

## **PS220: State and Society**

### **Course Summary and Objectives**

This seminar complements Political Science 220B (Comparative Politics: Institutions) to prepare students for the Comparative Politics comprehensive exam and to provide them with the background and training necessary to undertake original research in comparative politics. Each week will introduce a new theme, typically a dependent variable in comparative politics. This seminar will focus on the non-institutional side of political science, specifically on themes such as culture, identity, behavior, order and violence. Although this course tries to be comprehensive, it is far from exhaustive. Students should familiarize themselves with the list of recommended readings as well in order to prepare for the comprehensive exam.

### **Requirements**

Students will be graded based on class participation (30%), one presentation (30%), and a final exam (40%) that mimics the comprehensive exam. The distribution of requirements is as follows:

- Class participation (30%): Students are expected to do all required readings for the week before coming to class, and to participate actively in class.
- Presentation (30%): Students will sign up to present one of the week's readings at the beginning of class. Presentations should last 15-20 minutes and synthesize the week's themes, by presenting:
  - The main research questions explored
  - The hypotheses tested
  - The empirical strategies used
  - The results found
  - The questions remaining

Presentations that simply summarize the readings will not be accepted.

- Final exam (40%): The final exam will be a take-home, closed-book, written exam, to be completed over the course of a weekend. Students will have to answer 3 out of 5 essay questions.

### **Week 1: Methods in Comparative Politics**

#### Required:

- Geddes, B. 2003. Paradigms and Sand Castles: Theory Building and Research Design in Comparative Politics. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press: Chapters 1-2
- Gerring, John. 2007. "The Case Study: What it is and What it Does." In Carles Boix and Susan C. Stokes, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*. New York: Oxford University Press: 90-122.
- Horiuchi, Imai and Taniguchi. 2007. "Designing and analyzing randomized experiments: application to a Japanese election survey experiment." *American Journal of Political Science* 51(3)
- Humphreys, Macartan and Jeremy M. Weinstein. 2009. "Field Experiments and the Political Economy of Development." *Annual Review of Political Science* 12: 367–378
- Lieberman, Howard and Lynch. 2004. "Symposium: Field Research." *Qualitative Methods Newsletter of the APSA Organized Section on Qualitative Methods* 2(1).
- Tsai, Lilly. 2010. "Quantitative research and issues of political sensitivity in rural China." In Contemporary Chinese Politics: New Sources, Methods, and Field Strategies. Carlson, Gallagher, Lieberthal and Manion, Eds. Cambridge University Press.

#### Recommended:

- Barrett, Chris and Jeff Cason. Overseas Research, A Practical Guide.
- Fearon, James D. 1991. "Counterfactuals and Hypothesis Testing in Political Science." *World Politics* 43(2): 169-195
- George, Alexander L. and Andrew Bennett. 2005. Case Studies and Theory Development in the Social Sciences. Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press: Chapter 1
- King, Gary, Robert O. Keohane, and Sidney Verba. 1994. Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press: Chapter 1
- Przeworski, Adam. 2007. "Is the Science of Comparative Politics Possible?" In Carles Boix and Susan C. Stokes, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*. New York: Oxford University Press: Chapter 6.
- Ragin, Charles C. 1987. The Comparative Method: Moving Beyond Qualitative and Quantitative Strategies. Berkeley: University of California Press: Chapter 1
- Shapiro, Ian in Ian Shapiro, Rogers M. Smith, and Tarek E. Masoud, eds. 2004. Problems and Methods in the Study of Politics. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press: Chapter 2

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## **Week 2: The State**

### Required:

- Bates, Robert. 1983. Essays on the Political Economy of Rural Africa. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press: Part I
- Ellickson, Robert. 1991. Order without Law: How Neighbors Settle Disputes. Cambridge: President and Fellows of Harvard College: Chapters 1-6
- Herbst, Jeffrey. 2000. States and Power in Africa. Princeton: Princeton University Press: Introduction and Chapters 1-5
- King, Charles. 2001. "The Benefits of Ethnic War: Understanding Eurasia's Unrecognized States." *World Politics* 53(4): 524-552.
- Tilly, Charles. 1990. Coercion, Capital, and European States: AD 990-1990. Cambridge: Blackwell: Chapters 1-4, 7

