

**PSC 558: Comparative Parties and Elections**  
Spring 2019  
Tuesdays 12:35pm – 3:15pm  
Harkness 329

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How and why do political parties emerge? What determines party success and failure? What are the causes and consequences of adopting different electoral rules? Under what conditions does strategBDC /TT0(

d to actively contribute to the discussion each and  
the material prior to the class. In preparing for  
e substantive and methodological aspects of each  
ther. Student responsibilities include leading  
drawing the class into describing and comparing  
there will be some flexibility about this depending  
k.) A one page handout of notes should be  
ns and general class discussion (33%); the take

of the assigned due date will automatically receive a zero.

### **REQUIRED READINGS**

In this course, we read a combination of books, book chapters and journal articles. Art  
chapters will be available through Blackboard. The books for the course are listed belo  
of each book will be on reserve in the library, but you will probably find it easier to pu  
Note that some of these books are also available as e-books through [lib.rochester.edu](http://lib.rochester.edu).

Chhibber, Pradeep and Ken Kollman. 2004. *The Formation of National Party*





Magaloni, Beatriz. 2006. *Voting for Autocracy*. Cambridge: Cambridge UP. Introduction.

**February 26: Explaining Party Success and Failure II**

*\*\*Take-Home Midterm handed out in class. Due March 7 by noon.*

Meguid, Bonnie M. 2008. *Party Competition between Unequals: Strategies and Electoral Fortunes in Western Europe*. Cambridge: Cambridge UP. Chapters 1-4 plus 1 case study chapter (either ch 5, 6 or 7)

Adams, James, et al. 2006. "Are Niche Parties Fundamentally Different from Mainstream Parties?" *Journal of Democracy*, 27(1): 1-16.



### **April 23: Electoral Aggregation**

Cox, Gary. 1997. *Making Votes Count*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Chapter 10.

Chhibber, Pradeep and Ken Kollman. 2004. *The Formation of National Party Systems: Federalism and Party Competition in Canada, Great Britain, India, and the United States*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

### **April 30: Emerging Research on Parties and Elections**

Selected conference papers (TBA)

*\*\*Take-Home Final Exam handed out in class. Due TUESDAY, May 7 by 5pm.*