there first. I will upload scanned copies of book chapters not available through the UCR library to the course website and organize them by week.

Every week there is a background reading that will introduce you to the main debates in a given research area. These readings are also required.

I also include in the syllabus a large selection of recommended readings which will help you prepare for the comprehensive examinations.

## Readings

### Week 1: Approaches to Comparative Politics

Przeworski, Adam, & Teune, Henry (1970). *The Logic of Comparative Social Inquiry*. New York: John Wiley (chapter 2).

Lichbach, Mark I., & Zuckerman, Alan S. (Eds.). (1997). *Comparative Politics: Rationality, Culture and Structure*. New York: Cambridge University Press (chapters 1-4).

Hall, Peter A., & Taylor, Rosemary C. R. (1996). Political Science and the Three New Institutionalisms. *Political Studies*, 44(5), 936-957.

Geddes, Barbara. (2003). *Paradigms and Sand Castles: Theory Building and Research Design in Comparative Politics*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press (chapter 3).

Pierson, Paul (2000). Increasing Returns, Path Dependence, and the Study of Politics. *American Political Science Review*, 94(2), 251-267.

### Week 2: States and state formation

#### Background

Migdal, Joel S. (2009). Researching the State. In M. I. Lichbach & A. S. Zuckerman (Eds.), *Comparative Politics: Rationality, Culture and Structure* (2nd Edition). New York: Cambridge University Press.

#### Readings

Tilly, Charles (1990). *Coercion, Capital, and European States, AD 990-1992*. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell (chapters 1 and 3).

Herbst, Jeffrey (1990). War and the State in Africa. *International Security*, 14(4), 117-139.

Geddes, Barbara (1994). *Politician's Dilemma: Building State Capacity in Latin America*. Berkeley: University of California Press (chapters 1-2 & 6).

Yashar, Deborah J. (2018). *Homicidal Ecologies: Illicit Economies and Complicit States in Latin America*. New York: Cambridge University Press (chapters 1 & 3-4).

### **Week 3: The politics of authoritarianism**

#### Background

Wintrobe, Robert (2007). "Dictatorship: Analytical Approaches". In C. Boix & S. Stokes (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*. New York: Oxford University Press.

#### Readings

Geddes, Barbara, Wright, Joseph, & Frantz, Erica (2018). *How Dictatorships Work: Power, Personalization, and Collapse*. New York: Cambridge University Press (chapters 1-7).

Gandhi, Jennifer, & Przeworski, Adam (2007). Authoritarian Institutions and the Survival of Autocrats. *Comparative Political Studies*, 40(11), 1279-1301.

Magaloni, Beatriz (2006). *Voting for Autocracy: Hegemonic Party Survival and its Demise in Mexico*. New York: Cambridge University Press (skim intro, chapters 1-2).

Boix, Carles, & Svoboda, Milan W. (2013). The Foundations of Limited Authoritarian Government: Institutions, Commitment, and Power-Sharing in Dictatorships. *Journal of Politics*, 75(2), 300-316.

### **Week 4: Democracy and democratization**

#### Background

Geddes, Barbara (2007). What Causes Democratization? In C. Boix & S. Stokes (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*. New York: Oxford University Press.

#### Readings

Przeworski, Adam, & Limongi, Fernando (1997). Modernization: Theories and Facts. *World Politics*, 49(2), 155-183.

Boix, Carles, & Stokes, Susan (2003). Endogenous Democratization. *World Politics*, 55(4), 517--549.

Rueschemeyer, Dietrich, Stephens, Evelyne H., & Stephens, John D. (1992). *Capitalist Development and Democracy*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press (chapters 2-3).

O'Donnell, Guillermo, & Schmitter, Philippe C. (1986). *Transitions from Authoritarian Rule: Tentative Conclusions about Uncertain Democracies*. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press.

### **Week 5: Comparative political institutions 1: Systems of government (parliamentary and presidential regimes)**

#### Background

Cheibub, José A., & Limongi, Fernando (2002). Democratic Institutions and Regime Survival: Parliamentary and Presidential Democracies Reconsidered. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 5(1), 151-179.

