

Government 275: Democracy in Developing Countries
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(Preferably by Appointment)

Course Description: This class examines the cultural, socio-economic, and institutional underpinnings of democratic stability. It focuses on the obstacles to such stability confronted by countries outside the advanced capitalist core of the world economy. It pays particular attention to states located in the “peripheral” region of Africa and the “semi-peripheral” region of Latin America.

Course Requirements: Students are expected to have read assigned material before coming to class, and to be ready and willing to participate. Such participation will account for 10% of the overall grade. In addition, there will be two in-class midterms, each of which will account for 20% of the overall grade. Finally, there will be a 48-hour take-home final exam, which will account for 50% of the overall grade.

Reading Materials: All reading materials will be posted on-line, through the library, at least one week before the assigned date. There will also be a copy of each week’s readings on reserve in the library.

Part One: Theoretical Introduction

Session One. Tuesday, September 5: Introduction

Session Two. Thursday, September 7: Introduction

Session Three. Tuesday, September 12:

Robert Dahl, *Polyarchy* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1971), pp.1-61.

Session Four. Thursday, September 14:

Almond and Verba, *The Civic Culture* (Princeton University Press, 1963), Chapter 1 and Chapter 15 (pp.3-42; 473-503).

Session Five. Tuesday, September 19:

Barrington Moore, *The Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy* (Boston: Beacon Press, 1966), Chapters 7 and 8 (pp.413-452).

Session Six. Thursday, September 21:

Theda Skocpol, "A Critical Review of *Social Origins*," in *Politics and Society*, Fall 1973

Session Seven. Tuesday, September 26:

Adam Przeworski and F. Limongi, "Modernization: Theory and Facts," *World Politics* 1997.

Session Eight. Thursday, September 28:

First Midterm Exam

Part Two: Democracy and Development in Africa

Session Nine. Tuesday, October 3:

Robert Bates, *Markets and States in Tropical Africa: The Political Basis of Agricultural Policies* (Berkeley University Press, 1981), Chapters 1 and 5 (pp.11-29, 81-105)

Session Ten. Thursday, October 5:

Giovanni Arrighi, "The African Crisis: World Systemic and Regional Aspects," *New Left Review* 15, May-June 2002.

John S. Saul and Colin Leys, "Sub-Saharan Africa in Global Capitalism," *Monthly Review*, Volume 51, #3, July-August 1999.

Session Eleven. Tuesday, October 10:

Larry Diamond, "Nigeria: Pluralism, Statism, and the Struggle for Democracy," in Diamond, Linz, and Lipset, eds., *Politics in Developing Countries* (Boulder, Colorado: Lynn Reinner Publishers, 1990), pp.351-410.

Session Twelve. Thursday, October 12:

Michael Mann, *The Dark Side of Democracy* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2005), Chapters 14 and 15 (pp.428-473)

Tuesday, October 17: Fall Break

Session Thirteen. Thursday, October 19:

Mahmood Mamdani, *When Victims Become Killers: Colonialism, Nativism, and Genocide in Rwanda* (New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 2001), Introduction and Chapter 7, pp.3-18, 185-233.

Session Fourteen. Tuesday, October 24:

Peter Uvin, *Aiding Violence: The Development Enterprise in Rwanda* (West Hartford, CT: Kumarian Press, 1998), Chapters 6 and 7 (pp.109-160).

Session Fifteen. Thursday, October 26:

James Ferguson, *Anti-Politics Machine : "Development," Depoliticization, and Bureaucratic Power in Lesotho* (Cambridge University Press, 1990), Chapters 2 and 3 (pp.25-73)

Session Sixteen. Tuesday, October 31:

Second Midterm Exam

Part Three: Democracy and Development in Latin America and Southern Europe

Session Seventeen. Thursday, November 2:

Göran Therborn, "The Travail of Latin American Democracy," *New Left Review* 1979

Session Eighteen. Tuesday, November 7:

Guillermo O'Donnell, *Bureaucratic Authoritarianism* (Berkeley: University of California Press), Chapters 1 and 2 (pp.1-71).

Session Nineteen. Thursday, November 9:

Juan J. Linz, "The Future of an Authoritarian Situation or the Institutionalization of an Authoritarian Regime: The Case of Brazil" In *Authoritarian Brazil: Origins, Policies, and Future*, edited by Alfred Stepan, (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1973).

Session Twenty. Tuesday, November 14:

F. H. Cardoso, "Associated Dependent Development and Democratic Theory," in *Democratizing Brazil*, edited by Alfred Stepan (New York: Oxford University Press, 1989).

Session Twenty-One. Thursday, November 16:

Jeffrey Frieden, *Debt, Development, and Democracy: Modern Political Economy and Latin America 1965-1985* (Princeton University Press, 1991), Introduction and Chapter 1 (pp.3-41)

Tuesday, November 21: Thanksgiving Break

Thursday, November 23: Thanksgiving Break

Session Twenty-Two. Tuesday, November 28:

Jeffrey Frieden, *Debt, Development, and Democracy: Modern Political Economy and Latin America 1965-1985* (Princeton University Press, 1991), Chapters 2 and 3 (pp.43-91).

Session Twenty-Three. Thursday, November 30:

William Robinson, *Promoting Polyarchy* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1996), Chapter 4 (pp.146-200).

Session Twenty-Four. Tuesday, December 5:

Giovanni Arrighi, *Semi-Peripheral Development: The Politics of Southern Europe in the Twentieth Century* (Beverly Hills, CA: Sage Publications, 1985), (Selection to be determined)

Session Twenty-Five. Thursday, December 7: Last Day of Class