

Core Seminar in Comparative Politics

Course Information

Course Number: POS 5091

Class Time: Wednesday 9.00-11.45

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Course Description

This course is the core seminar for the field of comparative politics in the political science Ph.D. program. It provides an introduction to the dominant questions, theories, and empirical research in comparative politics. The course will focus primarily on cross-national comparisons with the goal of explaining some of the systematic relationships that exist between social, economic, and political variables around the world. The course will not be an in-depth study of 3 or 4 countries (although you will get country-specific knowledge). The universe of cases will be all the countries in the world. The course is unapologetically scientific. It treats epistemological debates quite seriously and makes the argument that to behave scientifically is nothing more nor less than to adopt scholarly practices that invite falsification. I will try to convince you that formulating knowledge about politics in a manner that invites falsification is both intellectually persuasive and normatively satisfying. The substantive topics covered in the class include democracy and development, democratic performance, dictatorial rule, political institutions, culture and identity issues, civil war, elections and political parties, representation and accountability, and political economy.

Course Goals

The course has two goals: (i) to prepare students for a research career in comparative politics by providing a general survey of the field and (ii) to help prepare doctoral candidates for the preliminary examination in comparative politics.

Required Texts:

The following books are available at the university bookstore.

- King, Gary, Robert Keohane & Sidney Verba. 1994 *Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research*. Princeton, Princeton University Press.
- Przeworski, Adam, Michael E. Alvarez, José Antonio Cheibub & Fernando Limongi. 2000. *Democracy and Development: Political Institutions and Well-Being in the World, 1950-1990*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Boix, Carles. 2003. *Democracy and Redistribution*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Magaloni, Beatriz. 2007. *Voting for Autocracy: Hegemonic Party Survival and its Demise in Mexico*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Putnam, Robert D. 1993. *Making Democracy Work: Civic Traditions in Modern Italy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Birnir, Jóhanna Kristín. 2007. *Ethnicity and Electoral Politics*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Weinstein, Jeremy M. 2007. *Inside Rebellion: The Politics of Insurgent Violence*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce, Alastair Smith, Randolph M. Siverson & James D. Morrow. 2003. *The Logic of Political Survival*. Cambridge: MIT Press.
- Cox, Gary. 1997. *Making Votes Count: Strategic Coordination in the World's Electoral Systems*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Cheibub, José Antonio. 2006. *Presidentialism, Parliamentarism and Democracy*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Laver, Michael & Kenneth A. Shepsle. 1996. *Making and Breaking Governments: Cabinets and Legislatures in Parliamentary Democracies*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Powell, G. Bingham. 2000. *Elections as Instruments of Democracy. Majoritarian and Proportional Visions*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Tucker, Joshua A. 2006. *Regional Economic Voting: Russia, Poland, Hungary, Slovakia and the Czech Republic, 1990-1999*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

In addition to the books listed above, we will read a series of articles and unpublished manuscripts. These will be available on the web or on the door to my office. You are responsible for locating the required readings.

Additional recommended readings are listed (in no particular order) below each topic on the schedule. These readings are included in order to help guide the doctoral candidates to prepare for

the preliminary examination in comparative politics. While the list of recommended readings may appear lengthy, it should definitely not be seen as exhaustive.

Grading

Your final grade is a weighted average of the following components:

1. *One Examinations* (60%). The exams will be modeled after the doctoral preliminary examination in comparative politics. You will be asked to answer two or three questions out of a possible four or five. Each exam is a take-home exercise. I will deliver an exam to you on Friday and you will have the weekend to complete your response. Exams are due in my box at noon of the following Monday.
2. *Discussion Leadership* (10%). Each of you will be assigned a seminar to lead. On the day preceding the seminar, you will email the class a set of discussion questions. Topics may include both substantive and methodological issues. In addition to whatever you identify, you must be prepared to discuss the following topics.

Substantive:

- What question motivates the research? Is it clearly expressed? Why is it important?
- What is the goal of the researcher? Description, explanation, prediction?
- What is the theory? Is it clear?
- Are the concepts in the theory clearly defined?
- What is the unit of analysis?
- Are the key actors in the theory individuals, groups, states, or organizations? Does it matter?
- What are the observable implications of the theory?

