

**University of Toronto
Department of Political Science**

SII 199Y
Explaining Political Transitions

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Course Outline

This course explores the dynamics of regime change from a comparative and historical perspective. In particular, it examines the factors that facilitate and inhibit radical political change. Varying modes of change are analyzed including social revolution, radical reform, fundamentalist reaction and restructuring from above. A major focus will be on the post-1970s global 'Third Wave' of democratic transitions as well as the so-called "Fourth Wave" of post-Communist transitions in Eastern Europe and Asia. A secondary goal of the course is to introduce students to concepts and modes of political analysis.

Format

The course is organized as a colloquium/seminar emphasizing class discussion of common themes. Students may be asked to present brief summaries or critiques of the readings as a means to stimulate discussion.

Textbooks:

1. The *main course readings* will be contained in a **Course Reader** available for purchase, details TBA. *Supplementary readings* will be distributed in class at cost through the year, or available online.

Grades will be based on four short tests and three writing assignments weighted as follows:

Term tests: 4 @15% each:	60%
Reading Critique:	10%
Project Proposal:	10%
Research Report:	10%
Participation	10%

Topics and Readings:

Part I: Regime Change: Macro-Historical Perspectives

September 14 **Course Introduction and Overview**

September 21	Comparing Political Systems: Classification and Typologies <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. .R. J. and D. Jackson, <u>Comparative Government</u>, Chapters 4-5, pp. 59-104. 2. U.N. "Universal Declaration of Human Rights" (1948)
September 28	Developmental Perspectives <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Frances Fukuyama, <u>The Origins of Political Order</u>, Chapters 1-2, pp. 3-48.
October 5	Modernization Theory and Political Change <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Karl Marx, "The Communist Manifesto: Part I 2. R. Inglehart and C. Welzel, <u>Modernization, Cultural Change and Democracy</u>, Chapter 1 ("A Revised Theory of Modernization"), pp. 15-47. 3. Samuel Huntington, <u>Political Order in Changing Societies</u>, pp. 1-8.
October 12	Globalization and Political Change <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Benjamin Barber, "Jihad vs. MacWorld," <u>Atlantic Monthly</u>, March, 1992. 2. Thomas Friedman, <u>The Lexus and the Olive Tree</u>, Chapter ("The Golden Arches Theory of Conflict Prevention")
October 19	Revolutions and Regime Change <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Samuel Huntington, <u>Political Order in Changing Societies</u>, pp. 264-315.
October 26	Test # 1
Part II:	Imperialism, Global Capitalism and Political Change: Cases from the Asia-Pacific
November 2	The Meiji Revolution in Japan: Western Challenge: Asian Responses. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Martin Jacques, <u>When China Rules the World</u>, Chapters 2-3, pp. 23-69. 2. Video (Pacific Century: Part 2: The Meiji Revolution)
November 9	The Japanese Story- Part II: Democracy from Above

1. Thomas Fallows, Looking at the Sun, Chapter 3 (“The American Years”), pp. 117-176.
2. Video (Pacific Century, Part 5: Reinventing Japan)

November 16

The Chinese Revolution

1. Martin Jacques, When China Rules the World, Chapter 4 (“China’s Ignominy”) pp. 70-99.
2. Video (China: Century of Revolution: Part I)

November 23

The Transformation of Southeast Asia

1. Jeff Goodwin, No Other Way Out: States and Revolutionary Movements, 1945-1991, pp. 72-133.
2. Video (Pacific Century, Part 4)

November 30

Test # 2

Part III:

The ‘Third Wave’ and the Revolutions of 1989

January 11

The Third Wave: An Overview

1. Samuel Huntington, The Third Wave, Chapter 1, pp. 3-46.
2. Frances Fukuyama, The End of History, Chapter 4, pp. 39-51.

January 18

The Communist Extinction

1. Charles H. Fairbanks, Jr. “Revolution Reconsidered,” Journal of Democracy, January, 2007.
2. Daniel Chirot, “What Happened in Eastern Europe in 1989?” in Wasserstrom and Perry, Popular Protest and Political Culture in Modern China, 1992.

January 25

Failed Revolution: China in 1989

1. Bruce Gilley, China’s Democratic Future, pp. 3-26.
2. Andrew Nathan, “Authoritarian Impermanence,” Journal of Democracy, 2009.
3. Video (China: Century of Revolution: Part III)

February 1

Asian Breakthrough: Korea’s Revolution

1. Song-Joo Han and Oknim Chung, “South Korea: Economic Management and Democratization,” in James Morley, Driven by Growth, pp. 197-223. (*)
2. Video (*Pacific Century* # 8: “The Struggle for Democracy.”)

February 8

Burma: The Saffron Revolution

1. Ian Holliday, Burma Redux, Chapter 1.
2. Min Zin and Brian Joseph, "The Democrats' Opportunity," Journal of Democracy, October, 2012.
3. Video ('Saffron Revolution')

February 15

Test # 3

February 22

No Class Meeting: Reading Week

March 1

Democratic Interventionism: Theory and Practice

1. Minxin Pei and Sara Kasper, "Lessons from the Past: the American Record on Nation Building," Carnegie Endowment Policy Brief, 2003.
2. Omar G. Encarnacion, "The Follies of Democratic Imperialism," World Policy Journal, Spring, 2005.
3. Video ("No End in Sight")

March 8

Coercive Regime Change: Constitution-making in Iraq

1. Yahia Said, "Post-totalitarian transition in Iraq," in Building Democracy in Iraq, 2004.
2. Larry Diamond, "Building Democracy after Conflict: Lessons from Iraq," Journal of Democracy, January, 2005.
3. Mark Tessler, Mansoor Moaddel and Ronald Inglehart, "What Do Iraqis Want?" Journal of Democracy, January, 2006.

March 15

Good Governance and Democratic Promotion

1. Thomas Carothers, "How Democracies Emerge: The Sequencing Fallacy," Journal of Democracy, 2006.
2. Carl Gershman and Michael Allen, "The Assault on Democracy Assistance," Journal of Democracy, April, 2006.
3. Government of Canada, "Policy for CIDA on Human Rights, Democratization and Good Governance." 2005.

March 22

Failed States and the International Community

1. Paul Collier, Wars, Guns and Votes, pp.169-234.

March 29

No Class: Good Friday

April 5

Term Test #4