GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

GOVT 1400—COMPARATIVE POLITICAL SYSTEMS

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Course Description

This course offers a broad introduction to comparative politics, the subfield of political science concerned mainly with political ideas, institutions, and behavior within states. The course examines such themes as the origins and functions of states, formal institutions such as legislatures and executives, the variety and impact of electoral systems, the nature of democracy and autocracy, internal and external challenges to political order, and the impact of international and domestic factors on state performance. Discussions of theoretical and cross-regional issues will be accompanied by the treatment of individual countries and contexts. This course counts for the Comparative Government distribution requirement.

Course Requirements

Two Midterm examinations (15% each):	30%
Eleven reading quizzes (1%each):	11%
Research Paper and discussion section presentation:	19%
Final examination:	30%
Participation:	10%
Total:	100%

Exams

The two midterms cover the material from the part of the course as indicated in this syllabus and consists of one over-arching essay question. The final examination covers the material from the entire course and consists of a long essay question.

Research Paper
For the research paper (12-15 pages), students choose a country and apply the concepts learned in class to describe and analyze it. Each paper will have four sections: (1) an introduction with the relevant history; (2) a descriptive analysis where the approaches learned in class are applied; (3) a prescriptive analysis in which an institutional or other challenge is identified, and, (4) a solution proposed. More details will be provided later in the semester.

Policy on Artificial Intelligence
This course has a writing component, and what is important are your thoughts and your voice. As such, the use of AI is inconsistent with the goals of the course. You are not to use AI to generate your papers for this class, in whole or in part. AI is to be treated like any other source: if you use it for a paper, you are to cite it as you would another source. You need to be able to analyze and synthesize it and draw your own conclusions. In addition, the process of writing, while often difficult and frustrating, is also a process of thinking. If you allow AI to do the thinking for you, you are missing out on a valuable exercise for your mind. Papers will be graded according to the depth of thought and development of ideas, and also to the use of your own "voice." The mantra for this course is always "writing is thinking."

Class Format
This class follows a lecture/discussion section format. Participation in the class discussion sections is an important component of the work for the class. Your reflections and questions in the discussion sections should be based on a careful consideration of the assigned readings for that week. Your participation grade will be assessed in conjunction with the teaching assistants and will be based on students' performance in the discussion sections. The quality of your contributions to discussions is more important than quantity.

Important Course Details
Please note the following important course details:
1. All deadlines are found in the course schedule and are not negotiable.
2. Attendance to both the lectures and discussion sections is mandatory.
3. Students are expected to come fully prepared for the discussion sections, having completed all assigned readings beforehand.
4. Students must abide by the code of academic conduct as outlined in the Georgetown Honor System.

Course Readings
The following TWO books are required and are available for purchase in the Georgetown University Bookstore:

1. O'Neil, Patrick H *Essentials of Comparative Politics*, W. W. Norton & Company; Seventh edition (2020)
2. O'Neil, Patrick H. and Ronald Rogowski, *Essential Readings in Comparative Politics*, W. W. Norton & Company; Fifth edition (2017)

There is one RECOMMENDED text
Lijphart, Arend *Patterns of Democracy: Government Forms and Performance in Thirty-Six Countries,* second edition. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2012.

Discussion Sections
Thursday 05:00 PM - 05:50 PM Reiss Room: 284, Roudah Chaker
Thursday 07:00 PM - 07:50 PM Walsh Room: 49, Pedro Lara de Arruda
Thursday 08:00 PM - 08:50 PM Intercultural Center Room: 113, Pedro Lara de Arruda
Friday 09:00 AM - 09:50 AM Walsh Room: 399, Nick Zochowski
Friday 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM Car Barn Room: 302A, Nick Zochowski
Friday 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM White-Gravenor Room: 204, Gabby Jensen
Friday 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM White-Gravenor Room: 204, Roudah Chaker
Friday 01:00 PM - 01:50 PM Reiss Room: 261A, Gabby Jensen

Course Learning Goals
By the end of this course, students should have an understanding of the core concepts in comparative politics, including the history and development of comparative politics; the origins and functions of the state; civil society and non-state forms of association, including the mobilization of ethnic, religious, national, and other identities; and, the variety and functions of political society, including major political institutions such as legislatures, executives, judiciaries, and bureaucracies at the national and sub-national levels.

