

Requirements

This advanced seminar is open to those students who have already taken other comparative or American political science courses, or by permission of the instructor. However, no prior coursework on party politics or political systems is required to take this course.

Informed participation in class: Students are expected to attend and participate in all class meetings. This seminar places an emphasis on discussion and debate,

**Week Three
around the World (6 Feb.)**

-Periphery Cleavage Examples from

Isaacs, Harold. "Basic Group Identity: The Idols of the Tribe," in Nathan Glazar and Daniel P. Moynihan, eds, Ethnicity: Theory and Experience, Cambridge: Harvard UP, 1975. 29-52.

Bates, Robert H. "Modernization, Ethnic Competition and the Rationality of Politics in Contemporary Africa." In

No class, March 6: 1st Paper due

No class, March 13: SPRING BREAK

Part III: Structure and Constraints of the Party System

On what basis are party systems classified? What factors, in addition to social cleavages, affect the structure (number, competitiveness) of the party system? How does the organization of the party system affect the prospects for party success?

Week Six: Competing Models of Parties and Party Systems: Their Causes and Outcomes (20 Mar.)

For W students, one page research paper outline due. Individual meetings to discuss research paper topic this week.

Week Eight

**Week Eleven: Changing Models of Party Organizations and Course Wrap-Up
(1 May)**

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