## Readings

Linz, Juan J. (1990). The Perils of Presidentialism. *Journal of Democracy*, 1(1), 51-69.

Mainwaring, Scott, & Shugart, Matthew S. (1997). Juan Linz, Presidentialism, and Democracy: A Critical Appraisal. *Comparative Politics*, 29(4), 449-471.

Samuels, David J., & Shugart, Matthew S. (2010). *Presidents, Parties, and Prime Ministers: How the Separation of Powers Affects Party Organization and Behavior*. New York: Cambridge University Press (chapters 1-4).

Martin, Lanny W., & Stevenson, Randolph T. (2001). Government Formation in Parliamentary Democracies. *American Journal of Political Science*, 45(1), 33-50.

Amorim Neto, Octavio (2006). The Presidential Calculus: Executive Policy Making and Cabinet Formation in the Americas. *Comparative Political Studies*, 39(4), 415-440.

## **Week 6: Comparative political institutions 2: Electoral rules and party systems**

### Background

Gallagher, Michael, & Mitchell, Paul (2018). Dimensions of Variation in Electoral Systems. In E. S. Herron & R. J. S. Pekkanen, Matthew S. (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Electoral Systems*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Shugart, Matthew S., & Taagepera, Rein (2018). Electoral System Effects on Party Systems. In E. S. Herron & R. J. S. Pekkanen, Matthew S. (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Electoral Systems*. New York: Oxford University Press.

### Readings

Amorim Neto, Octavio, & Cox, Gary W. (1997). Electoral Institutions, Cleavage Structures, and the Number of Parties. *American Journal of Political Science*, 41(1), 149-174.

Clark, William R., & Golder, Matt (2006). Rehabilitating Duverger's Theory. *Comparative Political Studies*, 39(6), 679-708.

Blais, André, Dobrzynska, Agnieszka, & Indridason, Indridi H. (2004). To Adopt or Not to Adopt Proportional Representation: The Politics of Institutional Choice. *British Journal of Political Science*, 35(1), 182-190.

Boix, Carles (1999). Setting the Rules of the Game: The Choice of Electoral Systems in Advanced Democracies. *American Political Science Review*, 93(3), 609-624.

## **Week 7: Comparative political economy 1: Economic development**

### Background

Engerman, Stanley L., & Sokoloff, Kenneth L. (2008). Debating the Role of Institutions in Political and Economic Development: Theory, History, and Findings. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 11(1), 119-135.

### Readings

Valenzuela, J. Samuel, & Valenzuela, Arturo (1978). Modernization and Dependency: Alternative Perspectives in the Study of Latin American Underdevelopment. *Comparative Politics*, 10(4), 535-557.

Bates, Robert H. (1981). *States and Markets in Tropical Africa: The Political Basis of Agricultural Policy*. Berkeley: University of California Press (chapter 1).

Acemoglu, Daron, Johnson, Simon, & Robinson, James A. (2001). The Colonial Origins of Comparative Development: An Empirical Investigation. *American Economic Review*, 91(5), 1369-1401.

North, Douglass C. (1991). Institutions. *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 5(1), 97-112.

Easterly, William, & Levine, Ross (1997). Africa's Growth Tragedy: Policies and Ethnic Divisions. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 112(4), 1203-1250.

## **Week 8: Comparative political economy 2: Welfare states**

### Background

Mares, Isabela (2009). The Comparative Political Economy of the Welfare State. In Mark I. Lichbach & Alan S. Zuckerman (Eds.), *Comparative Politics: Rationality, Culture and Structure* (2nd Edition). New York: Cambridge University Press.

### Readings

Esping-Andersen, Gøsta (1990). *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*. Princeton: Princeton University Press (chapters 1-2).

Garay, Candelaria (2016). *Social Policy Expansion in Latin America*. New York: Cambridge University Press (chapters 1-3).

Huber, Evelyn, & Stephens, John D. (2001). *Development and Crisis of the Welfare State: Parties and Policies in Global Markets*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press (chapters 1-3).

Pierson, Paul (1996). The New Politics of the Welfare State. *World Politics*, 48(2), 143-179.