The course will also consider a number of other important concepts of comparative politics, including regime types and regime change; constitutions and institutional design; electoral systems and party systems; political economy and socio-economic development; political violence, revolution, and state breakdown; and the impact of international, regional and domestic factors on state performance.

Summary of Weekly Lecture Topics
INTRODUCTION: THE LIMITS OF STATE AUTHORITY
On Political Leadership & Civil Resistance as seen in Antigone by Sophocles
PART ONE
1. THE STATE: On Comparative Politics (January 14-16)
2. CIVIL SOCIETY: on Nations, Nationalism, & the French Revolution (January 21-23)
3. ECONOMIC SOCIETY: On Liberalism, Capitalism, & Agenda Setting (January 28-30)
4. POLITICAL SOCIETY & DEMOCRATIC REGIMES: On Institutions & Good Leadership (February 4-6)
FIRST STUDY DAY (February 11) AND FIRST MIDTERM EXAM (February 13)
PART TWO
5. NON-DEMOCRATIC REGIMES: On Political Authority & Bad Leadership (Feb. 18-20)
6. POLITICAL VIOLENCE: On Actors, Targets and Countermeasures (Feb. 25-27)
7. NO CLASS -- Spring Break (Mar. 4 and 6)
8. DEVELOPED DEMOCRACIES (March 11 and March 13)
9. COMMUNSM & POST-COMMUNIS (March 18 and March 20)
SECOND STUDY DAY (March 25) AND SECOND MIDTERM EXAM (March 27)
PART THREE
10. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES and Globalization (April 8 and 10)
EASTER BREAK: NO CLASS
Also: Student Presentation in Discussion Sections (April 15 and 17)
SEMESTER WRAP-UP (Apr. 22)

Student Research Paper Presentations in Discussion Sections in March and April

-BY-SESSION COURSE OUTLINE IN THREE PERSPECTIVES OR "SLICES"

Module	Slice 1: THEME OF THE WEEK	Slice 2: ASSIGNED READINGS *Please note: PowerPoint presentations and other additional materials will be posted. Please check Canvas for updates.*	Slice 3: DISCUSSION SECTION *TOPICS/Required YouTube Videos*
Intro	On Political Leadership & Civil Resistance as seen in Antigone by Sophocles	**INTRODUCTION: (JANUARY 14-16)** **THE LIMITS OF STATE AUTHORITY:** Please read Antigone and watch these three videos before class Read: Antigone-1.pdfDownload Antigone-1.pdf Video 1. Antigone vs Creon on the limits of state power Video 2. Creon insists on unquestioning obedience as a true element of state authority. Video 3. Haemon vs. Creon on the proper role of the state and political authority	
1	**THE STATE**	**MODULE ONE** **JANUARY 14 & 16**	**What is Comparative Politics?**
1	Intro to Comparative Politics & Comparative Methods The State Leadership	Introduction to Comparative Politics and The State 1. O'Neil, *Essentials of Comparative Politics*, Chapters 1-2 (pp. 2-59) All of the below readings are available in O'Neil and Rogowski, *Essential Readings in Comparative Politics*, 5th edition 1. Lichbach and Zuckerman, "Research Traditions and Theory in Comparative Politics, pp. 4-9 2. King, Keohane and Verba, "The *Science* in Sociual Science," pp. 10-15. 3. Max Weber, "Politics as a Vocation," pp. 28-34. 4. Robert Rotberg, The New Nature of National State Failure, pp. 50-56 5. For background on leadership issue, 6. see Editorial_James_MacGregor_Burns_1918-2014.pdf 7. Chapter 1 Institutions in Action: Video on Egypt in 2011 8. Chapter 2 Institutions in Action: Video on Possible State Failure in Pakistan	PLEASE NOTE. ALL THE VIDEO LINKS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE COURSE CANVAS PAGE What is Comparative Politics, lecture by Satish K Jha, University of Delhi, India (Watch first 20 minutes). Aristotle and his classificatory system for comparing governments. Max Weber, Politics as a Vocation.
1.1	1.14	Module One, Lecture One : Origins of Comparative Politics Complete Chapter 1 quiz	
1.2	1.16	Module One, Lecture two: On the State Complete Chapter 2 quiz **Supplemental Lecture by Dr. Manuel on Comparative Leadership**	

