
POLS-Y557

Comparative Politics: Approaches and Issues

Course Overview

This course provides an overview of the methods, approaches, and issues of comparative politics. We will discuss several of the substantive themes of the subfield, such as institutions, identity, behavior, and violence. The goal is to provide the background and training necessary for students to both prepare for the comprehensive exam and undertake original research.

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Requirements and Grading

Students are expected to regularly attend class, actively contribute to class discussions, and complete the reading assignments.

For two classes in the semester, you will be assigned to present that week's readings. The presentation should do the following:

- Briefly motivate the topic for that week: why does it matter?
- Establish the principal research questions behind the assigned readings. Don't present one question per reading; rather, gather readings together and organize the debates they speak to.
- Summarize the readings' main claims in response to those questions. Again, draw linkages across readings wherever possible ("One set of texts addresses the moral hazard wrought by these institutional arrangements; the other set. . ."). The goal here is to tease out the positive contributions the readings make in pushing forward the literature.
- Pinpoint some salient critiques. These may center on internal inconsistencies within a theory, flaws in research design, interpretation of results, unarticulated assumptions, scope conditions, etc. Be judicious and measured. Avoid hyperbole. Try to propose ways ahead.
- Conclude the presentation by offering four "big picture" questions to guide subsequent class discussion.

- The best presentations will lay out an incisive, analytical summary of the material, call attention to its main shortcomings, and set the agenda for the remainder of the class.
- The presentation should be no longer than 20 minutes.
- Prepare no more than 10 slides.
- Practice the presentation beforehand.

While we cover significant ground, it is worth emphasizing that graduate students preparing to read for the comparative exam will need to read beyond the required readings indicated on the syllabus. I have listed additional background reading to identify important works that we will not be able to cover during our course. These lists for each week are long. You will certainly not be able to complete them all, and you should not try. However, you should consider the syllabus as a whole to reflect a broad, but incomplete survey of some of the major questions and topics in the field of comparative politics. But a student interested in pursuing research on, say, the state, or political identity, or the political economy of development, should expect to be familiar with the basic concepts, debates, and approaches found in the recommended readings sections for that particular week.

For the writing component of this course, students will be required to write either a research paper or to take a practice comprehensive exam.

If a student chooses to write a paper, it should be part of a project that is ultimately publishable, although you do not need to complete all parts of the project for this class. The paper should either be an original research paper or show substantial progress from previous work. If you are interested in co-authoring a paper with another student, please discuss that option with me in advance.

For the research paper option, a topic, research question, and brief description of the motivation is due on September 16, while an annotated bibliography and a revised description of the topic are due on October 20. The final paper or proposal will be due on December 12.

If students select the option of a practice comprehensive exam, they should prepare to take a final exam in the style of the comprehensive exam in comparative politics. They will be given nine hours to answer three essay questions, which will be drawn from the areas of methods, approaches, and issues. The exam will be open-book and students will be able to access their own collections of notes and printed or electronic readings, but they will not be allowed to access the internet.

The date of the exam will be on December 13.

- **Research Paper Option:**

- Participation: 30%
- Presentations: 20%
- Research Paper 50%

- **Comprehensive Exam Option:**

- Participation: 30%

- Presentations: 20%
- Practice Exams: 50%

Course Policies

Academic Integrity

You are expected to abide by the guidelines of the IU Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct (<http://studentcode.iu.edu/responsibilities/academic-misconduct.html>) regarding cheating and plagiarism. Any ideas or materials taken from another source must be fully acknowledged and cited.

Generative Artificial Intelligence

Tools such as ChatGPT are becoming important resources in many fields and industries, and have become valuable resources for collecting or cleaning data, coding, and many other steps in the research process. However, because the written assignments for this class are designed to help students prepare for comprehensive exams, generative AI tools may not be used to assist with the written assignments for POLS-Y557.

Disability Accommodation

Please contact me if you require assistance or academic accommodations for a disability. You should establish your eligibility for disability support services through the Office of Disability Services for Students in Wells Library W302, 812-855-7578.

