CPO 6446 Seminar in Comparative Political Parties
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Course Description: The formation of political parties is conterminous with the development of democracy. One student of comparative politics defined the nature of democracy in advanced industrial societies as being "the procedures, institutions, and patterns of interaction by which decision makers are chosen and decisions made … accountable to a significant portion of society …" Political parties play a key role in this process. This course is a survey of the major theoretical frameworks, models, and methodological tools students of political parties apply to understand variation in political party systems and their operation across different political units.

Requirements:
Short Papers (40%): Each student is expected to complete all required readings each week and to contribute to the seminar discussions, which will be based on the week's readings. In addition, each student will write six short papers during the semester. Each paper will be no less than 4 pages and no more than 5 pages long, typed and double-spaced, and will be based on the required readings for that week. These papers should focus on the central argument under study, and address the main theoretical strengths and weaknesses, the major theoretical disputes, and methodological problems in the area. Use the papers to raise questions or probe the arguments and evidence. These papers will be due in class.

Research Paper (35%): (18-20 pages not including bibliography) Identify a research question on political parties that interests you and proceed to investigate it. I suggest you select a research question that is manageable. Paper proposals are due in class March 13. The paper is due April 24.

Class presentation of an assigned reading (10%): You will select an assigned reading (a journal article or a chapter from *West European Politics in the Age of Globalization*) to present in class (presentations to begin on January 31). This will be in addition to the six required short papers. For the week you select to present an assigned reading you will not write the short paper.

Class Presentations of research paper (15%): Students are expected to give a 15 to 20 minutes presentation of their research paper to class to be scheduled either on April 10 or April 17. Class attendance at these two class sessions is required.

Readings: Journal articles can be accessed at the UCF Library and library website. Readings marked by an asterisk (*) will be distributed in class.

The following books are available for purchase at the bookstore:
Hanspeter Kriesi, Edgar Grande, Romain Lachat, Martin Dolezal, Simon Bornschier, Timotheos Frey. 2008. *West European Politics in the Age of Globalization*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Peter Mair (Editor). 1990. *The West European Party System*. New York, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Please note that no laptops (or substitutes) will be used in class.

If there is anything in the syllabus that is unclear**, it is up to the student to contact the professor for clarification.**

Class Schedule

Note: This schedule is subject to change depending on the needs of the class. Students are responsible for any changes in syllabus/schedule which are announced in class.

January 10 Introduction

January 17 The role of Political Parties in Democracy

*Juan Linz, "Parties in Contemporary Democracies: Problems and Paradoxes," in Gunther, Montero, and Linz (eds.), *Political Parties Old Concepts and New Challenges*. Oxford University Press. Chapter 11.

Soren Holmberg. 2003. "Are Political Parties Necessary?" *Electoral Studies* 22: 287-299.

Ingrid van Biezen. 2004. "Political Parties as Public Utilities." *Party Politics* 10(6): 701-722.

*Hans Daalder, "Parties: Denied, Dismissed or Redundant? A Critique," in Gunther, Montero, and Linz, chapter 2

Alessandro Pizzorno, "Parties in Pluralism," in Peter Mair, chapter 6

January 24 Typology: Parties and Party Systems

Giovanni Sartori, “A Typology of Party Systems,” in Peter Mair, chapter 24

Richard Gunther and Larry Diamond. 2003. “Species of Political Parties. A New Typology.’ *Party Politics*. Volume 9, number 2, pp. 167-199.

Imke Harbers. 2009. “Decentralization and the Development of Nationalized Party Systems in New Democracies. Evidence from Latin America.” *Party Politics*. Volume 43, Number 5, pp. 606-627

January 31 <u>The Study of Parties and Party Systems</u>

Susan C. Stokes. 1999. “Political Parties and Democracy.” *Annual Review of Political Science* 2: 243-267

Thomas Poguntke. 1987. “New Politics and Party Systems: The Emergence of a New Type of Party?” *West European Politics* 10: 76-88

Rekha Diwakar. 2010. “Party Aggregation in India. A State Level Analysis.” *Party Politics.* Volume 16, Number 4, pp. 477-496

February 7 <u>The Origins of Parties and Party Systems</u>

Joseph LaPalombara and Myron Weiner, “The Origin of Political Parties,” in Peter Mair, chapter 1

Seymour Martin Lipset and Stein Rokkan, “Cleavage Structures, Party Systems, and Voter Alignments,” in Peter Mair, chapter 9

William H. Riker. 1982. The Two-Party System and Duverger’s Law: An Essay on the History of Political Science. *American Political Science Review* 76: 753-766.