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2	**CIVIL SOCIETY**	**MODULE TWO JANUARY 21-JANUARY 23**	**Discussion Topics**
	Nations Nationalism The French Revolution	1. O'Neil, *Essentials of Comparative Politics*, Chapter 3, pp. 60-97. All of the below readings are available in O'Neil and Rogowski, *Essential Readings in Comparative Politics*, 5th 1. Hobsbawn, "Nationalism," pp. 66-74 2. Feardon and Laitin, "Ethnicity, Insurgency and Civil War," pp. 75-85. 3. Baldwin and Huber, "Economic vs. Cultural Differences," 103-122. 4. Chapter 3 Institutions in Action: Video on Constitution in Nepal	French Revolution Ethnic/National Identity Citizenship/ Patriotism Attitudes/Ideology Religion/Political Culture Please watch these videos before class Jeremy Paxman interviews historian Eric Hobsbawm in 2002 - BBC Newsnight Faraja Nyalandu, Embracing Innovation for Local Solutions, TEDxEuston Nationalism in South Korea
2.1	1.21	Module Two, Lecture One: On the State and on Comparative Methods Complete Chapter 3 Quiz	Qualitative vs Quantitative vs Mixed Methods Research: How To Choose Research Methodology.

2.2	1.23	Module Two, Lecture Two: On Civil Society and Nationalism	The French Revolution and Nationalism. What is Civil Society (watch the first 9;20 minutes) Jeremy Paxman interviews historian Eric Hobsbawm in 2002 - BBC Newsnight The French Revolution and Nationalism What is Civil Society (watch the first 9;20 minutes).
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3	**ECONOMY SOCIETY**	**MODULE THREE JANUARY 28-JANIARY 30**	**Discussion Topics/ YouTube Videos**
	Liberalism Capitalism Agenda Setting	1. O'Neil, *Essentials of Comparative Politics*, Chapter 4, pp. 98-137. All of the below readings are available in O'Neil and Rogowski, *Essential Readings in Comparative Politics*, 5th edition 1. Adam Smith, "On the Wealth of Nations," pp. 141-146. 2. Douglass North, Institutions," 147-158. 3. Daron Acemoglu, Root Causes …", pp. 159-162. 4. Ronal Rogowski, "Political Cleavages ... ", pp. 163-177. 1. Chapter 4 Institutions in Action: Poverty and Inequality in Latin America, with a focus on Venezuela Supplemental lecture by Dr. Manuel on the 5 stages of Agenda Setting and Issue Control, with attention to the COVID-19 pandemic and the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis	Civil Society Markets/ Property Public Goods Expenditures Taxation Liberalism Social Democracy Communism Mercantilism Political Cleavages & Parties Human Development Index/ Happiness