## **Week 9: Civil wars**

### Background

Kalyvas, Stathis N. (2007). Civil Wars. In C. Boix & S. Stokes (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*. New York: Oxford University Press.

### Readings

Fearon, James D., & Laitin, David D. (2003). Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War. *American Political Science Review*, 97(1), 75-90.

Collier, Paul, & Hoeffler, Anke (2004). Greed and grievance in civil war. *Oxford Economic Papers*, 56(4), 563-595.

Kalyvas, Stathis N. (2006). *The Logic of Violence in Civil War*. New York: Cambridge University Press (chapters 4-7).

Arjona, Ana (2016). *Rebelocracy: Social Order in the Colombian Civil War*. New York: Cambridge University Press (chapters 1-3).

## **Week 10: Comparative political behavior: Accountability models and economic voting**

### Background

Przeworski, Adam, Stokes, Susan C., & Manin, Bertrand (1999). *Democracy, Accountability, and Representation*. New York: Cambridge University Press (chapters 1-2).

### Readings

van der Brug, Wouter, van der Eijk, Cees, & Franklin, Mark (2007). *The Economy and the Vote: Economic Conditions and Elections in Fifteen Countries*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Powell, G. Bingham, & Whitten, Guy D. (1993). A Cross-National Analysis of Economic Voting: Taking Account of the Political Context. *American Journal of Political Science*, 37(2), 391-414.

Campello, D., & Zucco Jr., C. (2016). Presidential Success and the World Economy. *Journal of Politics*, 78(2), 589-602.

Carlin, Ryan E., & Hellwig, Timothy (in press). The World Economy, Political Control, and Presidential Success. *Journal of Politics*.

# Recommended Readings

## 1) Approaches to Comparative Politics

### 1.1. Overview of the field

Blyth, Mark (2006). Great Punctuations: Prediction, Randomness, and the Evolution of Comparative Political Science. *American Political Science Review*, 100(4), 493-498.

Laitin, David (2003). Comparative Politics: The State of the Subdiscipline. In Ira Katznelson & Helen Milner (Eds.), *Political Science: The State of the Discipline*. New York: W.W. Norton.

Munck, Gerardo L., & Snyder, Richard (2007). *Passion, Craft, and Method in Comparative Politics*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press (chapters 1-2).

### 1.2. Methodology and research design

Bates, Robert H. (2007). From Case Studies to Social Science: A Strategy for Political Research. In Carles Boix & Susan Stokes (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Brady, Henry E. (2008). Causation and Explanation in Social Science. In Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier, Henry E. Brady, & David Collier (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Political Methodology*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Brady, Henry E., & Collier, David (Eds.). (2004). *Rethinking Social Inquiry: Diverse Tools, Shared Standards*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

Dunning, Thad (2012). *Natural Experiments in the Social Sciences: A Design-Based Approach*. New York: Cambridge University Press (chapter 1).

Geddes, Barbara (2003). *Paradigms and Sand Castles: Theory Building and Research Design in Comparative Politics*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Gerber, Alan S., & Green, Donald P. (2012). *Field Experiments*. New York: W.W. Norton (chapter 1).

Gerring, John (2007). The Case Study: What it is and What it Does. In C. Boix & S. Stokes (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics* (pp. 90-122). New York: Oxford University Press.

Healy, Kieran (2017). Fuck Nuance. *Sociological Theory*, 35(2), 118-127.

King, G., Keohane, R. O., & Verba, S. (1994). *Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research*. Princeton: Princeton University Press (pp. 3-9, 34-46, 124-149).

Lieberman, Evan S. (2005). Nested Analysis as a Mixed-Method Strategy for Comparative Research. *American Political Science Review*, 99(3), 435-452.

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



Mahoney, James, & Rueschemeyer, Dietrich (Eds.). (2003). *Comparative Historical Analysis in the Social Sciences*. New York: Cambridge University Press (chapters 1 & 10).

Peters, B. Guy (1998). *Comparative Politics: Theory and Methods*. New York: New York University Press.

Ragin, Charles C. (1987). *The Comparative Method: Moving Beyond Qualitative and Quantitative Strategies*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Sartori, Giovanni (1970). Concept Misformation in Comparative Politics. *American Political Science Review*, 64(4), 1033-1053.

