

Student responsibilities include leading discussion of one of the readings in each seminar, drawing the class into describing and comparing the readings substantively and methodologically. (There will be some flexibility about this depending on the size of the class and the readings for the week.) A one-two page handout of notes should be provided. Grades will be based on these presentations and general class discussion (33%); the take-home “midterm,” (33%); and a take-home “final” (33%), covering the 2nd half of the course.

ACADEMIC HONESTY: All assignments and activities associated with this course must be performed in accordance with the University of Rochester's Academic Honesty Policy. More information is available at: www.rochester.edu/college/honesty. Be prepared to sign the Honor pledge on all exams and papers.

REQUIRED READINGS

You

Gandhi, Jennifer. *Political Institutions Under Dictatorship*. Cambridge 2008. Ch. 1, 3, 5
*Hyde, Susan. *The Pseudo-Democrats Dilemma: Why Election Monitoring Became
An International Norm*. Cornell 2011.

March 13 **SPRING BREAK – NO CLASS**

March 20 **Institutions II**

Shugart and Carey. *Presidents and Assemblies*. Cambridge 1992. Ch 1-3, 7,8.

Tsebelis, George, “Decision-Making in Political Systems: Veto Players in
Presidentialism, Parliamentarism, Multicameralism, and Multipartyism” in *BJPS*
1997: 289-325 .

Elkins and Ginsburg. *Endurance of National Constitutions*. Cambridge 2009. Chs 1,4,5,6

Helmke *Institutions on the Edge: Inter-branch Crises in Latin America*. Chs 1,3,4,6

March 27 **Parties, Elections and Election Rules**

Downs, Anthony. *Economic Theory of Democracy*, 1957, Ch. 7-8.

Boix, Carles. “Setting the Rules...” *APSR*, Sept 1999

*Cox, Gary. *Making Votes Count*, Cambridge 1997, Ch. 1-4, 7-8, 10,11, 12.

Iverson, Torben and David Soskice. “Electoral Institutions and Politics of Coalitions.
APSR 2006 165-182.

SELECTIONS to be announced.

April 3 **Voters, Citizens and Clients**

*Duch, Raymond and Randolph Stevenson, *The Economic Vote*. 2008, Ch. 1, 3, 9 (7).

Bhavnani, Rikhil R. and Lacina, Bethany. *The Effects of Weather-Induced Migration of Sons of the Soil Riots in India.* 2015.