

## POLITICS UNDER AUTHORITARIANISM

CPO 4053

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### Course Meetings

MWF, Period 9 (4:05 pm – 4:55 pm) @AND 134



### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course situates authoritarianism within the literature of political regimes and then questions the reasons and the sources of authoritarianism in the world. In three separate sections, we will first define our concepts and then will deal with the types of authoritarianism, characteristics of those types, and the major examples in different parts of the globe. We will specifically cover military, sultanistic/personalistic, single-party, and hybrid regimes through the weeks. We will examine the sources of such regimes and how they manage to stay in power. We will then question how regime change occurs under such regimes, maybe leading to a more democratic regime type or just another form of authoritarian leadership. The course will end with investigation of the peculiar relationship between oil and authoritarianism.

## COURSE MATERIALS

There are three required textbooks for this class.

H.E. Chehabi and Juan Linz, *Sultanistic Regimes* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1998)

Steven Levitsky and Lucan Way, "The Evolution of Post-Soviet Competitive Authoritarianism" in *Competitive Authoritarianism: Hybrid Regimes after the Cold War*, Cambridge University Press

Steven Fish, *Democracy Derailed in Russia: The Failure of Open Politics*

Additional articles and book chapters will be available through e-Learning (Sakai). You should be present in classroom having printed and read each day's readings in advance, ready to discuss and take notes on those readings.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS & ASSIGNMENTS

### 2 in class exams (25% each)

There will be 2 in-class exams, 50% worth of the final grade (25% each). The tests will include short answer and essay questions. The students are required to bring Blue Books to the exams. They are available at the bookstores.

### Research Paper (25%)

A final paper, on a topic that will be covered during the semester, is required for this course. Papers should be around 3000 - 3500 words (10-to-12 pages). The following deadlines should be met for each step of the paper.

Each student should submit a particular research topic for the paper on **Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**, previously approved by the instructor (5%).

An outline and a bibliography are due on **Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** (5%).

Final Papers are due on **Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** (15%).

### Group Presentations and Peer Evaluations (%15)

There will be group presentations about case studies of military, single-party, sultanistic, and hybrid regimes as well as a democratization case. Each group will have 3 peers. Every group will prepare a presentation and a post-presentation report about one specific country, present it in the classroom, answer the questions from the audience about that country's regime and policies, and the subject of the week (10%). Also, to prevent free riding, every group member will evaluate her peers' performance in preparing the presentation (5%).

**Attendance & Participation (10%)**

Attendance and participation are compulsory and essential parts of this course. Higher attendance, frequent and quality participation will yield A for that section of the course. More than 2 unexcused absences during the semester will cause you to lose 1 letter grade per absence. *Continuous late show ups and disruptive behavior in class might result with zeros for your attendance and participation grade.*

Every student is required to attend the class on time, having read all the material before the class, ready to participate in a meaningful manner.

All cell phones and laptops should be silenced and the students should ask for approval to use them only for class purposes (i.e. not taking, going over the readings, and notes) or emergencies.

Students are encouraged to review the university's attendance policies;  
<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>

**POLICY ON CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM**

University of Florida has certain standards for academic honesty. Any student that is found cheating or plagiarizing will fail the course automatically and will be reported to Student Judicial Affairs.

Please read the Student Honor Code for more information;

<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/honorcode.php>

**E-LEARNING & SAKAI**

If you are not already familiar with it, you should make yourself accustomed with e-Learning

<https://lss.at.ufl.edu>

Additional readings for class, steps for the research paper, additional assignments, and GRADES will be electronically available at the course website on e-Learning.

**SPECIAL NEEDS**

Please register with UF's Disability Resource Center and obtain the necessary documentation for accommodating your needs during the semester. Contact the instructor within the first two weeks of classes for special arrangements (for classes, assignments, and exams) during the office hours or by appointment.

**PASSING GRADES AND GRADE POINTS**

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx#grades>

**Grading Scale**

A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	E
95 or ABOVE	90-94	87-89	83-86	80-82	77-79	73-76	70-72	67-69	63-66	60-62	59 or BELOW

**COURSE SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

**I. Basic Concepts: Studying Authoritarianism within *Political Regimes***

**Week 1: January 7-9-11**

Course Introduction and Setting the Objectives

Mancur Olson. 1993. "Dictatorship, Democracy and Development," *American Political Science Review* 87(3): 567-76. Available Online.

**Week 2: January 14-16-18**

A Classical and Post-Cold War Views on Regimes:

Juan Linz and Alfred Stepan. 1996. "Problems of Democratic Transition and Consolidation: Southern Europe, South America, and Post-Communist Europe." Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press. 38-54. (e-Learning)

Francis Fukuyama, "The End of History?" available at <http://www.wesjones.com/eoh.htm>

Thomas Carothers. 2002. "The End of the Transition Paradigm." *Journal of Democracy*. 13(1): 5-21. Available online.