Technology Policy

Electronic Devices are only allowed in class for the purposes of taking notes and accessing readings.

Note: Syllabus Subject to Change

I reserve the right to make adjustments to the syllabus as we move through the semester - if I make a change, I will post a revised version on Canvas.

Readings

All of the chapters from books will be made available on Canvas, while students should be able to access any articles we have assigned through online databases. In the syllabus below, required readings are indicated with a — symbol. Additional recommended readings are indicated with a • symbol.

Part I: Introduction

Week 1: Methods

August 26

Required:

- Gary King, Robert O. Keohane, and Sidney Verba. *Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research*. Princeton University Press, Princeton, 1994, Chapter 1.
- Arend Lijphart. Comparative Politics and the Comparative Method. *American Political Science Review*, 65(3):682–693, 1971
- David Collier. The Comparative Method. In Ada W Finifter, editor, *Political Science: The State of Discipline II*. American Political Science Association, 1993
- Thomas B. Pepinsky. The Return of the Single-Country Study. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 22(1):187–203, May 2019
- Gerardo L. Munck. The Past and Present of Comparative Politics. In Gerardo L Munck and Richard Snyder, editors, *Passion, Craft, and Method in Comparative Politics*. JHU Press, 2007

Further Reading:

- James Mahoney. After KKV: The new methodology of qualitative research. *World Politics*, 62(1):120–147, 2010
- James Mahoney and Gary Goertz. A tale of two cultures: Contrasting quantitative and qualitative research. *Political Analysis*, 14(3):227–249, 2006
- Barbara Geddes. How the cases you choose affect the answers you get: Selection bias in comparative politics. *Political Analysis*, 2:131–150, 1990
- Alexander L. George and Andrew Bennett. *Case Studies and Theory Development in the Social Sciences*. MIT Press, 2005
- John Gerring. What is a case study and what is it good for? *American Political Science Review*, 98(2):341–354, 2004
- Henry E. Brady and David Collier. *Rethinking Social Inquiry: Diverse Tools, Shared Standards*. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, September 2010
- Evan S. Lieberman. Nested analysis as a mixed-method strategy for comparative research. *American Political Science Review*, 99(3):435–452, 2005
- Thad Dunning. *Natural Experiments in the Social Sciences: A Design-Based Approach*. Cambridge University Press, New York, 2012

- Alan S. Gerber and Donald P. Green. *Field Experiments: Design, Analysis, and Interpretation*. W. W. Norton, New York, 2012
- Paul W Holland. Statistics and causal inference. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 81(396):945–970, 1986
- Michael G. Findley, Kyosuke Kikuta, and Michael Denly. External Validity. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 24(1):365–393, May 2021
- Barbara Geddes. *Paradigms and Sand Castles: Theory Building and Research Design in Comparative Politics*. University of Michigan Press, 2003
- Clifford Geertz. *The Interpretation of Cultures*. Basic books, New York, 1973
- Robert Adcock and David Collier. Measurement validity: A shared standard for qualitative and quantitative research. *American Political Science Review*, 95(3):529–546, 2001
- Gerardo L. Munck and Richard Snyder. *Passion, Craft, and Method in Comparative Politics*. Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, 2007

Part II: Approaches to the State and Political Institutions

Week 2: Labor Day

September 2 **No Class**

Week 3: The State

September 9

Required:

- Theda Skocpol. Bringing the state back in: Strategies of analysis in current research. In Peter B. Evans, Dietrich Rueschemeyer, and Theda Skocpol, editors, *Bringing the State Back In*, pages 3–38. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1985
- Anna Grzymala-Busse. Tilly goes to church: The religious and medieval roots of European state fragmentation. *American Political Science Review*, 118(1):88–107, 2024
- Charles Tilly. *Coercion, Capital, and European States: AD 990-1990*. Basil Blackwell, Cambridge, MA, 1990, Chapters 2-3
- Lisa Blaydes and Anna Grzymala-Busse. Historical State Formation Within and Beyond Europe. *World Politics*, 2024