### Recommended:

- Krasner, Stephen D. 1984. "Review: Approaches to the State" Alternative Conceptions and Historical Dynamics." *Comparative Politics* 16(2).
- Levi, M. 1997. Consent, Dissent, and Patriotism Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- Migdal, J. Strong Societies and Weak States: Chapters 1 and 2
- Migdal, J.S. in Mark Irving Lichbach, and Alan S. Zuckerman , eds. 2009. Comparative Politics: Rationality, Culture, and Structure. New York: Cambridge University Press: Chapter 7
- North, Douglas Structure and Change in Economic History
- Olson, M. The Rise and Decline of Nations

### **Week 3: Autocracy**

#### Required:

- Havel, V. 1991. Open Letters: Selected Writings 1964-1990. New York: Knopf: "The Power of the Powerless"
- Lisa Blaydes. 2011. Elections and Distributive Politics in Mubarak's Egypt. Cambridge University Press: Chaps 1-4.
- Magaloni, Beatriz. 2006. Voting for Autocracy: Hegemonic Party Survival and its Demise in Mexico. New York: Cambridge University Press: Introduction and Chapter 1
- Tsai, L. 2007. Accountability without Democracy. Cambridge University Press: Chaps 1-2.
- Wintrobe, Ronald. 1998. The Political Economy of Dictatorship. Cambridge University Press: Chaps 1-3.

#### Recommended:

- Decalo, S. Coups and Army Rule in Africa
- Diaz-Cayeros, Alberto, Beatriz Magaloni and Barry Weingast. 2003. "Tragic Brilliance: PRI Hegemony and its Demise" Manuscript.
- Ekiert, G. 1996. The State Against Society. Political Crises and their Aftermath in East Central Europe. Princeton: Princeton University Press
- Gandhi, Jennifer and Ellen Lust-Okar. 2009. "Elections under authoritarianism." *Annual Review of Political Science* 12: 403-22.
- Geddes 2005
- Huntington, S. 1968. Political Order in Changing Societies. New Haven and London: Chapter 4
- Luebbert, G.M. 1991. Liberalism, Fascism or Social Democracy Oxford: Oxford University Press
- Luebbert, G.M. 1987. "Social Foundations of Political Order in Interwar Europe." *World Politics*.
- Lust-Okar Ellen. 2005. Structuring Conflict in the Arab World: Chapters 2-3
- O'Donnell, G. 1973. Modernization and Bureaucratic Authoritarianism. Berkeley: University of California Berkeley: Chapter 2
- Olson, M. 2000. Power and Prosperity New York: Basic Books
- Rogowski, R. 1977. "The Gauleiter and the Social Origins of Fascism" *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 19(4)
- Stepan, A. The State and Society: Chapters 1 and 2
- Wellhofer, E.S. 2003. "Democracy and Fascism: Class, Civil Society and Rational Choice in Italy." *APSR* 97(1)

#### **Week 4: Participation**

Required:

- Blattman, C. 2009. "From violence to voting: war and political participation in Uganda." *The American Political Science Review*.
- Green, Gerber and Nickerson. 2003. "Getting out the vote in local elections: results from six door-to-door canvassing experiments." *The Journal of Politics* 65(4).
- Humphreys, M. and Jeremy Weinstein. 2008. "Who Fights? The Determinants of Participation in Civil War." *AJPS*.
- Kuran, Timur (1991). "Now Out of Never: The Element of Surprise in the East European Revolution of 1989." *World Politics* 44: 7-48.
- Petersen, Roger D. Resistance and Rebellion: Lessons from Eastern Europe. Cambridge University Press: Chaps 1-3.
- Scacco, Alexandra. 2008. "Who Riots? Explaining Individual Participation in Ethnic Violence." Columbia University unpublished paper.  
[[http://www.columbia.edu/~als2110/files/Scacco\\_Who\\_Riots.pdf](http://www.columbia.edu/~als2110/files/Scacco_Who_Riots.pdf)]

