International Relations 555: Democracy and Democratization in Comparative Perspective

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Course Description

This seminar explores research that builds and tests theories of democratization and the endurance of democracy. After considering the concept of democracy, we start by considering some of the classics, published in the second half of the twentieth century, which still largely set the terms of the debate. Then we turn to the literature published after 2000 and consider how this literature has revised and built on ideas from the classics. We will discuss research that offers economic, cultural, political and international explanations of democratization and the endurance of democracy. And we will identify different schools of research: modernization theory and three alternatives to modernization theory (power structure theory, political institutional theory, and political economy theory). We conclude with an overall assessment of the evolution and state of knowledge about democratization and the endurance of democracy.

Requirements

- i) Five analytical essays (each essay is worth 10% of the final grade). These short essays (5 to 7 double-spaced pages) on the readings for one week will be due, at the latest, by Wednesday at 4 p.m. in my mailbox in VKC 330.
- ii) Class participation (25% of the final grade) on the basis of the required readings, each and every week.
- iii) A take-home final exam (25% of the final grade). As a final assignment, students will be asked to write, as a sort of take-home exam, a roughly 10 page, double-spaced, paper, on a question to be assigned.

Readings

I have posted the readings for which I have electronic copies on the USC Blackboard, under course "Readings." The readings are in folders organized by the number of each meeting.

When doing the readings, it makes sense to read them in the order they are presented in this syllabus. Also, the full text of each reading is frequently not required; therefore, look at the notes next to the reading in this syllabus to see what pages you should read.

Topic Outline and Reading Assignments

Meeting 1: Introduction (August 23)

No readings. We will discuss the contents and requirements of the course, and how to approach the readings and prepare analytical essays.

Meeting 2 (August 30): APSA convention, No class

On Democracy

Meeting 3: The Nature of Democracy (September 6)

Schumpeter, Joseph. 1942. *Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy*. New York: Harper. [Read only pages 240-73, starting with the section on "A Mental Experiment" and ending where the section on "The Principle Applied" begins.]

Dahl, Robert A. 1971. *Polyarchy*. New Haven, CT.: Yale University Press. [Read only pp. 1-10, ending with the section on "The Question Restated."]

Dahl, Robert A. 1989. *Democracy and its Critics*. New Haven, CT.: Yale University Press. [Read only Chapters 8 and 9, and pp. 220-22.]

Przeworski, Adam, Michael E. Alvarez, José Antonio Cheibub and Fernando Limongi. 2000. *Democracy and Development: Political Institutions and Well-Being in the World, 1950-1990.* New York: Cambridge University Press. [Read only Chapter 1: "Democracies and Dictatorships," up to the top of page 36.]

Additional reading: For an overview of the history of democracy, see Adam Przeworski, "A Brief History of Representative Institutions," Ch. 3 in Przeworski, Democracy and the Limits of Self-Government. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010. Other useful sources are: Samuel P. Huntington, "What?" Ch. 1 in Huntington, The Third Wave. Democratization in the Late Twentieth Century. Norman, OK.: University of Oklahoma Press, 1991; and John Markoff, Waves of Democracy: Social Movements and Political Change, 2nd Edition. Boulder: Paradigm Publishers, 2015.

On Democratization I. Setting the Terms of the Debate

Meeting 4: Modernization Theory I: Economic Development and Mass Culture (September 13)

Lerner, Daniel. 1968. "Modernization. Social Aspects," pp. 386-95. in David L. Sills (ed.) *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*. Vol. 10. New York: The Macmillan Company & the Free Press.

Lipset, Seymour M. 1959. "Some Social Requisites of Democracy: Economic Development and Political Legitimacy." *American Political Science Review* 53(1): 69-105.

Almond, Gabriel and Sidney Verba. 1963. *The Civic Culture: Political Attitudes and Democracy in Five Nations*. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press. [Read only Chapter 1 (from page 1 to the top of page 35) and Chapter 13.]

