

PSC101 Introduction to Comparative Politics

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| <u>Week</u> | <u>Lecture Themes</u> | <u>Assigned Reading</u> |
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| NO CLASSES WEEK OF JANUARY 12-14 | | |
| Jan. 17 | NO CLASS: MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY | |
| Jan. 19 | Democratic Systems Today | Syllabus; CPT Ch.1, all; CPT, Ch.2, skim; |
| Jan. 21 | Comparing Democracies | CPT, Ch.3, 43-51; Ch.6, 101-110. |
| Jan. 24 | Controlling Public Policy | CPT Ch. 5, 81-90. |
| Jan. 26 | U.S.A. in Comparative Perspective | CPT Ch. 19: Ranney: "US", esp. 712-723, 727-738, 742-745 |
| Jan. 28 | <u>Section meetings begin.</u> | Discuss: why gov?, concepts, citizen control, US democracy |
| Jan. 31 | Britain as Majoritarian Democracy | CPT, Ch. 8: Rose , esp. 160-173, 185-190.(Ch.6, 101-110) |
| Feb. 2 | British Political Culture | CPT, Ch. 8, esp. 153-160, 173-182, 197.(Reread Ch.3) |
| Feb. 4 | Discuss: British political system | (Compare to US) |
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| SPRING BREAK MARCH 7-11 NO CLASSES | | |
| Mar. 14 | Russia: Transition from Dictatorship to Democracy? | CPT, Ch. 12: Remington, "Russia" 355-362. |
| Mar. 16 | Russia: Constitutional Arrangements | CPT, Ch. 12:362-369,391-394. (Also, Ch. 2, 35-38). |
| Mar. 18 | Discuss: Russian "transition" & current constitution | |
| Mar. 21 | Russian Political Culture | CPT, Ch.12, Russia,370-377. |
| Mar. 23 | Russia: Parties, Voters, Elections | CPT, Ch. 12, 381-386. Website TBA |
| Mar. 25 | Discuss: Russian culture, party competition, elections | |
| *Mar. 28 | Russia: Presidential Domination of Policy-making | CPT, Ch.12, 377-381, 381-388. |
| | *LECTURE MOVED TO Lower Strong THIS DAY ONLY | |
| Mar. 30 | Russia: Elections and Limits of Citizen Control | ? M-Apr 2004 |
| Apr. 1 | Discuss: Russian Democracy | Optional Quiz on Russia |
| Apr. 4 | Germany: Development of a Democratic Culture | CPT, Ch. 10, Dalton: "Germany," 253-263,267-276. |
| Apr. 6 | Germany: Constitution | CPT, Ch. 10, 263-267, 280-293; CPT, Ch. 6:113-120 (& 101-110) |
| Apr. 8 | Discuss: German history, culture, constitution | |