Seawright, Jason, & Gerring, John (2008). Case Selection Techniques in Case Study Research. *Political Research Quarterly*, 61(2), 294-308.

Thelen, Kathleen (1999). Historical Institutionalism in Comparative Politics. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 2, 369-404.

## **2) States and state formation**

### 2.1. Reviews and definition

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

Skocpol, Theda (1985). Bringing the State Back In: Strategies of Analysis in Current Research. In P. B. Evans, D. Rueschemeyer, & T. Skocpol (Eds.), *Bringing the State Back In*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Weber, Max (1946 [1919]). Politics as a Vocation. In H. H. Gerth & C. Wright Mills (Eds.), *From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology*. New York: Oxford University Press.

### 2.2. State formation and state building

Abramson, Scott F. (2016). The Economic Origins of the Territorial State. *International Organization*, 71(1), 97-130.

Barkey, Karen (1994). *Bandits and Bureaucrats: The Ottoman Route to State Centralization*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

Blaydes, Lisa (2017). State Building in the Middle East. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 20, 487-504.

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

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

Skowronek, Stephen (1982). "The New State and American Political Development." Chapter 1 in *Building a New American State: The Expansion of National Administrative Capacities, 1877-1920*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Spruyt, Hendrik (1994). *The Sovereign State and Its Competitors: An Analysis of Systems Change*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Spruyt, Hendrik (2002). The Origins, Development, and Possible Decline of the Modern State. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 5(1), 127-149.

Thies, Cameron G. (2005). War, Rivalry, and State Building in Latin America. *American Journal of Political Science*, 49(3), 451-465.

Vu, Tuong (2010). Studying the State through State Formation. *World Politics*, 62(1), 148-175.

### 2.3. State strength (and failure)

Bates, Robert H. (2008). *When Things Fell Apart: State Failure in Late-Century Africa*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

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

Herbst, Jeffrey (2014). *States and Power in Africa: Comparative Lessons in Authority and Control* (second edition). Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Huntington, Samuel P. (1968). *Political Order in Changing Societies*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Levi, Margaret (1981). The Predatory Theory of Rule. *Politics & Society*, 10(4), 431-465.

Marten, Kimberly (2012). *Warlords: Strong-Arm Brokers in Weak States*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

Migdal, Joel S. (1988). *Strong Societies and Weak States: State-Society Relations and State Capabilities in the Third World*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Nordlinger, Eric (1981). *On the Autonomy of the Democratic State*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

O'Donnell, Guillermo (1993). On the State, Democratization and Some Conceptual Problems: A Latin American View with Glances at Some Postcommunist Countries. *World Development*, 21(8), 1355-1369.

Slater, Dan (2010). *Ordering Power: Contentious Politics and Authoritarian Leviathans in Southeast Asia*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

## **3) The politics of authoritarianism**

### 3.1. Overview

Cheibub, Jose A., Gandhi, Jennifer, & Vreeland, James R. (2010). Democracy and dictatorship revisited. *Public Choice*, 143 (1-2), 67-101.

Frantz, Erica (2016). Autocracy. In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Friedrich, Carl J., & Brzezinski, Zbigniew K. (1965). *Totalitarian Dictatorship and Autocracy*. Cambridge Harvard University Press (chapters 1-6).

### 3.2. Governance in authoritarian regimes

Blaydes, Lisa (2018). *State of Repression: Iraq under Saddam Hussein*. Princeton: Princeton University Press (chapter 2).

Brownlee, Jason (2007). *Authoritarianism in an Age of Democratization*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce, Smith, Alastair, Siverson, Randolph M., & Morrow, James D. (2004). *The Logic of Political Survival*. Cambridge: The MIT Press (chapters 2-3).

Frye, Timothy, Reuter, Ora J., & Szakonyi, David (2014). Political Machines at Work Voter Mobilization and Electoral Subversion in the Workplace. *World Politics*, 66(2), 195-228.

Gandhi, Jennifer (2010). *Political Institutions under Dictatorship*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Gandhi, Jennifer, & Lust-Okar, Ellen (2009). Elections Under Authoritarianism. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 12, 403-422.