Meeting 5: Power Structure Theory: Class, State and the State System (September 20)

- Moore, Barrington. 1966. Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy. Lord and Peasant in the Making of the Modern World. Boston: Beacon Press. [Read the Preface and Chapter 7 closely, and skim Chapters 8 and 9.]
- Huber, Evelyne, Dietrich Rueschemeyer and John D. Stephens. 1993. "The Impact of Economic Development on Democracy." *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 7(3): 71-85.
- Tilly, Charles. 1998. "Where Do Rights Come From?" pp. 55-72, in Theda Skocpol (ed.), *Democracy, Revolution, and History*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.
- Mazzuca, Sebastián. 2010. "Macrofoundations of Regime Change: Democracy, State Formation, and Capitalist Development," *Comparative Politics* 43(1): 1-19.

Meeting 6: Political Institutional Theory I: Political Actors and Strategic Choices (September 27)

- Rustow, Dankwart. 1970. "Transitions to Democracy: Toward a Dynamic Model." *Comparative Politics* 2(3): 337-63.
- O'Donnell, Guillermo and Philippe Schmitter. 1986. *Transitions From Authoritarian Rule*. *Tentative Conclusions about Uncertain Democracies*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press.

Meeting 7: Political Institutional Theory II: Elites, Culture and Non-democratic Institutions (October 4)

- Lijphart, Arend. 1977. *Democracy in Plural Societies: A Comparative Exploration*. New Haven, CT.: Yale University Press. [Read Chapters 1 and 3.]
- Linz, Juan J. and Alfred Stepan. 1996. *Problems of Democratic Transition and Consolidation: Southern Europe*, *South America and Post-Communist Europe*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press. [Skim Preface, and read Chapters 1 through 4.]

On Democratization II. Revisiting, and Building on, the Classics

Meeting 8: Modernization Theory II: Economic Development (October 11)

- Przeworski, Adam and Fernando Limongi. 1997. "Modernization: Theories and Facts." *World Politics* 49(2): 155-83.
- Boix, Carles and Susan C. Stokes. 2003. "Endogenous Democratization." *World Politics* 55(4): 517-49.
- Acemoglu, Daron, Simon Johnson, James A. Robinson, and Pierre Yared. 2008. "Income and Democracy." *American Economic Review* 98(3): 808-42.
- Boix, Carles. 2011. "Democracy, Development and the International System." *American Political Science Review* 105(4): 809-28.

Meeting 9: Modernization Theory III. Mass Culture (October 18)

- Inglehart, Ronald and Christian Welzel. 2005. *Modernization, Cultural Change and Democracy: The Human Development Sequence*. New York: Cambridge University Press. [Read the Introduction, Chapters 7 and 8, and the Conclusion.]
- Dahlum, Sirianne and Carl Henrik Knutsen. 2017. "Democracy by Demand? Reinvestigating the Effect of Self-expression Values on Political Regime Type." *British Journal of Political Science* 47(2): 437-61.
- Welzel, Christian, Ronald Inglehart and Stefan Kruse. 2017. "Pitfalls in the Study of Democratization: Testing the Emancipatory Theory of Democracy." *British Journal of Political Science* 47(2): 463-72.
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- Przeworski, Adam. 2003. "Why do Political Parties Obey Results of Elections?" pp. 114-44, in Jose Maria Maravall and Adam Przeworski (eds.), *Democracy and the Rule of Law*. New York: Cambridge University Press. [Read only pp. 114-29.]