Methodological:

- Which implications does the researcher test? What is the central empirical strategy? Is it a qualitative or quantitative design? Is it cross-sectional or over time?
 - Does this strategy adequately test the theory?
 - Are the theoretical concepts validly measured?
 - How are the cases selected?
3. *Review* (20%). You will also be asked to write a review for an anonymous manuscript that I will provide. Writing reviews is one of our professional duties, and so the earlier you learn how to write them, the better.
 4. *Participation* (10%). I expect you to be prepared to discuss the research we review each week, especially the topics that your discussion leader identifies. If you feel that the discussion leader has overlooked an important topic, I expect you to raise it in class. The goal here is to learn from each other and this is impossible if you are unprepared. In order to help this process along, I strongly suggest that you bring written notes to class.

Assignment of Letter Grades

Final course letter grades will be assigned based upon the scales shown below (I round to the nearest whole number).

A	93-100	C	73-76
A-	90-92	C-	70-72
B+	87-89	D+	67-69
B	83-86	D	63-66
B-	80-82	D-	60-62
C+	77-79	F	59 and below

Incomplete Grades

No incomplete grades will be given unless there is an agreement between the instructor and the student **prior to** the end of the course. The instructor retains the right to determine legitimate reasons for an incomplete grade.

Integrity of Scholarship

I will follow the guidelines established by the university. A summary of these guidelines can be found in the FSU Bulletin and Student Handbook.

Students with Disabilities

If you anticipate needing any type of academic accommodation in this course or have questions about physical access, please discuss this with the instructor within the first week of class. Students with disabilities needing academic accommodation should

1. Register with and provide documentation to the Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC).
2. Bring a letter to the instructor from the SDRC indicating that you need academic accommodation. This should be done within the first week of class.

Course Schedule:

Week 1: Comparative Methodology I

- King, Gary, Robert Keohane & Sidney Verba. 1994 *Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research*. Princeton, Princeton University Press. Chapters 1-3.
- Magee, Brian. 1973. *Philosophy and the Real World: An Introduction to Karl Popper*. Open Court, La Salle, Illinois. pp. 13-54.
- Lave, Charles A. & James March. 1975. *An Introduction to Models in the Social Sciences*. New York: Harper and Row. pp. 2-84.
- Lieberon, Stanley. 1991. 'Small N's and Big Conclusions: An Examination of the Reasoning in Comparative Studies Based on a Small Number of Cases.' *Social Forces* 70: 307-320.
- Fearon, James. 1991. 'Counterfactuals and Hypothesis Testing in Political Science.' *World Politics* 43: 169-195.

Recommended:

- Kuhn, Thomas. [1962] 1996. *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*. Chicago: Chicago University Press.
- Popper, Karl. [1935] 2003. *The Logic of Scientific Discovery*. New York: Routledge.
- Lakatos, Imre. 1970. 'Falsification and the Methodology of Scientific Research Programmes. In Imre Lakatos & Alan Musgrave (ed). *Criticism and the Growth of Knowledge*. New York: Cambridge University Press. pp. 91-195.
- Mill, John Stuart. [1848] 'Two Methods of Comparison,' *A System of Logic*, reprinted in Amitai Etzioni & L. Dubow. (eds.) 1970. *Comparative Perspectives: Theories and Methods*. Boston: Little, Brown. pp. 205-213.
- Lieberon, Stanley. 1994. 'More on the Uneasy Case for Using Mill-Type Methods in Small-N Comparative Studies.' *Social Forces* 72: 1225-1237.
- Sekhon, Jasjeet. 2005. 'Quality Meets Quantity: Case Studies, Conditional Probability, and Counterfactuals.' *Perspectives on Politics* 2: 281-293.
- Braumoeller, Bear F. 2003. 'Causal Complexity and the Study of Politics' *Political Analysis* 11: 209-233.
- Clark, William Roberts, Michael J. Gilligan & Matt Golder. 2006. 'A Simple Multivariate Test for Asymmetric Hypotheses.' *Political Analysis* 14: 311-331.
- George, Alexander L. & Andrew Bennett. 2005. *Case Studies and Theory Development in the Social Sciences*. Cambridge: MIT Press.

