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Introduction to Comparative Politics

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Readings

In this course, we will read a combination of books, book chapters and journal articles. The books are available for purchase at the Bookstore or, alternatively, are on reserve at Rush Rhees Library. Journal articles and chapters

Seymour Martin Lipset, Political Man, Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP, 1981. Chapter 2.

Samuel Huntington, "Democracy's Third Wave," in Larry Diamond and Marc Plattner, eds, The Global Resurgence of Democracy, Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP, 1996. 3-25.

James Davies, "Toward a Theory of Revolution," American Sociological Review, 27.1(1962): 5-19.

Eric Selbin, "Revolution in the Real World: Bringing Agency Back In," in John Foran, ed, Theorizing Revolutions, London: Routledge, 1997. 123-136.

October 22 and 24: Revolutions around the World: Cases

Farideh Farhi, "State Disintegration and Urban-Based Revolutionary Crisis: A Comparative Analysis of Iran and Nicaragua," Comparative Political Studies, 21.2(1988). 231-256.

Richard Snyder, "Paths out of Sultanistic Regimes: Combining Structural and Voluntarist Approaches," in H.E. Chehabi and Juan J. Linz, eds, Sultanistic Regimes, Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP, 1998. 49-81.

Goodwin, Jeff. No Other Way Out, Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2001. Chapters 5 and 6.

October 29: Midterm review

No new readings

October 31: In-class MIDTERM

November 5 and 7: Do Institutions Matter? Presidentialism versus Parliamentarism

Juan Linz, "The Perils of Presidentialism," in Diamond and Plattner (eds), The Global Resurgence of Democracy, Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP, 1996. 124-142.

Juan Linz, "The Virtues of Parliamentarism," in Diamond and Plattner (eds), The Global Resurgence of Democracy, Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP, 1996. 154-161.

Donald Horowitz, "Comparing Democratic Systems," in Diamond and Plattner (eds), The Global Resurgence of Democracy, Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP, 1996. 143-149

S.E. Lipset, "The Centrality of Political Culture," in Diamond and Plattner (eds), The Global Resurgence of Democracy, Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP, 1996. 150-153.

Jeffrey Archer, First Among Equals. New York: Harper Paperbacks, 1984. Chapters 1-10.

November 12 and 14: Do Institutions Matter? Electoral Systems

Arend Lijphart, "Constitutional Choices for New Democracies," in Diamond and Plattner (eds), The Global Resurgence of Democracy, Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP, 1996. 162-174.

Guy Lardeyat, "The Problem with PR," in Diamond and Plattner (eds), The Global Resurgence of Democracy, Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP, 1996. 175-180

Quentin Quade, "PR and Democratic Statecraft," in Diamond and Plattner (eds), The Global Resurgence of Democracy, Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP, 1996. 181-186

Scott Mainwaring, "Presidentialism, Multipartyism and Democracy," Comparative Political Studies, 26.2(1993): 198-228.

Arend Lijphart, "Reforming the House: Three Moderately Radical Proposals," P.S.: Political Science and Politics, 31.1(1998): 10-13.

November 19: Do Institutions Matter? Political Party Systems

Arend Lijphart, "Party Systems: Two Party and Multi-Party Patterns," Patterns of Democracy, New Haven: Yale UP, 1999. Chapter 5.

Octavio Amorim Neto and Gary Cox. "Electoral Institutions, Cleavage Structures and the Number of Parties." American Journal of Political Science. 41.1(1997): 149-174.

No class November 21

November 26 and 28: Politics and Culture: From Civic Culture to Social Capital

Robert D. Putnam, Making Democracy Work, Princeton: Princeton UP, 1993. Entire.

Robert D. Putnam, "Bowling Alone: America's Declining Social Capital," in Diamond and Plattner (eds), The Global Resurgence of Democracy, Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP, 1996: 290-303.

December 3 and 5: Politics and Culture: From Civic Culture to Social Capital (cases)