- Yuhua Wang. *The Rise and Fall of Imperial China: The Social Origins of State Development*. Princeton University Press, October 2022, Chapters 1-2

Further Reading:

- Joel S. Migdal. The state in society: An approach to struggles for domination. In Joel Samuel Migdal, Atul Kohli, and Vivienne Shue, editors, *State Power and Social Forces: Domination and Transformation in the Third World*, Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics, pages 7–34. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1994
- Anna M. Grzymała-Busse. *Sacred Foundations: The Religious and Medieval Roots of the European State*. Princeton University Press, Princeton, 2023
- Lisa Blaydes. State Building in the Middle East. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 20(1):487–504, May 2017
- James C Scott. *Seeing like a State*. Yale University Press, New Haven, 1998
- Melissa M. Lee and Nan Zhang. Legibility and the Informational Foundations of State Capacity. *The Journal of Politics*, 79(1):118–132, January 2017
- Max Weber. Politics as a Vocation. In *The Vocation Lectures*. Hackett Publishing, March 2004
- Yuhua Wang. State-in-society 2.0: Toward fourth-generation theories of the state. *Comparative Politics*, 54(1):175–198, 2021
- Tuong Vu. Studying the state through state formation. *World Politics*, 62(1):148–175, 2010
- Jeffrey Herbst. *States and Power in Africa: Comparative Lessons in Authority and Control*, volume 149. Princeton University Press, 2014
- Joel S. Migdal. *Strong Societies and Weak States: State-Society Relations and State Capabilities in the Third World*. Princeton University Press, 1988
- Stephen D. Krasner. Approaches to the state: Alternative conceptions and historical dynamics, 1984
- Margaret Levi. *Of Rule and Revenue*. Univ of California Press, 1989
- Hendrik Spruyt. *The Sovereign State and Its Competitors: An Analysis of Systems Change*. Princeton University Press, Princeton, 1994

Week 4: Political Regimes

September 16

Required:

– **Research paper topic and question due today**

- Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, Alastair Smith, Randolph M Siverson, and James D Morrow. *The Logic of Political Survival*. MIT Press, 2003, Chapter 2
- Robert A. Dahl. *Polyarchy: Participation and Opposition*. Yale University Press, New Haven, 1971, p. 1-16
- Milan W Svolik. *The Politics of Authoritarian Rule*. Cambridge University Press, New York, 2012, Chapters 1-2
- Beatriz Magaloni. *Voting for Autocracy*. Cambridge University Press, New York, 2006, Introduction and Chapter 1
- Barrington Moore. *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*. Lord and Peasant in the Making of the Modern World. Beacon Press, Boston, 1966, Chapters 7-9.
- Lisa Blaydes. *Elections and Distributive Politics in Mubarak's Egypt*. Cambridge University Press, New York, 2011, Chapter 3

Further Reading:

- Jennifer Gandhi and Adam Przeworski. Authoritarian Institutions and the Survival of Autocrats. *Comparative Political Studies*, 40(11):1279–1301, November 2007
- Daron Acemoglu and James A Robinson. *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*. Cambridge University Press, New York, 2006
- Sergei Guriev and Daniel Treisman. Informational Autocrats. *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 33(4):100–127, November 2019
- Johannes Gerschewski. *The Two Logics of Autocratic Rule*. Cambridge University Press, 2023
- Hannah Arendt. *The Origins of Totalitarianism*. Harcourt, Brace, and Company, New York, 1973
- Ora John Reuter and David Szakonyi. Elite Defection under Autocracy: Evidence from Russia. *American Political Science Review*, 113(2):552–568, May 2019
- Arturas Rozenas and Denis Stukal. How Autocrats Manipulate Economic News: Evidence from Russia's State-Controlled Television. *The Journal of Politics*, 81(3):982–996, July 2019
- Erica Frantz, Andrea Kendall-Taylor, Joseph Wright, and Xu Xu. Personalization of Power and Repression in Dictatorships. *The Journal of Politics*, 82(1):372–377, January 2020
- Eda Keremoğlu and Nils B. Weidmann. How Dictators Control the Internet: A Review Essay. *Comparative Political Studies*, 53(10-11):1690–1703, September 2020