3.1	1.28	Module Three, Lecture One: On Economic Society Complete Chapter 4 quiz	**You Tube Videos** Summary of the Wealth of Nations by Adam Smith Lecture on Political Economy in Comparative Politics by Satish K Jha, University of Delhi, India (Watch first 20 minutes) What is Political Economy?
3.2	1.30	Module Three, Lecture Two: On Political Economic and Political Ideology & A brief comment on Comparative Methodology	What is Political Economy, Ministry of Human Resources, Government of India (first 11 minutes) Why Politics Matters
Module	**Slice 1: THEME OF THE WEEK**	**Slice 2: ASSIGNED READINGS** *Please note: PowerPoint presentations and other additional materials will be posted. Please check Canvas for updates.*	**Slice 3: DISCUSSION SECTION** *TOPICS/Required YouTube Videos*
4	**POLITICAL SOCIETY & DEMOCRATIC REGIMES**	**MODULE FOUR** **FEBRUARY 4-6**	**What is a democracy?**

		1. O'Neil, *Essentials of Comparative Politics*, Chapter 5, pp. 138-75. All of the below readings are available in O'Neil and Rogowski, *Essential Readings in Comparative Politics*, 5th edition. 2. Philippe Schmitter and Terry Lynn Card, " What Democracy Is … and Is Not," pp. 180-188. 3. Arend Lijphart, "Constitutional Choices," pp. 189-197. 4. Alfred Stepan, Juan Linz, and Yogendra Yadav, "The Rise of State-Nations," pp. 199-212. 5. Chapter 5 Institutions in Action: Democracy in Asia, with a focus on Korea Recommended Reading Lijphart: Chpts. 1-3 (Introduction, Westminster, Consensus Electoral Systems) Supplemental Lecture by Dr. Manuel on Agenda Setting in Comparative Perspective with attention on the COVID-19 pandemic and also the Cuban Missile	Definitions Origins Democratization Institutions Presidential/Parliamentary Semi-Presidential Agenda Setting and Agenda Control **YouTube Videos** Regime Types What Democracy is and Is Not. Philippe Schmitter on the future of democracy. Majoritarian vs. Consensus forms of Government. What is the difference between a republic and a democracy? Lecture by Professor Shobhana Menon.
4.1	2.4	Module 1, Lecture 1: On Democratic Regimes, part 1 Complete Chapter Five quiz	
4.2	2.6	Module 1, Lecture 2: On Democratic Regimes, part 2	
		FIRST MIDTERM EXAM (MODULES 1-4) STUDY DAY, TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11 (NO CLASS) FIRST MIDTERM EXAM, THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13	
Module	**Slice 1: THEME OF THE WEEK**	**Slice 2: ASSIGNED READINGS** *Please note: PowerPoint presentations and other additional materials will be posted. Please check Canvas for updates.*	**Slice 3: DISCUSSION SECTION** *TOPICS/Required YouTube Videos*
6	NON-DEMOCRATIC REGIMES	MODULE FIVE FEBRUARY 18-20	Assigned Topics

		1. O'Neil, Essentials of Comparative Politics, Chapter 6, pp. 178-209. All of the below readings are available in O'Neil and Rogowski, Essential Readings in Comparative Politics, 5th edition 2. Juan Liz and Alfred Stepan, "Modern Nondemocratic regimes, pp. 241-253 3. Steven Levitsky and Lucan Way, "The Rise of Competitive Authoritarianism," pp. 254-263. 4. Larry Diamond, "The Rule of Law vs the Big Man,"pp. 264-272. 5. Barbara Geddes, Erica Frantz and Joseph Wright, " Military Rule," pp. 273-287. 6. Barbara Kellerman, Interview on the Dark Side of Leadership 7. Chapter 6 Institutions in Action: Paths of Zimbabwe and South Africa (focus on elections in Zimbabwe)	Definitions/ Origins Modernization Elites/Society Culture/Coercion Surveillance/ Corporatism Clientelism/ Personality/ Charisma YouTube Videos Dr. Natasha Ezrow | TEDx University of Essex Definition of dictatorship Interview with Juan Linz of Yale University Interview with Larry Diamond of Stanford University, Alternatives to Democracy
5.1	2.18	Module Five, Lecture One: Nondemocratic Regimes, 1	
5.2	2.20	Module Five, Lecture Two: Nondemocratic Regimes, 2 Supplemental Lecture by Dr. Manuel on the Dark side of leadership	
6	POLITICAL VIOLENCE	MODULE SIX FEBRUARY 25-27	Assigned Topics
		1. O'Neil, *Essentials of Comparative Politics*, Chapter 7, pp. 210-241. All of the below readings are available in O'Neil and Rogowski, *Essential Readings in Comparative Politics*, 5th edition. 2. Theda Skocpol, "France, Russia, China: A Structural Analysis of Social Revolutions," 310-327. 3. Martha Crenshaw, "The Causes of Terrorism," 328-342." 4. Scott Atran and Robert Axelrod," Reframing Sacred Values," pp. 343-361 5. Chapter 7 Institutions in Action: Arab Spring of 2011 Complete Chapter 7 Quiz	What is Political Violence? Institutional/ Ideational Individual/ Terrorism What is Political Violence? Interview with Theda Skocpol of Harvard University Political Violence in Brazil in 2022 Political Violence in Ancient India Political Turmoil in Kosovo
6.1	2.25	Module Six, Lecture One: On Political Violence, 1	
6.2	2.27	Module Six, Lecture Two: On Political Violence, 2	