- Braumoeller, Bear F. & Gary Goertz. 2000. 'The Methodology of Necessary Conditions.' *American Journal of Political Science* 44: 844-858.
- Ragin, Charles C. 1987. *The Comparative Method: Moving Beyond Qualitative and Quantitative Strategies*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Ragin, Charles C. 2000. *Fuzzy-Set Social Science*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Lijphart, Arend. 1971. 'Comparative Politics and Comparative Method.' *American Political Science Review* 65: pp. 682-693.
- Lijphart, Arend. 1975. 'The Comparable-Cases Strategy in Comparative Research.' *Comparative Political Studies* 8.
- Laitin, David et al. 1995. 'The Qualitative-Quantitative Disputation: Gary King, Robert Keohane and Sidney Verba's *Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research*' *American Political Science Review* 89: 454-481.
- Holland, Paul. 1986. 'Statistics and Causal Inference' with comments by D. Rubin, D. Cox, C. Glymour, & C. Granger, and rejoinder by P. Holland. *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 81: 945-970.
- Pearl, Judea. 2000. *Causality: Models, Reasoning, and Inference*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Rosenbaum, Paul R. 2002. *Observational Studies* (2nd edn). New York: Springer Verlag.
- Mackie, John L. 1965. 'Causes and Conditions.' *American Philosophical Quarterly* 2: 245-264.

Week 2: Comparative Methodology II

- King, Gary, Robert Keohane & Sidney Verba. 1994 *Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research*. Princeton, Princeton University Press. Chapters 4-6.
- Achen, Christopher & Duncan Snidal. 1989. 'Rational Deterrence Theory and Comparative Case Studies.' *World Politics* 41: 143-169.
- Collier, David and James Mahoney. 1996. 'Insights and Pitfalls: Selection Bias in Qualitative Research.' *World Politics* 49: 56-91.
- Adcock, Robert and David Collier. 2001. 'Measurement Validity: A Shared Standard for Qualitative and Quantitative Research.' *American Political Science Review* 95: 529-546.
- King, Gary, and Langche Zeng. 2006. 'When Can History be Our Guide? The Pitfalls of Counterfactual Inference.' *International Studies Quarterly* (forthcoming).
- Laitin, David D. 2003. 'The Perestroika Challenge to Social Science.' *Politics and Society* 31: 163-184.

Recommended:

- Geddes, Barbara. 1990. 'How the Cases you choose affect the Answers you get: Selection Bias in Comparative Politics' in James Stimson (ed.) *Political Analysis*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.
- Achen, Christopher. 1986. *The Statistical Analysis of Quasi-Experiments*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Dion, Douglas. 1998. 'Evidence and Inference in the Comparative Case Study' *Comparative Politics* 30:2.
- Collier, David and James E. Mahon, Jr. 1993. 'Conceptual "Stretching" Revisited: Adapting Categories in Comparative Analysis.' *American Political Science Review* 87: 845-855.
- King, Gary, and Langche Zeng. 2006. 'The Dangers of Extreme Counterfactuals.' *Political Analysis* 14: 131-59.
- Mahoney, James and Gary Goertz. 2004. 'The Possibility Principle: Choosing Negative Cases in Comparative Research.' *American Political Science Review* 98: 671-686.
- Coppedge, Michael. 1999. 'Thickening Thin Concepts and Theories: Combining Large N and Small in Comparative Politics.' *Comparative Politics* 31: 465-476.

Week 3: Development and Democracy I.

- Przeworski, Adam, Michael E. Alvarez, José Antonio Cheibub & Fernando Limongi. 2000. *Democracy and Development: Political Institutions and Well-Being in the World, 1950-1990*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Dahl, Robert. 1971. *Polyarchy: Participation and Opposition*. New Haven: Yale University Press. pp. 1-16, 33-47.
- Elkins, Zachary. 2000. 'Gradations of Democracy? Empirical Tests of Alternative Conceptualizations.' *American Journal of Political Science* 44: 287-294.
- Munck, Gerardo L. & Jay Verkuilen. 2002. 'Conceptualizing and Measuring Democracy: Evaluating Alternative Indices.' *Comparative Political Studies* 35: 5-34.

Week 4: Development and Democracy II.

