

POL 2326-426

DEMOCRACY AND DICTATORSHIP

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This course will provide an in-depth introduction to modern theories of the origins of democracy and dictatorship. In the first part of the course, we will examine and compare theories rooted in economic development, voluntarism, institutional design, and historical institutionalism. The latter half of the course will focus on competing theories for the origins of Nazi rule in Germany in the 1930s, military dictatorship in Chile in the 1970s, and non-democratic rule in contemporary Russia.

Course requirements:

Students will be required to write weekly response papers on the readings, participate in in-class debates, and write a term paper. The weekly response papers – ½ to 1 page in length – should include questions, commentary and/or summary of the week's readings. The papers must contain **explicit reference** to all of the readings and be sent by email to me (with the text in the body of the email) by 7pm on Monday before class. **The papers will not be graded.** Instead, a grade of 85 will be given automatically as long as the paper is handed in on time and there is clear evidence that the reading has been done. You will not be given credit if it is evident from the summary that you have not done all the reading. **No credit will be given for late papers.**

In addition in weeks 9-11, students will break up into teams of 2-3 and make a case for competing theoretical perspectives in relation to the cases of Nazi Germany, Pinochet's Chile, and post-Soviet Russia.

Students will also be required to write a final paper that focuses on a regime outcome in any country in the world. The paper should be a 20 page paper that is 10 pages long (12 point, double spaced). In other words, I expect you to do the work/research of a 20 page paper but condense your discussion into 10 pages. The paper is broken up into 3 deadlines. First, a half page description of the paper topic (worth 5%) is due February 15. This will be graded on the clarity, specificity, and theoretic relevance of your question. Next, a paper outline (15%) will be due March 15. The grade will be based on the clarity of your question and argument and the extensiveness of your demonstrated research (not just bibliography, but quotes etc. from text). The final paper (35%) will be due on April 7. There will be a 5% penalty for each day late for each of these assignments.

Note on contacting me: If you are sending me an email with a question that requires immediate response (as opposed to a weekly writing assignment), please indicate in the subject heading. Otherwise my response will be delayed.

Grading:

Weekly papers:	30%
Participation:	15%
½ page paper description:	5%
Outline of paper:	15%
Final paper:	35%

Readings:

The readings will come from three sources. First, I have compiled a reader. This should be purchased right away at Control Copy at Bloor and St. George – just west of the shoe museum. Second, readings marked with a ** can be found on the University of Toronto library website. Finally, students should purchase the following books:

M Steven Fish. *Democracy Derailed*

Steen Levitsky and Lucan Way *Competitive Authoritarianism: Hybrid Regimes after the Cold War* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010).

Arturo Valenzuela, *Breakdown of Democratic Regimes: Chile*

January 11: Introduction to course

Week 2: January 18: The Main Concepts

**Mahoney and Snyder, "Rethinking Agency and Structure in the Study of Regime Change", *Studies in Comparative International Development* 34:2 (Summer 1999): 3-32.

Levitsky and Way, Chapter 1

**Philippe Schmitter and Terry Karl, "What Democracy is...and Is Not", *Journal of Democracy*, Summer, 2:3, 1991, pp. 75-88.

Week 3: January 25: Modernization

R-Seymour Martin Lipset, "Economic Development and Democracy," in *Political Man: The Social Bases of Politics* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1981): 31-53.

R-Dietrich Rueschemeyer, Evelyne Stephens and John D. Stephens. *Capitalist Development and Democracy*. pp. 40-78.

**Adam Przeworski and Fernando Lamongi "Modernization: Theory and Facts." *World Politics*. 49 (January 1997), 155-83.

Boix, Carles *Democracy and Redistribution* New York: Cambridge University Press, Introduction (pp. 1-18)

Week 4: February 1: Oil and Democracy

** Michael Ross, "Does Oil Hinder Democracy?" *World Politics* 53 (April 2001).

**Eva Bellin, "Robustness of Authoritarianism in the Middle East: A Comparative Perspective." *Comparative Politics* 36, No. 2 (January 2004), pp. 139-157.