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	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK MARCH 1-9 NO CLASS ON MARCH 4 and 6	
7	DEVELOPED DEMOCRACIES	MODULE SEVEN ASSIGNED READINGS (3.11 and 3.13)	Assigned Topics
	On Institutions, Challenges & Path Dependence	1. O'Neil, Essentials of Comparative Politics, Chapter 8, pp. 242-275. All of the below readings are available in O'Neil and Rogowski, Essential Readings in Comparative Politics, 5th edition 2. Tocqueville, "Introduction from Democracy in America," pp. 379-386. 3. Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, James Robinson and Pierre Yared, "Income and Democracy," pp. 413-418. 4. Ben Ansell and David Samuels, "Inequality and Democratization, pp.419-431 5. Maurice Duverger, Institut d'études politiques de Bordeaux, "The Number of Parties," 432-435. 6. Torben Iversen and David Soskice, "Electoral Institutions and the Politics of Coalitions," pp. 437-445. Supplemental Lecture by Dr. Manuel on Path Dependence and US Democracy	Definitions/ Freedom/Equality Challenges/ Institutions Devolution Postmodern values Economic institutions European Union Video 1. Tocqueville, Democracy in America Video 2. Maurice Duverger, Institut d'études politiques de Bordeaux: Duverger's Law and the Two-Party System Explained Video 3. Lecture on Developed Democracies by Professor O'Neill of the University of the Pacific Video 4. COVID Policy in Portugal Video 5. Rise of the Far Right in Sweden Recommended Video 1. Democracy in France Recommended Video 2: Democracy in the United Kingdom Recommended Video 3. Democracy in Germany
7.1	3.11	Lecture on Developed Democracies, 1	
7.2	3.13	Lecture on Developed Democracies, 2	

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8	COMMUNISM AND POST-COMMUNISM	MODULE EIGHT ASSIGNED READINGS MARCH 18 and MARCH 20	Assigned Topics
	On Revolutions, Collapse & Rebuilding	1. O'Neil, *Essentials of Comparative Politics*, Chapter 9, pp. 276-317. All of the below readings are available in O'Neil and Rogowski, *Essential Readings in Comparative Politics*, 5th edition 2. Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, "Manifesto of the Communist Party," pp. 465-476. 3. Grzegorz Ekiert, "The Illiberal Challenge …," pp. 477- 488. 4. Henry Hale, "25 years after the USSR…" pp. 489- 496. 5. Harley Balzer, "Russia and China ,,,: pp. 497-506. 6. Chapter 9 Institutions in Action: Reform in China	Communism/ Equality Human relations Revolution/ Lived Reality Communist Pol Economy Transformations Political/Societal/ Legacy **Video 1, Focus on origins of Communism & the Communist and Postcommunism era** **Video 2. Lecture on Communism and Post-Communism by Dr. Hill Krishnan of Baruch College** **Video 3. The Politics of East Central Europe 30 Years after the Fall of the Berlin Wall by Grzegorz Ekiert of Harvard University (First 40 minutes)** **Video 4. The Communist Manifesto Summary** **Video 5. Rise of Communism in the Soviet Union, 1905-1960**
8.1	3.18	Lecture on Revolution, 1	
8.2	3.20	Lecture on Revolution, 2	
		SECOND MIDTERM EXAM (MODULES 5-8) TUESDAY, MARCH 25: STUDY DAY (NO CLASS) THURSDAY, MARCH 27: SECOND MIDTERM EXAM	

