

## Political Science 744 Democratic Transitions

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### Course Description

What do they know of England who only England know? – Rudyard Kipling  
Officials come to their positions of power in ways that vary over time and space. Comparativists have, historically, focused their attentions on democracies and on transitions from non-democratic regimes to democratic ones. This seminar aims to have a different, broader focus: the politics of non-democratic regimes and regime transitions of all kinds, with an emphasis on empirical analysis.

### Course Requirements

Participation & Attendance	30%
Response Papers (3)	30%
Research Prospectus	40%

Participation & Attendance – The course is a seminar and so your attendance and active participation in the discussion is required. Each student will be asked to take the lead in discussing the week’s reading once through the quarter.

Response papers – Each student is responsible for writing 3 response papers during the quarter. Response papers synthesize the readings of the week. The brief two to three page pieces are shared with the class and instructor by noon on Monday before our session.

Research Prospectus – By the end of the quarter, students are expected to turn in a research prospectus. The nature of the prospectus is described in the Week 1 piece by Roeder and in course discussions. All students should send me: (1) an idea by week 4, (2) an abstract and outline by week 6, (3) a list of data sources by week 8.

### Academic Misconduct

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### Disability Services

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needs. The Office for Disability Services is located in 150 Pomerene Hall, 1760 Neil Avenue; telephone 292-3307, TDD 292-0901; <http://www.ods.ohio-state.edu/>.

### Schedule of Readings

Available on [carmen.osu.edu](http://carmen.osu.edu) and/or with links below.

\* designates recommended, not required readings.

#### Week 01 – Introduction

Jan. 3

- [1] Phil Roeder. 2001. "Research Prospectus."
- [2] Adam Przeworski. 1991. *Democracy and the Market*. Prologue.
- [3] "Big, Unanswered Questions in Comparative Politics." APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter, Winter 2008.
- [4] Humphreys 2010. Political Economy of Development Syllabus.
- [5] APSA-Comparative Democratization Newsletter. October 2011.

#### Week 02 – Measurement of Democracy

Jan. 10

- [1] Gerardo Munck & Jay Verkuilen. 2002. "Conceptualizing and Measuring Democracy: Evaluating Alternative Indices." *Comparative Political Studies*.
- [2] Adam Przeworski, Michael Alvarez, Jose Cheibub, & Fernando Limongi. 2000. *Democracy and Development: Political Institutions and Well-Being in the World, 1950-1990*. Introduction & Chapter 1.
- [3] Kristian Gleditsch & Michael Ward. 1997. "Double Take: A Reexamination of Democracy and Autocracy in Modern Polities." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.
- [4] The Quality of Government Dataset Codebook. April 2011 version. [http://www.qog.pol.gu.se/data/OoG\\_Codebook\\_v6Apr11.pdf](http://www.qog.pol.gu.se/data/OoG_Codebook_v6Apr11.pdf)
- [5] Monty Marshall & Keith Jaggers. 2007. "Polity IV Project: Dataset Users' Manual." <http://www.systemicpeace.org/inscr/p4manualv2010.pdf>

[1\*] Shawn Treier & Simon Jackman. 2008. "Democracy as a Latent Variable." *AJPS*.

[2\*] Freedom in the World. Freedom House. <http://www.freedomhouse.org/>

#### Week 03 – Autocratic Regimes Types

Jan. 17

- [1] Barbara Geddes. 2004. "Authoritarian Breakdown." *Working Paper*.
- [2] Juan Linz. 2000. *Totalitarian and Authoritarian Regimes*. Introduction & Chapter 1.
- [3] Jose Cheibub, Jennifer Gandhi, & James Vreeland 2010. "Democracy and Dictatorship Revisited." *Public Choice*. pp. 67-101.
- [4] Axel Hadenius & Jan Teorell. 2007. "Pathways from Authoritarianism." *Journal of Democracy*.

[1\*] Leonard Schapiro & John Lewis. 1969. "The Roles of the Monolithic Party under the Totalitarian Leader." *The China Quarterly*.

## **Week 04 – Development and Democracy**

Jan. 24

- [1] Adam Przeworski, Michael Alvarez, Jose Cheibub, & Fernando Limongi. 2000. *Democracy and Development: Political Institutions and Well-Being in the World, 1950-1990*. Chapter 2.
- [2] Carles Boix 2011. *Democracy, Development, and the International System*. APSR.
- [3] James Robinson. 2006. "Economic Development and Democracy." *Annual Review of Political Science*.
- [4] Robert Kaufman. 2009. "The Political Effects of Inequality in Latin America: Some Inconvenient Facts." *Comparative Politics*.

