CPO 4731
POLITICS OF DEMOCRATIZATION

Department of Political Science

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UCF Catalogue Description: Transition from authoritarian to democratic regimes, formation of democratic institutions and norms, and consolidation of democracy.

Course Goals/Objectives: Examine diverse approaches and enhance knowledge on how countries become and stay democratic. Develop comparative perspectives and skills. Apply acquired knowledge to real world cases. Advance creative and critical thinking and writing skills.

Detailed Section-specific Description of the Course: Topics include causes of democratization and regime change; democratic transitions and consolidation; post-transition institutional designs; conflict and democratization; and sustainability of new democracies. Part I begins with theories and measurements of democracy and democratization. Part II analyzes causes and conditions of democratic transitions, external democracy promotion and regime change, economic factors and the role of civil society. Part III looks at dimensions of conflict and democratization, social movements, political parties and institutional designs. Part IV develops analyses of comparative cases in different regions.

Required Texts:

Christian Haerpfer, Patrick Bernhagen, and Ronald Inglehart. 2009. Democratization. Oxford University Press.

Jan Teorel. 2010. Determinants of Democratization: Explaining Regime Change in the World, 1972-2006. Cambridge University Press.

For information on countries, check the CIA World Fact-book, https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook; Human Rights Watch, www.hrw.org; Freedom House, www.freedomhouse.org; and World Bank Governance Indicators http://info.worldbank.org

Course Web Page: All the assigned readings in addition to the above books will be provided electronically. All supplementary materials, including lecture slides, pictures, graphs, videos, and web links, will be made available on the course web page at Webcourses@UCF.

Course Outline

Part I DEMOCRACY AND DEMOCRATIZATION: CONCEPTS AND MEASURES

January 12 **Introduction and General Discussion**

January 14- 19 **Theoretical Approaches to Democratic Transitions**

Readings:
Haerpfer, chapter 1: introduction, chapters 2, 5 and 6
Teorel, introduction and chapter 1
Examine, International IDEA. *State of Democracy Project*. http://www.idea.int/democracy

January 15 **Important Deadline for the Webcourse Assignment! (See the webcourse)**

January 21-26 **Dimensions of Democracy and Democratization**

Readings:
Haerpfer, chapter 3 Measuring and chapter 4 Waves of Democratization

Munck, Geraldo L. and Jay Verkuilen. 2002. 'Conceptualizing and measuring democracy - Evaluating alternative indices.' *Comparative Political Studies*. 35 (1): 5-34.

Review Freedom House data and methodology. Examine http://www.freedomhouse.org

Part II CAUSES OF DEMOCRATIZATION

January 28-Feb 2-4 **How Countries Become Democratic? International Factors and Democracy Promotion**

Readings:
Haerpfer, chapters 7 and 9
Teorel, chapter 4

Debate: Can Democracy be Promoted from Outside?

February - 9-11-16 **The Economy and Regime Change**

Readings:
Haerpfer, chapter 8
Teorel, chapter 3

Debate: Do Economic Factors Push Democratization?

Feb 16-18 **Civil Society**

Readings:
Haerpfer, chapters 10 and 11
Teorel, chapter 2

Debate: Causes of Democratization

Feb 23	**In-class quiz 1**: This is a *preliminary* date: I reserve the right to change this date with one week notice.

Part III CONFLICT, INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE AND DEMOCRATIZATION

March 1	**Deadline for paper proposals! Bring your proposals to class!**
Feb 25-March 1-3	**<u>Social and Political Movements</u>** *Readings*: Haerpfer, chapters 12 and 13 Teorel, chapter 5 Lucan Way. 2011. 'Comparing the Arab Revolts: The lessons of 1989' *Journal of Democracy* 22(4).
March 7-13	Spring Break
March 15	Work day for paper projects. Prepare a report!
March 17-22	**<u>Political Parties, Elections and Institutional Design</u>** *Readings:* Haerpfer, chapters 15, 16 and 17 Teorel, chapter 6 *Debate: Institutions and Conflict Management in Democratizing Countries*
March 24	**In-class quiz 2**: This is a *preliminary* date: I reserve the right to change this date with one week notice.

Part IV REGIONS AND TRANSITIONS

March 29-31- **Southern Europe, Post-Communist Europe and Post-Soviet Russia**

Readings:
Haerpfer, chapters 18 and 20

April 5-7

Latin America

Readings:
Haerpfer, chapter 19

April 12-14 **Middle East and Africa**

Readings:
Haerpfer, chapters 21 and 22

April 19 **East Asia**

*Readings***:**
Haerpfer, chapter 23 and chapter 24: conclusion
Teorel, conclusion

Debate: The Future of Democratization

April 21 **In-class quiz 3**. This is a *preliminary* date: I reserve the right to change this date with one week notice.

April 26 **Back up (April 26 is due date for Papers—Bring them to class!)**

The Date of the final exam will be announced by the registrar's!

Course Requirements & Methods of Evaluation

16% - Participation.

5% - Research paper proposal (Due March 1st)

20% - Research Paper. (Due April 26th).

39% - In class quizzes (13% for each quiz. There are 3 quizzes, constituting 39% of the overall grade). Concepts, vocabulary, short-answer essay questions on readings and lectures, closed book.

20% - Final Exam (Date TBA by the registrar's office)

Paper Topic: Report the status of democracy in a transitioning country (i.e. an Arab spring country)**.** Details will be explained in the first two weeks of classes.

Late Paper Policy: Late papers are not acceptable. Exceptions are allowed only for extraordinary exceptional circumstances at instructor's discretion.

Make-up Exam/Assignment Policy: Make-ups will be given only for documented circumstances of illness or official college activities. Under such circumstances you are required to notify me in 24 hours after missing the exam or assignment.

Letter/Grade Equivalencies:

93% - 100%	A
90% - 92.99%	A -
87% - 89.99%	B +
83% - 86.99%	B
80% - 82.99%	B -
77% - 79.99%	C +

73% - 76.99%	C
70% - 72.99%	C -
60% - 69.99%	D
Below 60%	F

Curve Policy: No curve.

Method of Grade Reporting: Webcourses@UCF.

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Course Policies

Embrace Diversity. The University of Central Florida recognizes that our individual differences can deepen our understanding of one another and the world around us, rather than divide us. In this class, people of all ethnicities,

genders and gender identities, religions, ages, sexual orientations, disabilities, socioeconomic backgrounds, regions, and nationalities are strongly encouraged to share their rich array of perspectives and experiences. If you feel your differences may in some way isolate you from UCF's community or if you have a need of any specific accommodations, please speak with the instructor early in the semester about your concerns and what we can do together to help you become an active and engaged member of our class and community.

Campus Resources. You should be aware that help is available if you are struggling with this course! First see me, your instructor: I want you to understand the material and would be most pleased to help if you are having trouble. Other resources include the Student Academic Resource Center (SARC), for supplemental instruction and academic tutoring, and the University Writing Center.

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Communication with Instructor Policy. In this class our official mode of communication is through email located inside Webcourses. All communication between student and instructor and between student and student should be respectful and professional. It is the student's responsibility to check the "coursemail" tool frequently. You may also wish to create a Knight's Email account at www.knightsemail.ucf.edu for separate official communication from the university.

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Religious Observances. Students are expected to notify their instructor in advance if they intend to miss a quiz, the midterm exam, or the paper due date to observe a holy day of their religious faith. For a list of the major religious holidays in a number of faiths contact the Office of Diversity Initiatives at 407-823-6479.

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