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9	MODULE NINE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES	ASSIGNED READINGS FOR MODULE NINE APRIL 1 and APRIL 3	Assigned Topics
	On Opportunities, Challenges, and New Understandings	1. O'Neil, *Essentials of Comparative Politics*, Chapter 10, pp. 318-353 All of the below readings are available in O'Neil and Rogowski, *Essential Readings in Comparative Politics*, 5th edition 2. William Easterly, "To help the poor," pp. 509-514. 3. Gregory Clark, "16-page Economic History of the World," pp. 515-524 4. Paul Collier and Jan Willem Gunning, "What has Arfica grown steadily," pp. 525-542. 5. Daron Acemoglu and Simon Johnson, "Disease and Development, pp. 543-548 6. Chapter 10 Institutions in Action: Industrialization in Asia	Freedom/ Equality Imperialism/Colonialism Challenges/ Puzzles/ COVID-19 pandemic/ Constitutions Student Presentations in Discussion Section **YouTube Videos** Video 1. Laiqa Walli, Developing Africa, Not Westernizing I TEDxYouth@AKAMombasa Video 2. Bright Simons, To help solve global problems, look to developing countries Video 3. Thinking about poverty and inequality in Latin America Video 4. "Made in Africa" - The Power of Shifting Perceptions by Abai Schulze, TEDxNashville Video 5. Why we're overdue to know the brilliance of Africa's civilizations Video 6. Gregory Clark, Economic History of the World Video 7. COVID policy in China Video 8. Constitution in Nigeria

9.1	4,1	Lecture on Developing Countries, 1	
9.2	4.3	Lecture on Developing Countries, 2	
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10		MODULE TEN: DEMOCRATIZATION AND GLOBALIZATION (APRIL 8 and APRIL 10)	Assigned Topics
	On Adaptive Leadership and the Future of Comparative Politics	**1. O'Neil, Essentials of Comparative Politics, Chapter 11, pp. 354-** **All of the below readings are available in O'Neil and Rogowski, Essential Readings in Comparative Politics, 5th edition** **2. Dani Rodrik, "Is Global Governance Feasible," 550-563.** **3. Francois Bourguignon, "Inequality and Globalization," pp. 564-566** **4. Niall Ferguson, "Populism as a Backlash against Globalization," pp. 567-57** **5. Johm Dryzek, Global Civil Society," pp. 573-590.** **6. Manage Chapter 11 Institutions in Action: Globalization and Climate Change** **Supplemental Lecture by Dr. Manuel on Adaptive Leadership in a Globalized World** Recommended Reading Arend Lijphart, 157-309 Complete Chapter 10 Quiz	Student Presentations in Discussion Section Institutions/Politics Economics/Society **YouTube Videos** Video 1. Historian Niall Ferguson of Harvard University on the roots of contemporary political polarization Video 2. Danielle Allen of Harvard University | Understanding Our New World
10.1	April 8	Lecture on Globalization	
10.2	April 10	Lecture on Democratization	
		EASTER BREAK: NO CLASS ON APRIL 15 and APRIL 17	
		TUESDAY APRIL 22: WRAPPING THINGS UP	
		The 2025 Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association will convene on April 24-26, 2025, at the Omni Mt. Washington Resort in Bretton Woods, NH.	
		1. Final Examination Review	Student Presentations in Discussion Section

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