- Boix, Carles. 2003. *Democracy and Redistribution*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Reenock, Christopher, Michael Bernhard, and David Sobek. 2007. 'Regressive Socioeconomic Distribution and Democratic Survival.' *International Studies Quarterly* (forthcoming).

- Clark, William Roberts, Matt Golder & Sona Golder. 2007. 'The Balance of Power Between Citizens and the State: Democratization and the Resource Curse.' Unpublished manuscript, Florida State University.

Recommended for Development and Democracy I and II:

- Collier, David & Robert Adcock. 1999. 'Democracy and Dichotomies: A Pragmatic Approach to Choices about Concepts.' *Annual Review of Political Science* 2: 537-565.
- Treier, Shawn & Simon Jackman. 2005. 'Democracy as a Latent Variable.' Unpublished manuscript.
- Cheibub, Antonio & Jennifer Gandhi. 2004. 'Classifying Political Regimes: A Six-fold Measure of Democracies and Dictatorships.' Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago.
- Bernhard, Michael, Timothy Nordstrom & Christopher Reenock. 2003. 'Economic Performance, Institutional Intermediation, and Democratic Survival.' *Journal of Politics* 63: 775-803.
- Przeworski, Adam. 1999. 'Minimalist Conception of Democracy: A Defense.' In Ian Shapiro & C. Hacker-Cordon (eds.) *Democracy's Value*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Bates, Robert H. and Da-Hsiang Donald Lien. 1985. 'A Note on Taxation, Development and Representative Government.' *Politics and Society* 14: 53-70.
- Przeworski, Adam & Fernando Limongi. 1997. 'Modernization: Theories and Facts.' *World Politics* 49: 155-183.
- Ross, Michael. 2001. 'Does Oil Hinder Democracy?' *World Politics* 53:325-361.
- Acemoglu, Daron & James A. Robinson. 2006. *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Haber, Stephen, Armando Razo & Noel Maurer. 2003. *The Politics of Property Rights: Political Instability, Credible Commitments and Economic Growth in Mexico, 1876-1929*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Rueschemeyer, Dietrich, Evelyne Huber Stephens & John D. Stephens. 1992. *Capitalist Development and Democracy*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Barro, Robert J. 1999. 'Determinants of Democracy.' *Journal of Political Economy*. 107.
- Boix, Carles & Susan Carol Stokes. 2003. 'Endogenous Democratization.' *World Politics* 55: 517-549.
- Dunning, Thad. 2006. *Authoritarianism and Democracy in Rentier States*. Ph.D. Thesis, University of California, Berkeley.

- Epstein, David L., Robert Bates, Jack Goldstone, Ida Kristensen & Sharyn O'Halloran. 2006. 'Democratic Transitions.' *American Journal of Political Science* 50: 551-569.
- Jensen, Nathan & Leonard Wantchekon. 2004. 'Resource Wealth and Political Regimes in Africa.' *Comparative Political Studies* 37: 816-841.
- Lipset, Seymour Martin. 1959. 'Some Social Requisites of Democracy: Economic Development and Political Legitimacy.' *American Political Science Review* 53: 69-105.
- Londregan, John B. & Keith T. Poole. 1996. 'Does High Income Promote Democracy?' *World Politics* 49: 1-30.
- Acemoglu, Daron & James A. Robinson. 2000. 'Why Did the West Extend the Franchise? Democracy, Inequality, and Growth in Historical Perspective.' *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 115: 1167-1199.
- Huntington, Samuel. 1968. *Political Order in a Changing Society*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Huntington, Samuel. 1991. *The Third Wave*. University of Oklahoma Press.
- Geddes, Barbara. 1999. 'What Do We Know About Democratization?' *Annual Review of Political Science* 2: 115-144.
- Przeworski, Adam. 1991. *Democracy and the Market: Political and Economic Reforms in Eastern Europe and Latin America*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Przeworski, Adam. 2005. 'Democracy as an Equilibrium.' *Public Choice* 123: 253-273.
- Cohen, Youssef. 1994. *Radicals, Reformers and Reactionaries*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Kalyvas, Stathis. 1999. 'The Decay and Breakdown of Communist One-Party Systems.' *Annual Review of Political Science* 323-343.
- Moore, Barrington Jr. 1966. *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*. Boston: Beacon Press.
- Brinks, Daniel & Michael Coppedge. 2006. 'Diffusion is No Illusion: Neighbor Emulation in the Third Wave of Democracy.' *Comparative Political Studies* 39: 463-489.
- Colomer, Josep M. 1991. 'Transitions by Agreement: Modeling the Spanish Way.' *American Political Science Review* 85: 1283-1302.
- Ginkel, John & Alastair Smith. 1999. 'So You Say You Want a Revolution? A Game Theoretic Explanation of Revolution in Repressive Regimes.' *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 43: 291-316.
- Kaminski, Marek M. 1999. 'How Communism Could Have Been Saved: Formal Analysis of Electoral Bargaining in Poland in 1989.' *Public Choice* 98: 83-109.

