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## **POLI 120I: THE POLITICS OF ITALY**

**Course Objectives:** This course is designed to expose students to the modern Italian political process, focusing primarily on the time period from Italian unification (*Risorgimento*) to the present. The course will investigate the process of unification and the roots of the “Southern Question”, the rise and fall of fascism, the institutional and party system attributes of the First and Second Republics, *Tangentopoli*, the role that Silvio Berlusconi has played in shaping the Second Republic, and the effects of non-state actors (such as the Mafia) in shaping Italian governance.

### **Course Assignments/Grading:**

**Midterm Examination: 50%**

**Final Examination: 50%**

**Participation:** Students are expected to attend lecture having completed the assigned reading and able to participate in course discussions. We will also be discussing current events within the Italian system during lecture, subsequently; students that follow current events will be in a strong position to participate in these discussions. Current events analysis will occur at the beginning of each lecture, so students are strongly encouraged to be on time and ready to participate. The following is a list of new websites that may be of use. You may wish to sign up for e-mail alerts from your favorite websites. Information on setting up e-mail alerts will be discussed in class. The list is not exhaustive:

**New York Times Online (<http://www.nytimes.com>)**

**Economist Online (<http://www.economist.com>)**

**BBC News (<http://news.bbc.co.uk>)**

**Financial Times (<http://www.ft.com>)**

**Corriere della Sera English (<http://www.corriere.it/english/>)**

**La Stampa English (<http://www.lastampa.it/esteri/lastampa-in-english>)**

**Course Papers:** Course examinations will be 5-7 pages in length. Materials relating to format of the both examinations will be placed on the course website and will also be discussed in class.

**Late Assignments:** Barring documented emergencies, **no late assignments will be accepted.** Additionally, a hard copy of each paper is required; e-mail attachments will **not** be accepted.

**Academic Integrity:** While issues of plagiarism are not expected, course assignments are to be completed on an individual basis. Incidents of plagiarism will be dealt with according to department and university procedures. Please be advised that under no circumstances will students received credit for any assignment deemed to be in conflict with the university's policies on academic integrity.

**Reading Schedule:** Students should attend lecture prepared to actively discuss the course readings. Course participation grades are, in part, determined by familiarity with the course readings. Course examinations will draw heavily from course readings and lecture material. Please keep this in mind while planning for the session. A handout containing strategies for tackling academic readings can be found on the course website.

**Books (Required):**

Dickie. Cosa Nostra: A History of the Sicilian Mafia

Lyttleton. Liberal and Fascist Italy

Newell. Italy: Governance in a Normal Country

Reserves

Given the rising costs of textbooks, you may wish to shop around online. Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble.com, Textbooks.com all have used and new textbooks at competitive prices.

## **UNIT ONE: INTRODUCTION**

### **Week 1: Introduction**

Newell Introduction (Politics in a Normal Country)

## **UNIT TWO: CREATING THE ITALIAN STATE**

### **Cavour and Piedmont**

Cardoza (Cavour and Piedmont)

### **Week 2: Garibaldi and Southern Italy**

Riall (Garibaldi and the South)

Dickie pgs. 13-34

### **The Demise of the Papal States**

Kertzer (Excerpt *Prisoner of the Vatican*)

**Week 3: State Weakness and the Mafia**

Dickie pgs. 35-130

**Creating Liberal Italy**

Lyttleton CH 1, 3-4

**Week 4: The Rise (and Fall) of Fascism**

Dickie 131-160

Lyttleton CH 5-7

**MIDTERM DISTRIBUTED**

**UNIT FOUR: ITALY AND THE “FIRST REPUBLIC”**

**Week 5: Partocracy**

LaPalombara (Excerpt *Democracy Italian Style*)

Dickie 191-216

**The DC, the PCI, and Polarized Pluralism**

McCarthy (Postwar Settlement: Catholic Hegemony?)

D’Alimonte (PCI and the Historic Compromise)

Sartori (Polarized Pluralism)

**UNIT FIVE: ITALY AND THE “SECOND REPUBLIC”**

**Week 6: Tangentopoli and the Disintegration of the First Republic**

Newell pgs. 31-46

**Italian Second Republic: Political Institutions**

Newell CH 2 and 4

Economist (Institutions: Tangled Webs)

**Week 7: Italian Second Republic: Elections and Parties**

Newell CH 7

Economist (Berlusconi’s Legacy)

**Week 8: Difficulties in Governance: Clientelism and the Mafia**

Newell CH 5

Sabetti (Mafia and the Anti-Mafia)

Dickie Skim 217-310; Read 311-338

**Week 9: Difficulties in Governance: the Southern Question**

Newell CH 3

Putnam (Explaining Institutional Success)

Sabetti (Path Dependency and Civic Culture)

Economist (Oh, For a New Risorgimento)

**FINAL EXAMINATION DISTRIBUTED**

**UNIT SIX: TOWARDS A “THIRD REPUBLIC”?**

**Week 10: Prospects for Change**

Economist (Why Berlusconi Still Matters)

Economist (A Young Man in a Hurry)

Emmott (Italy’s Second Chance)

Mammone and Veltri (A ‘Sick Man’ in Europe)

**FINAL EXAMINATION DUE 11:30am-2:29pm 12 JUNE 2014**

***Disclaimer:** This syllabus is intended to provide an overview of the course. You cannot claim any rights from it. While the information included within the syllabus should be a reliable guide for the course, scheduling and dates may change. Official announcements are always those made in lecture.*