**Week 3: January ~~21~~-23-25**

**\*\*\* Monday, January 21: NO CLASS! MLK Day**

Larry Diamond. 2002. "Elections without Democracy: Thinking About Hybrid Regimes." *Journal of Democracy* Volume 13(2): 21-35. Available online.

Adam Przeworski et al. "Classifying Political Regimes." *Studies in Comparative International Development*. 31(2): 3-36. Available online.

## II. Types of Authoritarianism

### **Week 4: January 28-30- February 1**

#### Military Regimes:

Paul Brooker. 2000. *“Non-Democratic Regimes: Theory, Government and Politics.”* New York: Palgrave Macmillan. 59-80. (e-Learning).

Samuel Decalo. 1973. “Military Coups and Military Regimes in Africa.” *Journal of Modern African Studies*. 11(1): 105-127. Available online.

Alfred Stepan. 1988. “Rethinking Military Politics: Brazil and the Southern Cone.” Princeton: PUP. 13-44. (e-Learning).

### **Week 5: February 4-6-8**

#### Single-Party Regimes:

Benjamin Smith. 2005. “Life of the Party: The Origins of Regime Breakdown and Persistence Under Single-Party Rule.” *World Politics* April. 421-451. Available online.

Jason Brownlee, “Ruling Parties and Durable Authoritarianism, working paper, 1-31, available at: [http://iis-db.stanford.edu/pubs/20761/brownlee.working\\_paper.pdf](http://iis-db.stanford.edu/pubs/20761/brownlee.working_paper.pdf)

Stathis Kalyvas, “The Decay and Breakdown of Communist One-Party Systems,” *Annual Review of Political Science* 2 June 1999), 323-343. Available online.

### **Week 6: February 11-13-15**

#### Sultanistic Regimes:

H.E. Chehabi and Juan Linz, editors, *Sultanistic Regimes*, pp. 3-84.

### **Week 7: February 18-20-22**

Jason Brownlee, “And Yet They Persist...,” *Studies in Comparative International Development*. pp. 35-63. Available online.

#### Case Studies of Sultanism: Marcos, and the Shah

Chehabi and Linz, 182-229.

**\*\*\* EXAM I: Friday, February 22**

**Week 8: February 25-27- March 1**

Hybrid Regimes: Competitive and Electoral Authoritarianism:

Andreas Schedler, "The Menu of Manipulation," *Journal of Democracy*, 13, 2 (April 2002), 36-50. Available online.

Steven Levitsky and Lucan Way, *Competitive Authoritarianism: Hybrid Regimes after the Cold War*, Cambridge University Press, pp. s1-85.

**\*\*\* Research Paper Topics are due before class, on Friday, March 1.**

**SPRING BREAK**

**Week 9: March 11-13-15**

Jason Brownlee, "Portents of Pluralism," *American Journal of Political Science* 53, 3 (July 2009), pp.515 – 532. Available at:

<https://webpace.utexas.edu/jmb334/www/documents/article.AJPS.2009.pdf>

Levitsky and Way, pp. 85-130; 183-236.

**III. Regime Change and Authoritarianism**

**Week 10: March 18-20-22**

Democracy -> Authoritarianism: Russia

Steven Fish, *Democracy Derailed in Russia: The Failure of Open Politics*, ch. 1-4, pp. 1-112

**Week 11: March 25-27-29**

Fish, Ch. 5-6, pp. 114-193.

**Week 12: April 1-~~3~~-5**

**\*\*\* April 3 & 5: NO CLASSES! [Annual Meeting of International Studies Association (ISA), San Fransisco]**

Fish, Ch. 8, pp. 246-273

**\*\*\* Paper Outlines and Bibliographies are due, Friday, April 5.**

**Week 13: April 8-10-12**

Authoritarianism -> Democracy: Mexico and Brazil

Beatriz Magaloni, *Voting for Autocracy: Hegemonic Party Survival and Its Demise in Mexico* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006): 1-44. (E-Learning)

Frances Hagopian, "Democracy by Undemocratic Means'? Elites, Political Pacts, and Regime Transition in Brazil," *Comparative Political Studies* 23: 2 (1990): 147-66. Available Online

**Week 14: April 15-17-19**

Oil and Authoritarianism:

Michael L. Ross. (2001). "Does Oil Hinder Democracy?," *World Politics* 53:325-36.

Jay Ulfelder, 2007. Natural Resource Wealth and the Survival of Autocracy. *Comparative Political Studies* 40, 8: 995-1018. Available Online.

**EXAM II: Friday, April 19**

**Week 15: April 22-24 (LAST DAY OF CLASSES)**

**Wrap Up**

**\*25-26 Reading Days (no class)**

**\*\*\* Final Papers are due on Friday, April 26.**