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Political Science G8493

Political Development

Wednesday 2:10-4 pm

Course Description: This is a graduate course in political development. It will focus on the development of, and relationship among, the three constituent features of the modern political world: states, nations and democracy.

The course will analyze both historical and contemporary cases, tracing how causal processes unfold over time and space and what past conditions and experiences lie behind today's political dynamics and problems. Along the way, the course will introduce students to the main approaches and schools of thought in the political development literature.

The course will encourage rigorous comparative thinking and writing and prepare students for general exams and dissertation work.

Requirements: Readings are extensive and must be done *before* each class. Each student will be required to write seven short papers (of 2-4 pages each) over the course of the term. These papers should engage the debates presented in the readings for the week. They should be thought pieces and will be used to help structure class discussions. *They must be emailed to me by 12pm of the Monday before class.* (Examples of what these papers should look like will be posted on the courseworks website.) The final project for the class will be a mock general exam in comparative politics. The short papers will count for 50% of the grade, class participation 20%, and the final project, 30%.

This course requires a lot of writing. If you do not feel comfortable writing a lot of papers, this is probably not the course for you.

Course Readings: Almost all readings are available via courseworks. Some will also be put on reserve at Lehman library.

Week 1 (September 7): Introduction**Week 2 (September 14): Thinking about the State**

- David Held, "The Development of the Modern State," pages 57-73 (pages 73-87 can be read for week 2), in Stuart Hall et al, eds., Modernity.
- Robert Jackson, Sovereignty. Evolution of an Idea, chapters 1 and 2.
- Gianfranco Poggi, The Development of the Modern State, chapter 1.
- Gianfranco Poggi, The State. Its Nature, Development and Prospects, chapter 2, pages 19-25.
- North, Douglass C., John Joseph Wallis, and Barry R. Weingast, Violence and Social Orders, introduction and conclusion.
- Michael Mann, "The Autonomous Power of the State: its Origins, Mechanisms and Results," European Journal of Sociology (Archives européennes de sociologie), XXV, 1984.

Week 3 (September 21): State Building I

- Gianfranco Poggi, The State. Its Nature, Development and Prospects, chapters 3 and 4.
- Joseph Strayer, On the Medieval Origins of the Modern State, esp. i.
- Charles Tilly, Coercion, Capital and European States, chaps. 1 and skim 3.
- Hendrik Spruyt, The Sovereign State and Its Competitors, chapters 1 and 2, at least skim 8 and 9.
- Philip Gorski The Disciplinary Revolution, Introduction, chapter 1, Conclusion.
- Perry Anderson, Lineages of the Absolutist State, forward and chapter 1.

Week 4 (September 28): State Building II

- Robert Jackson and Carl Rosberg, "Sovereignty and Underdevelopment: Juridical Statehood and the African Crisis," Journal of Modern African Studies, 24, 1, 1986.
- Jeffrey Herbst, States and Power in Africa, Intro., chapters. 1 and 9 (esp. 251-257).
- Catherine Boone, Political Topographies of the African State, chapters 1, 2, and 6.
- Robert Bates, "Probing the Sources of Political Order," in Stathis Kalyvas, Ian Shapiro, And Tarek Masoud, eds., Order Conflict and Violence.
- Miguel Centeno, "Blood and Debt: War and Taxation in Nineteenth Century Latin America," American Journal of Sociology, 102, 6, May 1997.
- Sudipta Kaviraj, "A State of Contradictions: the post-colonial State in India," in Martin Doornbos and Sudipta Kaviraj, eds., Dynamics of State Formation: Europe and India Compared (London: Sage, 1998).
- Jeff Herbst and Greg Mills, "There is No Congo," Foreign Policy, online, March 2009.
- Jeff Herbst, "Where Autocrats Don't Fear to Tread," Foreign Policy, July/August, 2010.
- Pierre Engelbert, "To Save Africa, Reject its Nations," New York Times, June 12, 2010.

Optional:

- Thomas Callaghy, The State-Society Struggle. Zaire in Comparative Perspective, Preface, chapter 1, Conclusion.
- Karen Barkey, Bandits and Bureaucrats. The Ottoman Route to State Centralization, chapters 1, 2 and 7.