Recommended:

- Abrajano, M. and C. Panagopolous. 2010. "Does language matter? The impact of Spanish and English-language GOTV efforts on Latino turnout." *American Politics Research*
- Collier, P. and P. C. Vicente. 2008. "Votes and violence: evidence from a field experiment in Nigeria." *CSAE WPS/2008-16*.
- Gurr, Ted (1970). *Why Men Rebel*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- Hardin, Russell. 1995. One for all: the logic of group conflict. Princeton: Princeton University Press: Chapters 1-2 and 6
- Hiscox, M. 2008. "Oil, Islam and Women." *APSR* 102(1)
- Horowitz, Donald (2001). The Deadly Ethnic Riot. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.
- Lohmann, Susanne. 1994. "Dynamics of informational cascades: the monday demonstrations in Leipzig, East Germany, 1989-1991." *World Politics* 47: 42-101.
- McAdam, Doug (1986). "Recruitment to High-Risk Activism: The Case of Freedom Summer," *American Journal of Sociology* 92, 64-90.
- Shorter, Edward and Charles Tilly. 1971. "The Shape of Strikes in France, 1830-1960." *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 13(1): 60-86. [Stable URL: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/178198>]
- Scott, James C. 1976. The Moral Economy of the Peasant: Rebellion and Subsistence in Southeast Asia. New Haven: Yale University Press: Chapters 2 and 7.

### **Week 5: Exclusion**

#### Required:

- Adida, Laitin, Valfort. 2010. "Identifying barriers to Muslim integration in France." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 107(52).
- Dancygier, R. 2010. *Immigration and Conflict in Europe*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press: pp. 1-102
- Hainmueller and Hangartner. 2011. "Who gets a Swiss passport? A natural experiment in immigrant discrimination." Working Paper.
- Hainmueller and Hiscox. 2007. "Educated preferences: explaining attitudes toward immigration in Europe." *International Organization* 61
- Hopkins, D. 2010. "Politicized places: explaining where and when immigrants provoke local opposition." *APSR* 104(1).
- Sniderman et al. 2004. "Predisposing factors and situational triggers: exclusionary reactions to immigrant minorities." *APSR* 98(1).

#### Recommended:

- Adida, C. 2010. "Too close for comfort? Immigrant exclusion in Africa" *Comparative Political Studies*
- Bertrand, M. and Mullainathan, S. 2004. "Are Emily and Greg more employable than Lakisha and Jamal? A field experiment on labor market discrimination." *AER* 94(4).
- Blalock, H. 1967. *Toward a theory of minority-group relations*.
- Citrin, J., Green, Muste and Wong. 1997. "Public opinion towards immigration reform: the role of economic motivations." *Journal of Politics* 59.
- Hainmueller and Hiscox. 2010. "Attitudes toward highly skilled and low-skilled immigration: evidence from a survey experiment." *APSR* 104(1)
- Hero, R. and R. Preuhs. 2007. "Immigration and the evolving American welfare state: examining policies in the US States." *AJPS* 51(3).
- Malhotra, Margalit and Mo. 2011. "Economic explanations for opposition to immigration: distinguishing between prevalence and magnitude." Working paper.
- Olzak, S. 1994. *The dynamics of ethnic competition and conflict*. Stanford University Press.
- Scheve, K. and M. Slaughter. 2001. "Labor market competition and individual preferences over immigration policy." *Review of Economics and Statistics* 83(1).

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### **Week 6: Constructing the nation**

#### Required:

- Anderson, B. 1983. Imagined Communities. New York: Verso
- Gellner, E. "Nationalism." In Thought and Change: Chapter 7
- Laitin, David. 2007. Nations, states and violence. New York: Oxford University Press
- Weber, E. Peasants into Frenchmen: Chapters 6, 27, 29

#### Recommended:

- Brubaker, R. 1992. Citizenship and Nationhood in France and Germany. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.
- Fearon, J.D. "What is Identity (As We Now Use the Word)?" Unpublished manuscript: <http://www.stanford.edu/~jfearon/papers/iden1v2.pdf>
- Gellner. 1983. Nations and Nationalism.
- Hardin, R. One for All: Chaps. 1, 4, 6.
- Kalyvas, S. The Rise of Christian Democracy in Europe
- Kitschelt, H. 1995. The Radical Right in Western Europe. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.
- Waters, Mary. 1999. Black identities: West Indian immigrant dreams and American realities. Harvard University Press.