- Gary King, Jennifer Pan, and Margaret E Roberts. How censorship in china allows government criticism but silences collective expression. *American Political Science Review*, 107(02):326–343, May 2013

Week 5: Comparative Political Institutions

September 23

Required:

- Douglass C North and Barry R Weingast. Constitutions and commitment: The evolution of institutions governing public choice in seventeenth-century england. *The Journal of Economic History*, 49(4):803–832, 1989
- Kathleen Thelen. Historical Institutionalism in Comparative Politics. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 2(1):369–404, June 1999
- Douglass C North. *Institutions, Institutional Change and Economic Performance*. Cambridge University Press, October 1990, Chapter 1
- George Tsebelis. Decision making in political systems: Veto players in presidentialism, parliamentarism, multicameralism and multipartyism. *British Journal of Political Science*, 25(3):289–325, 1995
- Peter A. Hall and Rosemary C. R. Taylor. Political Science and the Three New Institutionalisms. *Political Studies*, 44(5):936–957, December 1996
- Elinor Ostrom. *Governing the Commons : The Evolution of Institutions for Collective Action*. Cambridge University Press, 1990, Chapters 1-2

Further Reading:

- Hilton L Root. Tying the king's hands credible commitments and royal fiscal policy during the old regime. *Rationality and Society*, 1(2):240–258, 1989
- George Tsebelis. *Veto Players: How Political Institutions Work*. Princeton University Press, Princeton, 2002
- Ronald H Coase. The problem of social cost. *The Journal of Law and Economics*, 3:1–44, October 1960
- Arend Lijphart. *Democracy in Plural Societies. A Comparative Exploration*. Yale University Press, 1977
- Kenneth A Shepsle. Studying institutions: Some lessons from the rational choice approach. *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 1(2):131–147, 1989
- Barry R Weingast. The political institutions of representative government. *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, 145(4):693–703, December 1989

- Kathleen Thelen and Sven Steinmo. Historical institutionalism in comparative politics. In Sven Steinmo, Kathleen Thelen, and Frank Longstreth, editors, *Structuring Politics: Historical Institutionalism in Comparative Analysis*, pages 1–32. Cambridge University Press, New York, 1992
- John M Carey. Parchment, equilibria, and institutions. *Comparative Political Studies*, 33(6-7):735–761, August 2000

Week 6: Electoral Rules, Parties, and Party Systems

September 30

Required:

- John H Aldrich. *Why Parties?* University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 1995, Chapters 1-2
- Gary W Cox. *Making Votes Count: Strategic Coordination in the World's Electoral Systems*. Political Economy of Institutions and Decisions. Cambridge University Press, New York, 1997, Chapters 2, 3, 4, 8
- Carles Boix. Setting the rules of the game: The choice of electoral systems in advanced democracies. *American Political Science Review*, 93(3):609–624, 1999
- Giacomo Benedetto, Simon Hix, and Nicola Mastroiocco. The Rise and Fall of Social Democracy, 1918–2017. *American Political Science Review*, 114(3):928–939, August 2020
- John M Carey and Matthew Soberg Shugart. Incentives to cultivate a personal vote: A rank ordering of electoral formulas. *Electoral Studies*, 14:417–439, 1995

Further Reading:

- Arend Lijphart. *Patterns of Democracy: Government Forms and Performance in Thirty-Six Countries*. Yale University Press, New Haven, 2nd edition, 2012, Chapters 5, 8
- Noam Lupu. Brand Dilution and the Breakdown of Political Parties in Latin America. *World Politics*, 66(4):561–602, October 2014
- Maurice Duverger. *Political Parties: Their Organization and Activity in the Modern State*. Wiley, New York, 1954
- Giovanni Sartori. *Parties and Party Systems: A Framework for Analysis*. Cambridge University Press, New York, 1976
- Gary W Cox. Electoral rules and electoral coordination. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 2(1):145–161, June 1999