Svolik, Milan (2012). *The Politics of Authoritarian Rule*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

### 3.3. Authoritarianism and policy outcomes

Albertus, Michael (2015). *Autocracy and Redistribution: The Politics of Land Reform*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Olson, Mancur (1993). Dictatorship, Democracy, and Development. *American Political Science Review*, 87(3), 567-576.

### 3.4. Authoritarian rhetoric, censorship, and propaganda

Huang, Haifeng (2015). Propaganda as Signaling. *Comparative Politics*, 47(4), 419-437.

King, Gary, Pan, Jennifer, & Roberts, Margaret E. (2013). How Censorship in China Allows Government Criticism but Silences Collective Expression. *American Political Science Review*, 107(2), 326-343.

Miller, Michael K. (2014). Elections, Information, and Policy Responsiveness in Autocratic Regimes. *Comparative Political Studies*, 48(6), 691-727.

Rozenas, Arturas, & Stukal, Denis (2019). How Autocrats Manipulate Economic News: Evidence from Russia's State-Controlled Television. *Journal of Politics*, 81(3), 982-996.

Wedeen, Lisa (1999). *Ambiguities of Domination: Politics, Rhetoric, and Symbols in Contemporary Syria*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

### 3.5. One-party regimes

Greene, Kenneth F. (2009). The Political Economy of Authoritarian Single-Party Dominance. *Comparative Political Studies*, 43(7), 807-834.

Smith, Benjamin (2005). Life of the Party: The Origins of Regime Breakdown and Persistence under Single-Party Rule. *World Politics*, 57(3), 421-451.

### 3.6. Military rule

Geddes, Barbara, Frantz, Erica, & Wright, Joseph G. (2014). Military Rule. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 17(1), 147-162.

Londregan, John B., & Poole, Keith T. (1990). Poverty, the Coup Trap, and the Seizure of Executive Power. *World Politics*, 42(2), 151-183.

Nordlinger, Eric A. (1977). *Soldiers in Politics: Military Coups and Governments*: Prentice Hall.

### 3.7. Hybrid regimes

Brownlee, Jason (2009). Portents of Pluralism: How Hybrid Regimes Affect Democratic Transitions. *American Journal of Political Science*, 53(3), 515-532.

Diamond, Larry (2002). Thinking About Hybrid Regimes. *Journal of Democracy*, 13(2), 21-35.

Levitsky, Steven, & Way, Lucan A. (2010). *Competitive Authoritarianism: Hybrid Regimes after the Cold War*. New York: Cambridge University Press (chapters 1-2).

## **4) Democracy and democratization**

### 4.1. Democracy: conceptualization and measurement

Collier, David, & Levitsky, Steven (1997). Democracy with Adjectives: Conceptual Innovation in Comparative Research. *World Politics*, 49(3), 430-451.

Coppedge, Michael (2012). *Democratization and Research Methods*. New York: Cambridge University Press (chapter 2).

Dahl, Robert A. (1971). *Polyarchy: Participation and Opposition*. New Haven: Yale University Press (pp. 1-32).

Elkins, Zachary (2000). Gradations of Democracy? Empirical Tests of Alternative Conceptualizations. *American Journal of Political Science*, 44(2), 293-300.

### 4.2. The economic and sociological foundations of democratization

Acemoglu, Daren, & Robinson, James A. (2006). *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*. New York: Cambridge University Press (chapters 1-3).

Almond, Gabriel A., & Verba, Sidney (1963). *The Civic Culture: Political Attitudes and Democracy in Five Nations*. Princeton: Princeton University Press (chapters 1 & 12-13).

Ansell, Ben, & Samuels, David (2010). Inequality and Democratization: A Contractarian Approach. *Comparative Political Studies*, 43(12), 1543-1574.

Boix, Carles (2003). *Democracy and Redistribution*. New York: Cambridge University Press (chapters 1-2).

Fish, Steven (2002). Islam and Authoritarianism. *World Politics*, 55(1), 4-37.