### **Week 7: Ethnic identities**

#### Required:

- Robert Bates, "Modernization, Ethnic Competition and the Rationality of Politics in Contemporary Africa," in Donald Rothchild and Victor Olorunsola, *State Versus Ethnic Claims: African Policy Dilemmas* (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1983), pp. 152-171.
- Brass, P. 1974. Language, Religion and Politics in North India. Cambridge University Press: Chapter 1.
- Chandra, K. 2006. "What is ethnic identity and does it matter?" *Annual Review of Political Science* 9.
- Chandra, K. 2004. Why ethnic parties succeed. Cambridge University Press: Introduction.
- Ferree, Karen. 2011. Framing the Race in South Africa. Cambridge University Press: Chapters 1 and 2.
- Laitin, D. 1998. Identity in Formation. Cornell: Cornell University Press: Part I
- Posner, Daniel. 2005. Institutions and Ethnic Politics in Africa. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press: Chapters 2-5

#### Recommended:

- Berman, Eli. 2000. "Sect, Subsidy, and Sacrifice: An Economist's View of Ultra-Orthodox Jews." *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 115 (August): 905-953.
- Laitin, D. Hegemony and Culture
- Posner, Daniel. 2004. "Measuring Ethnic Fractionalization in Africa." *American Journal of Political Science* 48(4): 849-863
- Rogowski, Ronald. 1989 Commerce and Coalitions. Princeton: Princeton University Press: Chapters 1-4
- Varshney, A. 2003. Ethnic Conflict and Civic Life: Hindus and Muslims in India. New Haven: Yale University Press: Chapters 1-2, 6, 10, 12
- Wantchekon, L. 2003. "Clientelism and voting behavior: evidence from a field experiment in Benin." *World Politics* 55.
- Weber, Max. 1996. "The Origins of Ethnic Groups." In Hutchinson and Smith, eds. Ethnicity. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Wilkinson, S. Votes and Violence Cambridge: Cambridge University Press: Chapters 1-2, 6



**Week 8: Culture, Norms, Ideas**

Required:

- Axelrod, R. "Disseminating Culture." In The Complexity of Cooperation: 148-77
- Bicchieri, C. 2006. The Grammar of Society. Cambridge University Press: Ch. 1
- Miguel, E. 2005. "Poverty and Witch Killing." *Review of Economic Studies* 72(4): 1153-1172.
- Paluck, E.L. and Don P. Green. 2009. "Deference, dissent, and dispute resolution. An experimental intervention using mass media to change norms and behavior in Rwanda." *American Political Science Review* 103: 622-644.
- Schelling, T. 1978. Micromotives and Macrobehavior. W.W. Norton & Company, Inc.: Chapters 1, 4, 5.

Recommended:

- Almond, G. and S. Verba. 1963. The Civic Culture. Princeton: Princeton University Press
- Bednar, J. and Scott Page (February 2007) "Can game(s) theory explain culture? The emergence of cultural behavior within multiple games" *Rationality and Society* 19(1): 65-98
- Elster, J. Cement of Society: Chapter 3
- Laitin, D. 1995. "Marginality: A Micro Perspective." *Rationality and Society* (January): 31-57
- Mackie, Gerald. 1996. "Ending footbinding and infibulation: a convention account" *ASR* 61(6)
- Sugden, R. "Spontaneous Order" in Mark Casson (ed.), Culture, Social Norms and Economics 2: 90-102.

