PSC 520.01: Comparative Government

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This course has two elements. The first is a general introduction to the field of comparative politics from the perspective of theories and approaches. That is, how do students of the field study their subject? This will entail a review of selected articles and books. There will be two articles each week which should be read and summarized in a paper not to exceed nor be less than three pages. These summaries are due on the dates indicated on the enclosed schedule. All articles are on reserve in the library from which you can make your own copy. Above all, DO NOT mark up the reserve copy. There will also be book review assignments of approximately five pages.

The second part is a research paper focusing on some aspect of public policy. This can be any subject from health care to law enforcement in any country other than the United States. This does not include foreign policy. The first step is to prepare a one-page prospectus indicating the nature of the topic and country. This should also include a title and an indication of the source material upon which the paper will be based. The prospectus is due September 23 but may be submitted earlier. The paper should be at least 5000 words in length exclusive of notes and bibliography. The paper is due no later than December 9 but may be submitted earlier.

Graduate studies presume seriousness of purpose and active participation in seminar discussion. Attendance is mandatory. Grades will be determined as follows:

- Summaries 25%
- Reports 25%
- Discussion 25%
- Paper 25%

9/9 Comparative Government and Political Science

Robert A Dahl, "Epitaph for a Monument to a Successful Protest," AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW 1961 763-72

9/16 Systems Approach


Gabriel Almond and G. Bingham Powell, COMPARATIVE POLITICS: A DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH, Chapter II
9/23 Structural-functional Analysis


9/30 Political Legitimacy and Authority

Ruth Lane, “State and Society and the New Institutionalism,“ The Art of Comparative Politics Ch. 5


10/7 Democratization


10/14 Political Parties and Groups

Gabriel Almond, et al. “Interest Aggregation and Political Parties,” Comparative Politics Today Ch. 5


10/21 Corporatism


Alan Siaroff, “The Fate of Centrifugal Democracies,” Comparative Politics (April 2000), 43-60

10/28 Political Culture

Gabriel Almond,”The Intellectual History of the Civic Culture Concept,” Civic Culture Revisited Chapter 1, 1-37

11/4 Political Development


Ruth Lane, "Political Development: Its Rise, Decline, and Transformation," *The Art of Comparative Politics*, Ch. 3

11/11 Dependency Theory

Tony Smith, "The Dependency Approach," in Wiarda, *Direction in Comparative Politics* 113-126


11/18 Civil Violence


Jessica Stern, "Who are the Terrorists?" *The Ultimate Weapon* 69-86
Almond, Gabriel and James Coleman. Politics of the Developing Areas

_____ and Sidney Verba. The Civic Culture

_____ and G. Bingham Powell. Comparative Political Systems

Arendt, Hannah. On Revolution

Brinton, Crane. Anatomy of Revolution

Chilcote, Ronald. Theories of Comparative Politics

Coleman, James. Education and Political Development

Dahl, Robert. Preface to Democratic Theory

_____. Democracy and Its Critics

de Grazia, Alfred. Political Behavior

Dewey, John. The Public and Its Problems

Duverger, Maurice. Political Parties

Easton, David. The Political System

Fagen, Richard R. Politics and Communication

Frank, A.G. Latin America: Development or Revolution

Friedland, William. Revolutionary Theory

Frohock, Fred. The Nature of Political Inquiry

Hagopian, Mark. The Phenomenon of Revolution

Hayward, Jack and Michael Watson. Planning, Politics and Public Policy

Heady, Farrel. Public Administration: A Comparative Perspective

Heidenheimer, Arnold, et al. Comparative Public Policy

Hoffer, Eric. The True Believer
Holt, Robert T. and John E. Turner. The Methodology of Comparative Research

Huntington, Samuel. Political Order in Changing Societies

Hyneman, Charles. The Study of Politics

Isaak, Alan. Scope and Methods of Political Science

Johnson, Chalmers. Revolutionary Change

Key, V.O. Southern Politics

LaPalombara, Joseph. Bureaucracy and Political Development

LaPalombara, Joseph and Myron Weiner. Parties and Political Development

Laqueur, Walter. Terrorism

Lasswell, Harold. Power and Personality

Lipset, Seymour Martin. Revolution and Counterrevolution

Loewentberg, Gerhard and Samuel Patterson. Comparing legislatures

MacIver, Robert. The Web of Government

Matthews, Donald and Valen, Henry. Parliamentary Representation

Meehan, Eugene. The Theory and Method of Political Analysis

Meehan, Eugene. Foundations of Political Analysis

Meehan, Eugene. Value Judgment and Social Science

Melnor, A.J. Elections and Political Stability

Melone, Albert. Creating Parliamentary Government

Merriam, Charles E. Systematic Politics

Michels, Robert. Political Parties

Myrdal, Gunnar. The Challenge of World Poverty
Nieburg, H.L. Political Violence

Olson, David and Crowther, William. Committees in Post-Communist Democratic Parliaments

Ostrow, Joel. Comparing Post-Soviet Legislatures

Parsons, Talcott and Shils, Edward. Toward a General Theory of Action

Prezeworski, Adam and Henry Teune. The Logic of Comparative Social Inquiry

Pye, Lucian and Sidney Verba. Political Culture and Political Development

Rae, Douglas. Political Consequences of Electoral Systems

Richardson, Bradley. Political Culture in Japan

Riker, William. Federalism (missing)

Rodney, Walter. How Europe Underdeveloped Africa

Rule, James. Theories of Civil Violence (missing)

Sartori, Giovanni. Comparative Constitutional Engineering

Schattschneider, E.E. Semisovereign People

Skocpol, Theda. Social Revolutions in the Modern World

Sederburg, Peter. Fires Within

Shaffer, William. Politics, Parties, and Parliaments

Smith, Donald E. Religion and Political Development

Truman, David. The Governmental Process

Van Dyke, Vernon. Political Science

Weiner, Myron. The Politics of Scarcity
____ and Samuel Huntington. *Understanding Political Development*

Wheare, K.C. *Federalism* (missing)

White, Jonathan. *Terrorism*