R-Pauline Jones Luong and Erika Weinthal *Oil is Not a Curse: Ownership Structure and Institutions in the Soviet Successor States*. Cambridge University Press, 2010, pp. 1-30.

R-Thad Dunning *Crude Democracy*, Introduction, pp. 1-36.

Week 5: February 8: Voluntarism, Leadership and Pacts

R-Schmitter and O'Donnell. *Transitions From Authoritarian Rule*, pp. 3-47.

**McFaul, Michael "The Fourth Wave of Democracy and Dictatorship: Noncooperative Transitions in the Postcommunist World" *World Politics* - Volume 54, Number 2, January 2002, pp. 212-244

**Fish, M. Steven "Mongolia: Democracy Without Prerequisites" *Journal of Democracy*. Volume 9, Number 3, July 1998, pp. 127-141

R-Alfred Stepan, "Political Leadership and Regime Breakdown: Brazil," in J. Linz and A. Stepan eds. *The Breakdown of Democratic Regimes: Crisis*.

Week 6: February 15: Institutional Design

Paper topic due

**Juan J. Linz, "The Perils of Presidentialism," *Journal of Democracy* 1 (Winter 1990): 51-69

M Steven Fish. *Democracy Derailed*. chapter 7 (193-245).

**Colton, Timothy and Cindy Skach. 2005. "The Russian Predicament." *Journal of Democracy* 16:3 (Fall): 113-126

**Easter, Gerald M. "Preference for Presidentialism: Postcommunist Regime Change in Russia and the NIS" *World Politics*. Volume 49, Number 2, January 1997, pp. 184-211

Week 7: March 1: States, Parties, and Authoritarianism

Levitsky and Way chapter 2, read whole chapter but focus on pp. 54-74

**Geddes, Barbara. 1999. "What Do We Know About Democratization after Twenty Years?" *Annual Review of Political Science* 2:115-44.

**Magaloni, Beatriz. 2008. "Credible Power Sharing and the Longevity of Authoritarian Rule." *Comparative Political Studies* 41, No. 4-5: 715-741.

R-Mark R. Beissinger *Nationalist Mobilization and the Collapse of the Soviet State*. New York: Cambridge University Press. 2002: Chapter 7 "Transcendence of Regimes of Repression."

Week 8: March 8: International Influences and Regime Outcomes

Levitsky and Way, look over pp. 43-54 in chapter 2 and read chapter 3 *or* 4

R-Samuel Huntington, *The Third Wave.*, pp. 85-106.

**Kurt Weyland, "The Diffusion of Revolution: '1848' in Europe and Latin America" *International Organization* 63: 391-423, 2009.

** Mark R. Beissinger, "Structure and Example in Modular Political Phenomena: The Diffusion of Bulldozer/Rose/Orange/Tulip Revolutions," *Perspectives on Politics* 5 (June 2007): 259-76

Week 9: March 15: Paper outline due, No reading

Should be in outline form (not prose) and indicate which major competing hypotheses will be analyzed in the paper and what evidence exists in support of each. (including references and page #s)

Week 10: March 22: Rise of Nazis

R-Seymour Martin Lipset, *Political Man: The Social Bases of Politics* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1981): 127-152.

**Sheri Berman, "Civil Society and the Collapse of the Weimar Republic." *World Politics* 49.3 (1997) 401-429.

R-Henry Ashby Turner, *Hitler's Thirty Days to Power: January 1933* (New York: Addison-Wesley, 1996): 163-183.

R-M. Ranier Lepsius, "From Fragmented Party Democracy to Government by Emergency Decree and National Socialist Takeover: Germany," in Juan J. Linz and Alfred Stepan, *The Breakdown of Democratic Regimes: Europe* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1978): 34-74.

Week 11: March 28: Authoritarianism in Chile

Valenzuela book read all

Week 12: April 5: Russia

M Steven Fish. *Democracy Derailed*. Rest of book

Paper Due: April 7