- Kuran, Timur. 1991. 'Now Out of Never: The Element of Surprise in the East European Revolution of 1989.' *World Politics* 44: 7-48.
- Lohmann, Susanne. 1994. 'The Dynamics of Informational Cascades: The Monday Demonstrations in Leipzig, East Germany, 1989-1991.' *World Politics* 47: 42-101.
- Wood, Elisabeth. 2000. *Forging Democracy from Below: Contested Transitions in South Africa and El Salvador*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Sparks, Alastair. 1995. *Tomorrow is Another Country: The Inside Story of South Africa's Road to Change*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- O'Donnell, Guillermo & Philip Schmitter. 1986. *Transitions from Authoritarian Rule: Tentative Conclusions about Uncertain Democracies*. Johns Hopkins University Press.
- North, Douglass C. & Barry R. Weingast. 1989. 'Constitutions and Commitment: The Evolution of Institutions Governing Public Choice in Seventeenth Century England.' *Journal of Economic History* 49: 803-832.

Week 5: Institutions Under Dictatorship

- Magaloni, Beatriz. 2007. *Voting for Autocracy: Hegemonic Party Survival and its Demise in Mexico*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Gandhi, Jennifer & Adam Przeworski. 2006. 'Cooperation, Cooptation, and Rebellion Under Dictatorships.' *Economics and Politics* 18: 1-26.
- Gandhi, Jennifer & Adam Przeworski. 2007. 'Authoritarian Institutions and the Survival of Autocrats.' *Comparative Political Studies* 40: 1279-1301.

Recommended:

- Blaydes, Lisa. 2006. 'Who Votes in Authoritarian Elections and Why? Vote Buying, Turnout, and Spoiled Ballots in Contemporary Egypt.' Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia.
- Lust-Okar, Ellen. 2005. *Structuring Conflict in the Arab World: Incumbents, Opponents, and Institutions*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Geddes, Barbara. 2005. 'Why Parties and Elections in Authoritarian Regimes?' Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington D.C.
- Blaydes, Lisa. 2006. 'Electoral Budget Cycles under Authoritarianism: Economic Opportunism in Mubarak's Egypt.' Unpublished paper, UCLA.

- Brown, Nathan. 2002. *Constitutions in a Nonconstitutional World: Arab Basic Laws and the Prospects for Accountable Government*. New York: State University of New York Press.
- Carothers, Thomas. 2002. 'The End of the Transition Paradigm.' *Journal of Democracy* 13: 5-21.
- Diamond, Larry. 2002. 'Thinking about Hybrid Regimes.' *Journal of Democracy* 13: 21-35.
- Levitsky, Steven & Lucan A. Way. 2002. 'The Rise of Competitive Authoritarianism.' *Journal of Democracy* 13: 51-65.
- Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce & George Downs. 2005. 'The Rise of Sustainable Autocracy.' *Foreign Affairs* 84: 77-86.
- Way, Lucan A. 'Authoritarian State Building and the Sources of Political Competition in the Fourth Wave: The Cases of Belarus, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine.' *World Politics* 57:231-261.

Week 6: Culture and Democracy

- Putnam, Robert D. 1993. *Making Democracy Work: Civic Traditions in Modern Italy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Skim Chapters 1-2, read 3-6.
- Muller, Edward N. & Mitchell A. Seligson. 1994. 'Civic Culture and Democracy: The Question of Causal Relationships.' *American Political Science Review* 88: 635-652.
- Bednar, Jenna & Scott E. Page. 2006. 'Can Game(s) Theory Explain Culture? The Emergence of Cultural Behavior Within Multiple Games.' *Rationality and Society* 18 (forthcoming).