Lipset, Seymour M. (1959). Some Social Requisites of Democracy: Economic Development and Political Legitimacy. *American Political Science Review*, 53(1), 69-105.

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

Przeworski, Adam, Alvarez, Michael E., Cheibub, Jose A., & Limongi, Fernando (2000). *Democracy and Development: Political Institutions and Well-Being in the World, 1950-1990*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Ross, Michael (2001). Does Oil Hinder Democracy? *World Politics*, 53(3), 325-361.

Skocpol, Theda (1973). A Critical Review of Barrington Moore's Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy. *Politics & Society*, 4(1), 1-34.

Treisman, Daniel (2015). Income, Democracy, and Leader Turnover. *American Journal of Political Science*, 59(4), 927-942.

Ziblatt, Daniel. (2011). How Did Europe Democratize? *World Politics*, 58(2), 311-338.

#### 4.3. The political and strategic sources of democratization

Bratton, Michael, & Van de Walle, Nicholas (1997). *Democratic Experiments in Africa: Regime Transitions in Comparative Perspective*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Bratton, Michael, & Van de Walle, Nicolas (1994). Neo-Patrimonial Regimes and Political Transitions in Africa. *World Politics*, 46(4), 453-489.

Diaz-Cayeros, Alberto, & Magaloni, Beatriz (2016). Party Dominance and the Logic of Electoral Design in Mexico's Transition to Democracy. *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 13(3), 271-293.

Edgell, Amanda B., Mechkova, Valeriya, Altman, David, Bernhard, Michael, & Lindberg, Staffan I. (2018). When and where do elections matter? A global test of the democratization by elections hypothesis, 1900-2010. *Democratization*, 25(3), 422-444.

Epstein, David L., Bates, Robert H., Goldstone, Jacj, Kristensen, Ida, & O'Halloran, Sharyn (2006). Democratic Transitions. *American Journal of Political Science*, 50(3), 551-569.

Kuran, Timur (1991). Now out of Never: The Element of Surprise in the East European Revolution of 1989. *World Politics*, 44(1), 7-48.

Przeworski, Adam (1991). *Democracy and the Market: Political and Economic Reforms in Eastern Europe and Latin America*. New York: Cambridge University Press (chapters 1-2).

Weingast, Barry R. (1997). The Political Foundations of Democracy and the Rule of Law. *American Political Science Review*, 91(2), 245-263.

Wood, Elizabeth J. (2000). *Forging Democracy from Below: Insurgent Transitions in South Africa and El Salvador*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

#### 4.4. The international dimensions of democratization

Brinks, Daniel M., & Coppedge, Michael (2006). Diffusion is no Illusion: Neighbor Emulation in the Third Wave of Democracy. *Comparative Political Studies*, 39(4), 463-489.

Huntington, Samuel P. (1991). *The Third Wave: Democratization in the Late Twentieth Century*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press.

Weyland, Kurt (2014). *Making Waves: Democratic Contention in Europe and Latin America since the Revolutions of 1848*. New York: Cambridge University Press (chapters 1-3).

#### **5) Political institutions 1: Presidential and parliamentary systems**

Carreras, Miguel (2017). Institutions, governmental performance and the rise of political newcomers. *European Journal of Political Research*, 56(2), 364-380.

Cheibub, José A. (2002). Minority Governments, Deadlock Situations, and the Survival of Presidential Democracies. *Comparative Political Studies*, 35(3), 284-312.

Cheibub, José A., Elkins, Zachary, & Ginsburg, Tom (2013). Beyond Presidentialism and Parliamentarism. *British Journal of Political Science*, 44(3), 515-544.

Elgie, Robert (2007). From Linz to Tsebelis: three waves of presidential/parliamentary studies? *Democratization*, 12(1), 106-122.

Haggard, Stephan, & McCubbins, Mathew D. (2010). *Presidents, Parliaments, and Policy*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Huber, John D. (1996). The Vote of Confidence in Parliamentary Democracies. *American Political Science Review*, 90(2), 269-282.

Lijphart, Arend (1999). *Patterns of Democracy: Government Forms and Performance in Thirty-Six Countries*. New Haven: Yale University Press (chapters 1-3).

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