- Rein Taagepera and Bernard Grofman. Rethinking Duverger's Law. *European Journal of Political Science*, 13(4):341–352, May 2006
- Anne Meng. Ruling parties in authoritarian regimes: Rethinking institutional strength. *British Journal of Political Science*, 51(2):526–540, 2021

Week 7: Legislatures and Executives

October 7

Required:

- Arend Lijphart. *Patterns of Democracy: Government Forms and Performance in Thirty-Six Countries*. Yale University Press, New Haven, 2nd edition, 2012, Chapters 6-7, 11.
- Gary W. Cox. *The Efficient Secret: The Cabinet and the Development of Political Parties in Victorian England*. Cambridge University Press, September 2005, Chapters 6 and 13.
- Kaare Strøm. Delegation and accountability in parliamentary democracies. *European Journal of Political Research*, 37(3):261–289, 2000
- Juan J. Linz. The Perils of Presidentialism. *Journal of Democracy*, 1(1):51–69, 1990
- Matthew S Shugart and John M Carey. *Presidents and Assemblies: Constitutional Design and Electoral Dynamics*. Cambridge University Press, New York, 1992, Chapter 3.
- Jose Antonio Cheibub. *Presidentialism, Parliamentarism, and Democracy*. Cambridge University Press, New York, 2007, Chapter 6.
- David J Samuels and Matthew S Shugart. *Presidents, Parties, and Prime Ministers: How the Separation of Powers Affects Party Organization and Behavior*. Cambridge University Press, New York, 2010, Chapters 1-2.

Further Reading:

- Kaare Strøm, Wolfgang C Müller, and Daniel Markham Smith. Parliamentary control of coalition governments. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 13(1):517–535, May 2010
- Scott Williamson and Beatriz Magaloni. Legislatures and Policy Making in Authoritarian Regimes. *Comparative Political Studies*, 53(9):1525–1543, August 2020
- Edmund Malesky and Paul Schuler. Nodding or needling: Analyzing delegate responsiveness in an authoritarian parliament. *American Political Science Review*, 104(3):482–502, 2010
- Kaare Strøm. *Minority Government and Majority Rule*. Cambridge University Press, April 1990

- Joseph Wright. Do authoritarian institutions constrain? How legislatures affect economic growth and investment. *American Journal of Political Science*, 52(2):322–343, 2008
- Juan J Linz. Presidential or parliamentary democracy: Does it make a difference? In Juan J Linz and Arturo Valenzuela, editors, *The Failure of Presidential Democracy*, pages 3–75. Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, 1994
- Michael Laver and Kenneth A Shepsle. Coalitions and cabinet government. *The American Political Science Review*, 84(3):873–890, September 1990
- Gary W Cox. *The Efficient Secret: The Cabinet and the Development of Political Parties in Victorian England*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1987

Week 8: Accountability, Representation, and Governance

October 14

Required:

- Herbert Kitschelt. Linkages between citizens and politicians in democratic polities. *Comparative Political Studies*, 33(6-7):845–879, 2000.
- Roderick D Kiewiet and Mathew D McCubbins. Delegation and agency problems. In Benjamin I Page, editor, *The Logic of Delegation*, pages 22–38. The University of Chicago Press, Chicago, IL, 1991
- Bernard Manin, Adam Przeworski, and Susan C Stokes. Elections and Representation. In *Democracy, Accountability, and Representation*, pages 29–54. Cambridge University Press, New York, 1999
- James D. Fearon. Electoral accountability and the control of politicians: Selecting good types versus sanctioning poor performance. In Adam Przeworski, Susan C Stokes, and Bernard Manin, editors, *Democracy, Accountability, and Representation*, pages 55–97. Cambridge University Press, New York, 1999
- Scott Ashworth. Electoral Accountability: Recent Theoretical and Empirical Work. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 15(1):183–201, June 2012
- Francis Fukuyama. Governance: What Do We Know, and How Do We Know It? *Annual Review of Political Science*, 19(1):89–105, May 2016