Meeting 10: Political Economy Theory I: Economic Inequality and Redistribution (October 25)

- Boix, Carles. 2003. *Democracy and Redistribution*. New York: Cambridge University Press. [Read only pages 1-16 of the "Introduction," and focus on the argument about economic equality and capital mobility.]
- Acemoglu, Daron and James A. Robinson. 2006 *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*. New York: Cambridge University Press. [Read only Chapter 2, "Our Argument," and sections 6 and 7 of Chapter 3 (to see how these authors locate their work in the context of the broader literature).]
- Houle, Christian. 2009. "Inequality and Democracy: Why Inequality Harms Consolidation but Does Not Affect Democratization." World Politics 61(4): 589–622.
- Acemoglu, Daron, Suresh Naidu, Pascual Restrepo, and James A. Robinson. 2015. "Democracy, Redistribution, and Inequality," pp. 1885–1966, in Anthony Atkinson and François Bourguignon (eds.), *Handbook of Income Distribution* Vol. 2. Amsterdam: Elsevier. [Real only pp. 1895-1901, section "21.2.4 Why Inequality May Not Decline" through section "21.2.7 Discussion and Interpretation."]

Meeting 11: Political Economy Theory II: Natural Resources and Rentier States (November 1)

- Ross, Michael L. 2001. "Does Oil Hinder Democracy?" World Politics 53(3): 325-361.
- Dunning, Thad. 2008. *Crude Democracy: Natural Resource Wealth and Political Regimes*. New York: Cambridge University Press. [Read only Chapter 1, "Does Oil Promote Democracy?" through page 25.]
- Haber, Stephen and Victor Menaldo. 2011. "Do Natural Resources Fuel Authoritarianism? A Reappraisal of the Resource Curse." *American Political Science Review* 105(1): 1-26.
- Ahmadov, Anar K. 2014. "Oil, Democracy, and Context. A Meta-Analysis." *Comparative Political Studies* 47(9): 1238-67.

Meeting 12: Political Institutional Theory III: Elites, State and Nation (November 8)

- Rustow, Dankwart A. 1967. A World of Nations: Problems of Political Modernization. Washington: Brookings Institution. [Read only the section on "The Problem of Sequence," pp. 120-32, in Chapter 4. In this piece, you can roughly translate "authority" as state, "identity" as national unity", and "equality" as democracy.]
- He, Baogang. 2001. "The National Identity Problem and Democratization: Rustow's Theory of Sequence." *Government and Opposition* 36(1): 97-119.
- Mansfield, Edward D. and Jack Snyder. 2012. "Democratization and Civil War," pp. 175-200, in Jack Snyder, *Power and Progress: International Politics in Transition*. London: Routledge.
- Bernhard, Michael, Ömer Faruk Örsün and Reşat Bayer. 2016. "Democratization in Conflict Research: How Conceptualization Affects Operationalization and Testing Outcomes." *International Interactions*.
- Laitin, David D. 1995. "Transitions to Democracy and Territorial Integrity," pp. 19-33, in Przeworski, Adam et al., *Sustainable Democracy*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Meeting 13: Political Institutional Theory IV: Elites, Non-democratic Institutions, and International Factors (November 15)

- Haggard, Stephen and Robert Kaufman. 2016. *Dictators and Democrats: Elites, Masses, and Regime Change*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- Haggard, Stephan, Terence Teo and Robert Kaufman. 2016. "Distributive Conflict and Regime Change: A Qualitative Dataset." [Review a few cases so as to understand the data that is used in Haggard and Kaufman 2016]

Meeting 14: Wednesday, November 22: Thanksgiving Week, No class

Summing Up

Meeting 15: The State of Knowledge: What Do We Know? What Do We Not Know? (November 29)

- Teorell, Jan. 2010. Determinants of Democratization: Explaining Regime Change in the World, 1972 -2006. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Gassebner, Martin, Michael J. Lamla, and James Raymond Vreeland. 2013. "Extreme Bounds of Democracy." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 57(2): 171-97.
- Saghaug Broderstad, Troy. 2017. "A Meta-analysis of Income and Democracy." Working Paper, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen.
- Coppedge, Michael. 2012. *Democratization and Research Methods*. New York: Cambridge University Press. [Read only the Conclusion of Chapter 9, "Quantitative Testing," pp. 304-09 and compare them to Teorell (2010: 145, Gassebner et al. (2013): 171, 190, and Saghaug Broderstad.)

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