February 14 <u>The Origins of Parties and Party Systems (cont.)</u>

Michael Coppedge. 1998. “The Dynamic Diversity of Latin American Party Systems.” *Party Politics* 4(4): 547-568.

Kitschelt, Herbert. 1995. “Formation of Party Cleavages in Post-Communist Democracies.” *Party Politics* Volume 1, number 4, pp. 447-472

Matthijs Bogaards. 2004. “Counting Parties and Identifying Party Systems in Africa.” *European Journal of Political Research* 43(2): 173-197.

February 21 Stability and Sources of Change in Parties and Party Systems

Richard Rose and Derek W. Urwin, "Persistence and Change in Western Party Systems, 1945-1969," in Peter Mair, chapter 12

Ronald Inglehart, "From Class-Based to Value-Based Politics," in Peter Mair, chapter 19

Steven Wolinetz. 1991. "Party System Change: The Catch-all Thesis Revisited." *West European Politics*, 14:113-28.

Robert Rohrschneider. 1993. "New Party Versus Old Left Realignments –Environmental Attitudes, Party Policies, and partisan Affiliations in Four West-European Countries." *Journal of Politics* 55(3)" 682-701.

February 28 Party Organization

Maurice Duverger, "Caucus and Branch, Cadre Parties and Mass Parties," in Peter Mair, chapter 3

Sigmund Neumann, "The Party of Democratic Integration," in Peter Mair, chapter 4

Otto Kirchheimer, "The Catch-all Party," in Peter Mair, chapter 5

Petr Kopecky. 1995. "Developing Party Organizations in East-Central Europe." *Party Politics*. Volume 1, number 4, pp. 515-34.

*****Serenella Sferza, "Party Organization and Party Performance: The Case of the French Socialist Party." 2002. Chapter 7 in Gunther, Montero, and Linz, *Political Parties. Old Concepts and New Challenges*. New York: Oxford University Press

March 6 ***Spring Break***

March 13 **Paper Proposal Due**

Members and Leaders

Elin H. Allen and Tim Bale. 2012. "Political parties and interest groups: Disentangling complex relationships." *Party Politics*. Volume 18, number 1, pp. 7-25.

Peter Mair and Ingrid van Biezen. 2001. "Party Membership in Twenty European Democracies, 1980-2000." *Party Politics*. Volume 7, number 1, pp. 5-21.

*Mariano Torcal, Richard Gunther, and Jose Ramon Montero, "Anti-Party Sentiments in Southern Europe," in Gunther, Montero, and Linz, chapter 10

Katrina Burgess and Steven Levitsky. 2003. "Explaining Populist Party Adaptation in Latin America: Environmental and Organizational Determinants of Party Change in Argentina, Mexico, Peru, and Venezuela." *Comparative Political Studies* 36: 881-911

March 20 Impact of Parties

Rueda, David. 2008. Left Government, Policy and Corporatism. Explaining the Influence of Partisanship on Inequality. *World Politics*. Volume 60(3) :349-389

Huckfeldt, R. and Sprague, J. 1992. "Political Parties and Electoral Mobilization: Political Structure, Social Structure and the Party Canvass, *American Political Science Review* 86: 70-86.

Brian Lai, Ruth Melkonian. 2005. Democratic Progress and Regress: The Effect of Parties on Transitions of States To and Away from Democracy. *Political Research Quarterly*, 58(4): 551-564

March 27 West European Politics in the Age of Globalization

Part I: Chapters 1-2; Part II: You may select two country cases of your interest.

April 3 West European Politics in the Age of Globalization

Chapters 10-13

April 10 **Class Presentations**

April 17 **Class Presentations**

April 24 **Research Paper Due**