Recommended:

- Inglehart, Ronald. 1988. 'The Renaissance of Political Culture.' *American Political Science Review* 82: 1203-1230.
- Jackman, Robert W. & Ross A. Miller. 1996. 'A Renaissance of Political Culture?' *American Journal of Political Science* 40: 632-659.
- Emmerson, John L. & John O. Voll. 1996. *Islam and Democracy*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Emmerson, Donald K. 1995. 'Singapore and the "Asian Values" Debate.' *Journal of Democracy* 6: 95-105.
- Fish, M. Steven. 2002. 'Islam and Authoritarianism.' *World Politics* 55: 4-37.
- Hefner, Robert W. 2000. *Civil Islam: Muslims and Democratization in Indonesia*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

- Henrich et al. 2001. ‘Cooperation, Reciprocity, and Punishment in 15 Small-Scale Societies.’ *American Economic Review*.
- Huntington, Samuel P. 1993. ‘The Clash of Civilizations?’ *Foreign Affairs* 72: 22-49.
- Huntington, Samuel P. 1996. *The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of the World Order*. New York: Simon and Schuster.
- Inglehart, Ronald. 1990. *Culture Shift in Advanced Industrial Society*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Inglehart, Ronald & Christian Welzel. 2005. *Modernization, Cultural Change and Democracy*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Norris, Pippa & Ronald Inglehart. 2004. *Sacred and Secular: Religion and Politics Worldwide*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Przeworski, Adam, José Antonio Cheibub & Fernando Limongi. 1998. ‘Culture and Democracy.’ In *Culture and Development*. Paris: UNESCO.
- Putnam, Robert D. 2000. *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*. New York: Simon and Schuster.
- Seligson, Mitchell A. 2002. ‘The Renaissance of Political Culture or the Renaissance of the Ecological Fallacy?’ *Comparative Politics* 34: 273-292.
- Weingast, Barry R. 1997. ‘The Political Foundations of Democracy and the Rule of Law.’ *American Political Science Review* 91: 245-263.
- Anderson, Christopher J. & Christine A. Guillory. 1997. ‘Political Institutions and Satisfaction with Democracy: A Cross-National Analysis of Consensus and Majoritarian Systems.’ *American Political Science Review* 91: 66-81.
- Chwe, Michael. 2001. *Rational Ritual: Culture, Coordination and Common Knowledge*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Axelrod, Robert. 1986. ‘An Evolutionary Approach to Norms.’ *American Political Science Review* 80: 1095-1011.
- Axelrod, Robert. 1984. *The Evolution of Cooperation*. New York: Basic Books.
- Axelrod, Robert. 1997. ‘The Dissemination of Culture: A Model with Local Convergence and Global Polarization.’ *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 41: 203-226.

Week 7: (Ethnic) Identity

- Birnir, Jóhanna Kristín. 2007. *Ethnicity and Electoral Politics*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Chandra, Kanchan. 2007. 'What is Ethnic Identity and Does it Matter?' *Annual Review of Political Science* (forthcoming)
- Chandra, Kanchan. 2005. 'Ethnic Parties and Democratic Stability.' *Perspectives on Politics* 3: 235-252.
- Chandra, Kanchan & Cilanne Boulet. 2003. 'A Model of Change in an Ethnic Demography.' Unpublished manuscript, MIT.

Recommended:

- Posner, Daniel N. 2005. *Institutions and Ethnic Politics in Africa*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Wantchekon, Leonard. 2003. 'Clientelism and Voting Behavior: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Benin.' *World Politics* 55: 399-422.
- Posner, Daniel N. 2004. 'The Political Salience of Cultural Difference: Why Chewas and Tumbukus are Allies in Zambia and Adversaries in Malawi.' *American Political Science Review*
- Chandra, Kanchan. 2004. *Why Ethnic Parties Succeed*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Easterly, William & Ross Levine. 1997. 'Africa's Growth Tragedy: Policies and Ethnic Divisions' *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 112: 1203-1250.
- Posner, Daniel N. 2004. 'Measuring Ethnic Fractionalization in Africa.' *American Journal of Political Science* 48: 849-863.
- Posner, Daniel N. 2006. 'Regime Change and Ethnic Cleavages in Africa.' *Comparative Political Studies* (forthcoming). Why Does Ethnic Diversity Undermine Public Goods Provision? JAMES
- Habyarimana, James, Macartan Humphreys, Daniel N. Posner & Jeremy M. Weinstein. 2007. 'Why Does Ethnic Diversity Undermine Public Goods Provision.' *American Political Science Review* 101: 709-725.
- Habyarimana, James, Macartan Humphreys, Daniel N. Posner & Jeremy M. Weinstein. 2006. 'Ethnic Identifiability: An Experimental Approach.' Unpublished manuscript.
- Horowitz, Donald. 1985. *Ethnic Groups in Conflict*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

- Alesina, Alberto, Arnaud Devleeschauwer, William Easterly, Sergio Kurlat & Romain Wacziarg. 2003. 'Fractionalization.' *Journal of Economic Growth* 8: 55-94.
- Fearon, James. 2003. 'Ethnic Structure and Cultural Diversity by Country.' *Journal of Economic Growth* 8: 195-222.
- Fearon, James & David D. Laitin. 1996. 'Explaining Interethnic Cooperation.' *American Political Science Review* 90: 715-735.
- Hale, Henry E. 2004. 'Explaining Ethnicity.' *Comparative Political Studies* 37: 458-485.
- Laitin, David. 1998. *Identity in Formation*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
- Laitin, David. 1986. *Hegemony and Culture: Politics and Change among the Yoruba*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Laitin, David. 1992. *Language Repertoires and State Construction in Africa*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Hardin, Russell. 1995. *One For All: The Logic of Group Conflict*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Giuliano, E. 2000. 'Who Determines the Self in the Politics of Self-Determination? Identity and Preference Formation in Tatarstan's Nationalist Mobilization.' *Comparative Politics* 295-316.
- Anderson, Benedict. 1983. *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism*. London: Verso Press.
- Hobsbawm, Eric & Terence Ranger. 1983. *The Invention of Tradition*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Gellner, Ernest. 1983. *Nations and Nationalism*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
- Eugen Weber. 1976. *Peasants into Frenchmen: The Modernization of Rural France, 1870-1914*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.
- Ford, Caroline. 1993. *Creating the Nation in Provincial France: Religion and Political Identity in Brittany*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Sahlins, Peter. 1989. *Boundaries: The Making of France and Spain in the Pyrenees*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Marx, Anthony. 1998. *Making Race and Nation: A Comparison of South Africa, the United States, and Brazil*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Brubaker, Rogers. 1992. *Citizenship and Nationhood in France and Germany*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.
- Soysal, Yasmin. 1994. *Limits of Citizenship: Migrants and Postnational Membership in Europe*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

- Fearon, James D. & David Laitin. 2000. 'Violence and the Social Construction of Ethnic Identity.' *International Organization* 54: 845-877.
- Petersen, Roger. 2002. *Understanding Ethnic Violence: Fear, Hatred, and Resentment in Twentieth-Century Eastern Europe*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Varshney, Ashutosh. 2002. *Ethnic Conflict and Civic Life: Hindus and Muslims in India*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Wilkinson, Steven. 2004. *Votes and Violence: Electoral Competition and Ethnic Riots in India*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Fearon, James. Commitment Problems and the Spread of Ethnic Conflict. In David Lake and Donald Rothchild (eds.) *The International Spread of Ethnic Conflict: Fear, Diffusion and Escalation*.

Week 8: Civil War

- Weinstein, Jeremy M. 2007. *Inside Rebellion: The Politics of Insurgent Violence*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Humphreys, Macartan & Jeremy M. Weinstein. 2006. 'Handling and Manhandling Civilians in Civil War.' *American Political Science Review* 100: 429-447.
- Kalyvas, Stathis & M. A. Kocher. 2007. 'Ethnic Cleavages and Irregular War: Iraq and Vietnam.' *Politics and Society* 35: 183-223.
- Tarrow, Sidney. 2007. 'Inside Insurgencies: Politics and Violence in an Age of Civil War.' *Perspectives on Politics* 5: 587-600.

Recommended:

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