Further Reading:

- Alisha C Holland. Forbearance. *American Political Science Review*, 110(2):232–246, 2016

- Mathew D McCubbins, Roger G Noll, and Barry R Weingast. Administrative procedures as instruments of political control. *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*, 3(2):243–277, 1987
- Leonard Wantchekon. Clientelism and Voting Behavior: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Benin. *World Politics*, 55(3):399–422, April 2003
- Hanna F Pitkin. *The Concept of Representation*. University of California Press, Berkeley, 1967
- John D Huber and Charles R Shipan. *Deliberate Discretion? The Institutional Foundations of Bureaucratic Autonomy*. Cambridge University Press, New York, 2002
- Claudio Ferraz and Frederico Finan. Electoral accountability and corruption: Evidence from the audits of local governments. *The American Economic Review*, 101(4):1274–1311, June 2011
- Iza Ding. Performative governance. *World Politics*, 72(4):525–556, October 2020
- Susan C. Stokes. Perverse Accountability: A Formal Model of Machine Politics with Evidence from Argentina. *American Political Science Review*, 99(3):315–325, August 2005
- Timothy Besley and Robin Burgess. The political economy of government responsiveness: Theory and evidence from india. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 117(4):1415–1451, November 2002
- Claudio Ferraz and Frederico Finan. Exposing corrupt politicians. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 123(2):703–745, May 2008

Part III: Political Behavior

Week 9: Culture and Identity

October 21

Required:

- **Research paper annotated bibliographies due today**
- Gabriel A Almond and Sidney Verba. *The Civic Culture*. Princeton University Press, Princeton, 1963, Chapter 1
- Robert D Putnam. *Making Democracy Work*. Princeton University Press, Princeton, 1993, Chapter 6.
- Daniel N Posner. The Political Salience of Cultural Difference: Why Chewas and Tumbukas are Allies in Zambia and Adversaries in Malawi. *American Political Science Review*, 98(4):529–545, 2004

- Benedict Anderson. *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism*. Verso, New York, 2006, Chapters 1-3
- Kanchan Chandra. What is ethnic identity and does it matter? *Annual Review of Political Science*, 9(1):397–424, 2006
- James Habyarimana, Macartan Humphreys, Daniel N Posner, and Jeremy M Weinstein. Why does ethnic diversity undermine public goods provision? *American Political Science Review*, 101(4):709–725, 2007
- Mala Htun. Is gender like ethnicity? The political representation of identity groups. *Perspectives on Politics*, 2(3):439–458, 2004

Further Reading:

- Ronald Inglehart and Christian Welzel. *Modernization, Cultural Change, and Democracy*. Cambridge University Press, New York, 2005
- Eugen Weber. *Peasants into Frenchmen: The Modernization of Rural France, 1870-1914*. Stanford University Press, Stanford, CA, 1976, Chapters 6, 27, 29.
- Ernest Gellner. *Nations and Nationalism*. Cornell University Press, Ithaca, NY, 1983
- Donald L Horowitz. *Ethnic Groups in Conflict*. University of California Press, Berkeley, 1985
- James D Fearon and David D Laitin. Explaining interethnic cooperation. *American Political Science Review*, 90(4):715–735, December 1996
- M Steven Fish. Islam and authoritarianism. *World Politics*, 55(1):4–37, 2002
- Daniel N Posner. *Institutions and Ethnic Politics in Africa*. Cambridge University Press, New York, 2005
- Keith Darden and Anna Grzymala-Busse. The great divide: Literacy, nationalism, and the communist collapse. *World Politics*, 59(1):83–115, 2006
- Michael L Ross. Oil, islam, and women. *American Political Science Review*, 102(01):107–123, February 2008
- Andreas Wimmer. *Waves of war: Nationalism, state formation, and ethnic exclusion in the modern world*. Cambridge University Press, 2013
- Damian J. Ruck, Luke J. Matthews, Thanos Kyritsis, Quentin D. Atkinson, and R. Alexander Bentley. The cultural foundations of modern democracies. *Nature Human Behaviour*, 4(3):265–269, March 2020
- Ala' Alrababa'h, William Marble, Salma Mousa, and Alexandra A. Siegel. Can Exposure to Celebrities Reduce Prejudice? The Effect of Mohamed Salah on Islamophobic Behaviors and Attitudes. *American Political Science Review*, 115(4):1111–1128, November 2021