Week 5 (October 5): Nationalism and Identity Formation I

- Walker Connor, "From Tribe to Nation?" History of European Ideas, 13, 1/2, 1991.
- John Hutchinson and Anthony Smith, eds., Nationalism: A Reader (chapters by Renan, Stalin, and Weber).
- Benedict Anderson, Imagined Communities, esp. pp. 1-46 (but you should really read the whole thing).
- Elie Kedourie, Nationalism, chapters 1-5, and the afterward.
- Ernest Gellner, Nationalism, especially pp. 1-30, the rest can be skimmed.
- Eric Hobsbawm, Nations and Nationalism since 1780, especially pp. 1-100.
- Andreas Wimmer, Nationalist Conflict and Ethnic Exclusion, chapter 3.
(If you are already familiar with these books/ literature, you can use Hutchinson and Smith, eds., Nationalism: A Reader which has summary chapters by most of the above.)

Week 6 (October 12): Nationalism and Identity Formation II

- David Laitin, Identity in Formation, preface and chap 1.
- Orlando Patterson, "Context and Choice in Ethnic Allegiance," in Nathan Glazer and Daniel Moynihan, eds., Ethnicity.
- Deborah Yashar, Contesting Citizenship in Latin America, chapters 1, (2 is optional), 3, 7.
- Mahmood Mamdani, Citizen and Subject, chapters 1, 2, 8.
- Consuelo Cruz, "Identity and Persuasion: How Nations Remember Their Pasts and Make Their Futures," World Politics, April 2000.
- Kanchan Chandra, "Ethnic Parties and Democratic Stability," Perspectives on Politics, 3/2, June 2005.
- Partha Chatterjee, The Nation and its Fragments, chapters 1 and 11.

- Jerry Muller, "Us and Them. The Enduring Power of Ethnic Nationalism," Foreign Affairs, March/April 2008.
- Responses to Muller by Habyarimana, Humphreys, Posner, Weinstein, Rosecrance, Stein and then Muller again, Foreign Affairs, July/August 2008.

Week 7 (October 19): The Impact of Economic Development on Democracy: Modernization Theory

- Seymour Martin Lipset, Political Man, pp 31-53 or Lipset, "Some Social Requisites of Democracy," APSR, 53, 1, March 1959.
- Karl Deutsch, "Social Mobilization and Political Development," APSR, 15, 3, September, 1961.
- Daniel Lerner, The Passing of Traditional Society, chapters 1 and 2.
- Adam Przeworski and Fernando Limongi, "Modernization: Theories and Facts," World Politics, 49, January 1997.
- Carlos Boix, Democracy and Redistribution, Introduction, chapters 1 and 7.

Skim for the general idea:

- John Gerring, Philip Bond, William Barndt, and Carola Moreno, "Democracy and Economic Growth. A Historical Perspective," World Politics, 57, April 2005.
- Carlos Boix and Susan Stokes, "Endogenous Democratization," World Politics, 55, July 2003.
- David Epstein, Robert Bates, et al. American Journal of Political Science, 50, 3, 2006.
- George Gilboy and Eric Heginbotham, "China's Coming Transformation," Foreign Affairs, 80, 4, July/August 2001.

Optional:

- Michael Ross, "Does Oil Hinder Democracy?" World Politics, 53, April 2001.
- Thad Dunning, Crude Democracy, chapter 1.
- Thomas Friedman, "The First Law of Petropolitics," Foreign Policy, May/June 2006.

Week 8 (October 26): The Impact of Economic Development on Democracy: Critiques of Modernization Theory

- Ralf Dahrendorf, Society and Democracy in Germany, chapters 1, 3, 4, 24.
- Samuel Huntington, Political Order in Changing Societies, part 1 (esp. 1-59, 78-92).
- Andre Gunder Frank, Latin America: Underdevelopment or Revolution, pp. 3-17 or idem "The Development of Underdevelopment," in Peter Klaren and Thomas Bossert, eds., The Promise of Underdevelopment, chap 6.
- Guillermo O'Donnell, Modernization and Bureaucratic Authoritarianism, chap. 2.
- Bruce Beuno de Mesquita and George Downs, "Development and Democracy," Foreign Affairs, September/October, 2005.
- Minxin Pei, "The Dark Side of China's Rise," Foreign Policy, March/April 2006.