### **Week 9: Conflict and Violence**

#### Required:

- Berman, E., J. H. Felter and J. Shapiro. 2011. "Can hearts and minds be bought? The economics of counterinsurgency in Iraq." *Journal of Political Economy* 119.
- Fearon, J. and David Laitin. 2003. "Ethnicity, Insurgency and Civil War" *APSR*
- Horowitz, David. 1985. Ethnic Groups in Conflict. Berkeley: University of California Press: Chapters 1-6
- Kalyvas, S. The Logic of Violence in Civil War. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press: Chapters 7-9
- Barbara Walter. 1997. The Critical Barrier to Civil War Settlement. *International Organization* 51 (3): 335-64.
- Weinstein, J. Inside Rebellion. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press: Chapter 1

#### Recommended:

- Collier, Paul and A. Hoeffler. 2004. "Greed and Grievance in Civil War." *Oxford Economic Papers* 56(4)
- Fearon, J. 1998. "Commitment Problems and the Spread of Ethnic Conflict." In David A. Lake and Donald S. Rothchild, eds. The International Spread of Ethnic Conflict. Princeton: Princeton University Press
- Gurr, Ted. 1971. Why Men Rebel? Princeton: Princeton University Press
- Jha, S. "Trade, Institutions, and Religious Tolerance: Evidence from India." Working Paper.
- Stathis N. Kalyvas. 1999. Wanton and Senseless? The Logic of Massacres in Algeria. *Rationality and Society* 11(3): 243-286.
- Miguel, E. Shanker Satyanath, and Ernest Sergenti. 2004. "Economic Shocks and Civil Conflict: An Instrumental Variable Approach." *Journal of Political Economy* 112(4)
- Petersen, R. 2002. Understanding Ethnic Violence. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- Ross, M. 2006. "A Closer Look at Oil, Diamonds, and Civil War." *Annual Review of Political Science* 9: 265-300

### **Week 10: Governance and Government Performance**

#### Required:

- Besley, Timothy and Robin Burgess. 2002. "The Political Economy of Government Responsiveness: Theory and Evidence from India." *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 117(4): 1415-1452. [Stable URL: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/4132482>]
- Bjorkman, Martina and Jakob Svensson. 2009. "Power to the People: Evidence from a randomized field experiment of community-based monitoring in Uganda." *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 124(2): 735-769
- Habyarimana, J., Macartan Humphreys, Daniel N. Posner, and Jeremy M. Weinstein. 2007. "Why Does Ethnic Diversity Undermine Public Goods Provision?" *American Political Science Review* 101(4): 709-725
- Miguel, E. and Mary Kay Gugerty. 2005. "Ethnic Diversity, Social Sanctions, and Public Goods in Kenya." *Journal of Public Economics* 89: 325-68
- Olken, B. 2007. "Monitoring corruption: evidence from a field experiment in Indonesia." *Journal of Political Economy* 115(April): 200-249.

#### Recommended:

- Adida, C. and Desha M. Girod. 2011. "Do Migrants Improve their Hometowns? Remittances and Access to Public Services in Mexico, 1995-2000." *Comparative Political Studies*
- Chattopadhyay, R. and E. Duflo. 2004. "Women as policy makers: evidence from a randomized policy experiment in India." *Econometrica* 72(5)
- Deitz, Thomas, Elinor Ostrom and Paul Stern. 2003. "The Struggle to govern the commons." *Science* 302(5652): 1907-1912
- Kitschelt, H. 2000. "Linkages between citizens and politicians in democratic politics." *Comparative Political Studies* 33(6/7)
- Olson, M. 1965. The Logic of Collective Action: Public Goods and the Theory of Groups. Cambridge: Harvard University Press: Chapters 1-2 and 6
- Ostrom, Elinor. 1991. *Governing the Commons: the Evolution of institutions for collective action*. New York: Cambridge University Press: Chapters 1-3 and 6.
- Reinikka, Ritva and Jakob Svensson. 2004. "Local capture: evidence from a central government transfer program in Uganda." *Quarterly Journal of Economics* (May): 679-705.
- Tsai, L. 2007. "Solidary groups, informal accountability, and local public goods provision in rural China." *APSR* 101(2).