Week 10: Voting, Clientelism, and Elections

October 28

Required:

- Anthony Downs. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. Harper Row, New York, 1957, Chapters 3, 8
- Susan C Stokes. Perverse accountability: A formal model of machine politics with evidence from Argentina. *American Political Science Review*, 2005
- Jordan Gans-Morse, Sebastian Mazzuca, and Simeon Nichter. Varieties of clientelism: Machine politics during elections. *American Journal of Political Science*, 58(1), 2014
- Seymour M Lipset and Stein Rokkan. Cleavage structures, party systems, and voter alignments: An introduction. In Seymour M Lipset and Stein Rokkan, editors, *Party Systems and Voter Alignments: Cross-national Perspectives*, pages 1–64. The Free Press, New York, 1967
- Raymond M Duch and Randolph T Stevenson. *The Economic Vote*. How Political and Economic Institutions Condition Election Results. Cambridge University Press, March 2008, Chapters 1, 3, 9

Further Reading:

- Kimuli Kasara and Pavithra Suryanarayan. When do the rich vote less than the poor and why? Explaining turnout inequality across the world. *American Journal of Political Science*, 59(3):613–627, 2015
- Susan C Stokes, Thad Dunning, Marcelo Nazareno, and Valeria Brusco. *Brokers, Voters, and Clientelism: The Puzzle of Distributive Politics*. Cambridge University Press, New York, 2013
- Donald P. Green, Bradley Palmquist, and Eric Schickler. *Partisan Hearts and Minds: Political Parties and the Social Identities of Voters*. Yale University Press, 2004
- Zeynep Somer-Topcu. Everything to everyone: The electoral consequences of the broad-appeal strategy in europe. *American Journal of Political Science*, 59(4):841–854, 2015
- Christopher H Achen and Larry M Bartels. *Democracy for Realists*. Princeton University Press, Princeton, 2016
- Timothy Frye, Ora John Reuter, and David Szakonyi. Hitting Them With Carrots: Voter Intimidation and Vote Buying in Russia. *British Journal of Political Science*, 49(3):857–881, July 2019
- Leonard Wantchekon. Clientelism and Voting Behavior: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Benin. *World Politics*, 55(3):399–422, 2003
- Herbert Kitschelt and Steven Wilkinson. Citizen-politician linkages: An introduction. In *Patrons, Clients and Policies*. Cambridge University Press, March 2007

Week 11: Social Movements, Collective Action, and Contentious Politics

November 4

Required:

- Mancur Olson. *The Logic of Collective Action*. Harvard University Press, Cambridge, MA, 1965, p. 5-22, 33-52
- James C. Scott. *Weapons of the Weak: Everyday Forms of Peasant Resistance*. Yale University Press, January 1985, p. 1-47
- Sebastian Hellmeier and Nils B. Weidmann. Pulling the Strings? The Strategic Use of Pro-Government Mobilization in Authoritarian Regimes. *Comparative Political Studies*, 53(1):71–108, January 2020
- Sidney Tarrow. *Power in Movement: Social Movements and Contentious Politics*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 3rd edition, 2011, p. 1-56
- Timur Kuran. Now Out of Never: The Element of Surprise in the East European Revolution of 1989. *World Politics*, 44(1):7–48, 1991
- Regina Smyth. *Elections, Protest, and Authoritarian Regime Stability: Russia 2008-2020*. Cambridge University Press, New York, 2021, Chapter 1