Week 9 (November 1): Barrington Moore

- Barrington Moore, The Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy, read at least chapters 1, 2, 7, 8, 9.
- Theda Skocpol, "A Critical Review of Barrington Moore's Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy," Politics and Society, Fall 1973.
- Huber, Evelyne, Dietrich Rueschemeyer, and John D. Stephens. "The Impact of Economic Development on Democracy." The Journal of Economic Perspectives, Vol. 7, No. 3, Summer 1993 or Dietrich Rueschemeyer, Evelyn Huber Stephens and John Stephens, Capitalist Development and Democracy, chaps. 1-4, 7

Week 10 (November 9): Culture and Democracy

- Gabriel Almond and Sidney Verba, The Civic Culture, chapters 1 and 15.
- Edward Banfield, The Moral Basis of a Backward Society, Intro., chapters 1 and 9 and skim 5 and 6.
- Frank Fukuyama, "Trust: The Social Virtues and the Creation of Prosperity," in Don Eberly, eds, The Essential Civil Society Reader.
- Ronald Inglehart and Christian Welzel, "Changing Mass Priorities: The Link between Modernization and Democracy," Persepectives on Politics, 8, 2, June 2010.
- Adam Przeworski, et al, "Culture and Democracy," in Robert Dahl, Ian Shapiro and Jose Antonio Chubb, eds., The Democracy Sourcebook, pp. 181-189 (or World Culture Report: Culture, Creativity, and Markets (UNESCO 1998)).
- Barry Weingast, "The Political Foundations of Democracy and the Rule of Law," American Political Science Review, 91, 2, June 1997.

- Ronald Inglehart and Christian Welzel, "How Development Leads to Democracy," Foreign Affairs, March/April 2009.

Week 11 (November 16): Civil Society and Democracy

- Chapters by Madison, Barber, Cohen and Arato, Walzer and Bellah et al, in Virginia Hodgkinson and Michael Foley, eds, The Civil Society Reader..
- Robert Putnam, Making Democracy Work, esp. 83-91, 171-185.
- Robert Putnam, "Bowling Alone," Journal of Democracy, January 1995.
(An excellent summary of Putnam's arguments about civil society, social capital and democracy can be found in his book, Bowling Alone, chapter 21.)
- Ashutosh Varshney, Ethnic Conflict and Civil Society, World Politics, 53, April 2001.
- Sheri Berman, "Civil Society and the Collapse of the Weimar Republic, World Politics, 49, 3, April 1997.
- Amaney Jamal, Barriers to Democracy, Introduction and Conclusion.
- James Fearon and David Laitin, "Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War," American Political Science Review, 97, 1, February 2003, pp. 75-89.
- Geremek Bronislaw, "Civil Society Then and Now," Journal of Democracy, 3, 2, April 1992.

Thanksgiving break!

Week 12 (November 30) Revolutions

- Theda Skocpol, States and Social Revolutions, Introduction and Conclusion.
- Jeff Goodwin, No Other Way Out: States and Revolutionary Movements, chapters 1, 2, 9.
- Jack Goldstone, ed. Revolutions: Theoretical, Comparative and Historical Studies, chapter 2 (Huntington and Tilly), chapter 5 (Goldstone).
- William Sewell, "Ideologies and Social Revolutions: Reflections on the French Case," The Journal of Modern History, 57, 1, 1985.
- Theda Skocpol, "Cultural Idioms and Political Ideologies in the Revolutionary Reconstruction of State Power," The Journal of Modern History, 57, 1, 1985. (The Sewell article and Skocpol's rejoinder are reprinted in Skocpol, ed., Social Revolutions in the Modern World, chapters, 7 and 8. If States and Social Revolutions was not clear to you, read chapter 4 in Social Revolutions for an excellent summary.)
- Timur Kuran, "Now Out of Never: The Element of Surprise in the East European Revolution of 1989," World Politics, 44, 1, October 1991. (If you prefer a more general argument and one with more formal modeling, try Timur Kuran, "Sparks and Prairie Fires: A Theory of Unanticipated Political Revolution," Public Choice, 61, 1989.)

Week 13 (December 7): Globalization, the Nation-State and Democracy

- John Gerard Ruggie, "Territoriality and Beyond: Problematizing Modernity in International Relations," International Organization, 47, 1, Winter 1993.
- John Rapsley, "The New Middle Ages," Foreign Affairs, May/June 2006.
- David Held and Anthony McGrew, The Global Transformations Reader, chapters 11 (Strange), 12 (Mann), 16 (Slaughter), 17 (Mathews), 23 (Tomlinson), and 29 (Gilpin).
- David Held, Global Covenant, chapter 4 ("Political Globalization?").
- T.V. Paul, G. John Ikenberry, and John Hall, eds., The Nation-State in Question, chapter 9 (Campbell) and conclusion (Ikenberry).