- [1\*] Seymour Lipset. 1959. "Some Social Requisites of Democracy: Economic Development and Political Legitimacy." *American Political Science Review*.
- [2\*] Carles Boix & Susan Stokes. 2003. "Endogenous Democratization." *World Politics*.
- [3\*] Thad Dunning. 2008. *Crude Democracy: Natural Resource Wealth & Political Regimes*. Chs 1-2.

## **Week 05 – Transitions I**

Jan. 31

- [1] Timur Kuran. 1991. "Now out of Never: The Element of Surprise in the East European Revolution of 1989." *World Politics*.
  - [2] Stathis Kalyvas. 1999. "The Decay and Breakdown of Communist One-Party Systems." *Annual Review of Political Science*.
  - [3] Steven Solnick. 1999. *Stealing the State: Control and Collapse in Soviet Institutions*. Introduction & Chapters 1-3.
  - [4] Mark Beissinger. 2007. "Structure and example in modular political phenomena: The diffusion of Bulldozer/Rose/Orange/Tulip Revolutions." *Perspectives on Politics*. pp. 259-276.
  - [5] Stephen Haggard & Robert Kaufman. 1997. "The Political Economy of Democratic Transitions." *Comparative Politics*.
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- [1\*] Philip Roeder. 1993. *Red Sunset: The Failure of Soviet Politics*. Chapters 1, 6, & 10.
  - [2\*] Barry Weingast. 1997. "The Political Foundations of Democracy and the Rule of Law." *American Political Science Review*.

## **Week 06 – Transitions II**

Feb. 7

- [1] Alberto Diaz-Cayeros, Beatriz Magaloni, & Barry Weingast. 2003. "Tragic Brilliance: Equilibrium Hegemony and Democratization in Mexico." *Working Paper*.
- [2] Thomas Pepinsky. 2009. *Economic Crises and the Breakdown of Authoritarian Regimes: Indonesia and Malaysia in Comparative Perspective*. Chapters 1 & 2.
- [3] Tarek Masoud 2011. "The Road to & from Liberation Square." *J. of Democracy*. pp. 21-34.
- [4] Peter Schraeder & Hamadi Redissi 2011. "Ben Ali's Fall." *J. of Dem.* pp. 5-19.
- [5] Lucan Way. 2011. "Comparing the Arab Revolts – The Lessons of 1989." *J. of Dem.* pp. 17-27.

## **Week 07 – Regime Survival – Control and Violence**

Feb. 14

- [1] Barbara Geddes & John Zaller. 1989. "Sources of Popular Support for Authoritarian Regimes." *American Journal of Political Science*.
- [2] Mark Thompson. 2001. "To Shoot or Not to Shoot: Posttotalitarianism in China and Eastern Europe." *Comparative Politics*.
- [3] Leonard Wantchekon. 2004. "The Paradox of 'Warlord' Democracy: A Theoretical Investigation." *American Political Science Review*.
- [4] John Londregan & Keith Poole. 1990. "Poverty, the Coup Trap, and the Seizure of Executive Power." *World Politics*.

[1\*] James Fearon & David Laitin. 2003. "Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War." *APSR*.

[2\*] Ronald Wintrobe. 1990. "The Tinpot and the Totalitarian: An Economic Theory of Dictatorship." *APSR*.

## **Week 08 – Regimes and Redistribution**

Feb. 21

- [1] Isabela Mares & Matthew Carnes. 2009. "Social Policy in Developing Countries." *Annual Review of Political Science*.
- [2] Kimuli Kasara. 2007. "Tax Me If You Can: Ethnic Geography, Democracy, and the Taxation of Agriculture in Africa." *American Political Science Review*.
- [3] Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, James D. Morrow, Randolph M. Siverson, & Alastair Smith. 2002. "Political Institutions, Policy Choice and the Survival of Leaders." *British Journal of Political Science*.
- [4] Lisa Blaydes & Mark Kayser 2009. "Counting Calories: Democracy and Distribution in the Developing World." *Working Paper*.

[1\*] Robert Bates. 1984. *Markets and States in Tropical Africa*.

[2\*] Susan Shirk. 1993. *Political Logic of Economic Reform in China*.

## **Week 09 – Elections in Non-Democracies**

Feb. 28

- [1] James Fearon. 2006. "Self-Enforcing Democracy." *Working Paper*.
- [2] Jennifer Gandhi & Ellen Lust-Okar. 2009. "Elections under Authoritarianism." *Annual Review of Political Science*.
- [3] Beatriz Magaloni. 2006. Voting for Autocracy: Hegemonic Party Survival and its Demise in Mexico. Introduction & Chapters 1-4.
- [4] Gary Cox. 2009. "Authoritarian Elections and Leadership Succession, 1975-2004."
- [5] Susan Hyde & Nikolay Marinov. 2009. "National Elections across Democracy and Autocracy." *Working Paper*.

## **Week 10 – Prospectus Presentations**

Mar. 6