Further Reading:

- Sidney Tarrow. *Power in Movement: Social Movements and Contentious Politics*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 3rd edition, 2011, p. 95-214
- Ted Robert Gurr. *Why Men Rebel*. Princeton University Press, Princeton, 1970
- Albert O Hirschman. *Exit, Voice, and Loyalty*. Harvard University Press, Cambridge, MA, 1970
- James C Scott. *The Moral Economy of the Peasant: Rebellion and Subsistence in Southeast Asia*. Yale University Press, New Haven, 1976
- Doug McAdam. Recruitment to high-risk activism: The case of freedom summer. *American Journal of Sociology*, 92(1):64–90, 1986
- Henry E Brady, Sidney Verba, and Kay Lehman Schlozman. Beyond SES: A resource model of political participation. *American Political Science Review*, 89(2):271–294, 1995
- Doug McAdam, Sidney Tarrow, and Charles Tilly. *Dynamics of Contention*. Cambridge University Press, New York, 2001
- Diana Fu. Disguised collective action in china:. *Comparative Political Studies*, 50(4):499–527, 2017

- Omar Wasow. Agenda seeding: How 1960s black protests moved elites, public opinion and voting. *American Political Science Review*, 114(3):638–659, August 2020
- Peter Lorentzen. Regularizing rioting: Permitting public protest in an authoritarian regime. *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, 8:127–158, 2013

Week 12: Conflict, Repression, and Violence

November 11

Required:

- Steven I Wilkinson. *Votes and Violence: Electoral Competition and Ethnic Riots in India*. Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics. Cambridge University Press, New York, 2004, Chapters 1, 2
- Elisabeth Jean Wood. *Insurgent Collective Action and Civil War in El Salvador*. Cambridge University Press, New York, 2003, Chapters 1, 7
- James D Fearon and David D Laitin. Ethnicity, insurgency, and civil war. *The American Political Science Review*, 97(1):75–90, 2003
- Stathis N. Kalyvas. *The Logic of Violence in Civil War*. Cambridge University Press, New York, 2006, Chapters 1-2.
- Benjamin A. Valentino. Why We Kill: The Political Science of Political Violence against Civilians. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 17(1):89–103, 2014

Further Reading:

- Xu Xu. To Repress or to Co-opt? Authoritarian Control in the Age of Digital Surveillance. *American Journal of Political Science*, 65(2):309–325, 2021
- Macartan Humphreys and Jeremy M Weinstein. Who fights? The determinants of participation in civil war. *American Journal of Political Science*, 52(2):436–455, 2008
- Christian Davenport. State repression and political order. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 10(1):1–23, 2007
- Stathis N. Kalyvas. The ontology of “political violence”: Action and identity in civil wars. *Perspectives on Politics*, 1(3):475–494, 2003
- Sheena Chestnut Greitens. *Dictators and Their Secret Police*. Coercive Institutions and State Violence. Cambridge University Press, New York, 2016
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Week 13: Democratization and Democratic Backsliding

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Week 14: Thanksgiving Break

November 25 - No Class

Part IV: Political Economy

Week 15: Democracy, Modernization, and Inequality

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- Seymour Martin Lipset. Some social requisites of democracy: Economic development and political legitimacy. *American Political Science Review*, 53(1):69–105, March 1959
- Michael Albertus and Victor Menaldo. Gaming democracy: Elite dominance during transition and the prospects for redistribution. *British Journal of Political Science*, 44(3):575–603, 2014
- Daron Acemoglu and James A Robinson. A theory of political transitions. *The American Economic Review*, 91(4):938–963, September 2001
- Carles Boix. *Democracy and Redistribution*. Cambridge University Press, 2003, Chapter 1
- Allan H Meltzer and Scott F Richard. A rational theory of the size of government. *The Journal of Political Economy*, 1981, read only first three pages
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Final Exam: December 13, 8AM to 5PM.

Final research paper due December 12.