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CPO 4731 Democratization in Global Perspective Spring 2013

Course Description

The purpose of this course is to familiarize students with some of the main questions that have characterized the democratization literature. The first part of the course will examine the concept of democracy and its different meanings. In the second part, we will examine the factors favoring or undermining the establishment of democracy, including economic development, culture, and civil society. The third part will be devoted to the analysis of the features and challenges of young democracies. Finally, we will consider the concept of participatory democracy, a potential alternative to representative democracy.

Readings

- One book is required:
 - Huntington, Samuel P. 1991. *The Third Wave: Democratization in the Late Twentieth Century*. Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press

- The other readings include book chapters and journal articles. These readings can be accessed through e-reserves or through the online journals available at the UF library's website.

Grade Components

- Participation (5%): You are required to complete the readings before class. Your participation grade will be based on your participation in class discussions and in two *class debates* scheduled during the semester (see below). Attendance will be taken regularly and will heavily influence your participation grade.
- Two Exams (30% each): the exam will include short answer and essay questions based on the course readings *and* the topics examined in class.
- Group Presentations (5%): at the beginning of the semester, small groups of students will be created. Each group will be responsible for gathering material on a regime transition in a country of choice. You will select the country from a list I will provide in class. Students will present their results in the last two weeks of the semester. Further instructions will be provided in class.
- Research Paper (30%): you are required to write a research paper of approximately 2,000 words (1" margins, Times New Roman, size 12 font, double spaced). The research paper should be related to the course. Late papers will not be accepted. Additional instructions will be provided in class. The research paper is due in class on **April 24**.

Policy on Make-up Exams

Make-up *exams* will be administered only in the presence of university approved excuses or for medical reasons. In the first case, you will need to present written documentation before the

exam date and to contact me at least one week before the exam date. Make-up *exams* will be administered for medical reasons only in the presence of a proper doctor's note.

Grading Scale

A: 100-92; A-: 91-90; B+: 89-87; B: 86-83; B-: 82-80; C+: 79-77; C: 76-73; C-: 72-70; D+: 70-68; D: 67-63; D-: 62-60; E: <60

Attendance

Attendance will be taken regularly and will heavily influence your participation grade.

Moreover, should you miss more than four classes without a university approved excuse, 0.5 points will be subtracted from your final grade for each additional missed class.

Academic Honesty

Students are required to comply with the university's Student Honor Code

(<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/honorcodes/honorcode.php>). When you commit plagiarism you violate the Student Honor Code. It is important that you fully understand what plagiarism is in order to avoid it. For a better understanding of what plagiarism is, please visit:

<http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/msl/subjects/Physics/StudentPlagiarism.html>

Course Outline:

First Part - The Concept of Democracy

Week 1: Defining Democracy

January 7:

- Introduction

January 9:

- Dahl, Robert A. 1971. *Polyarchy: Participation and Opposition*. New Haven: Yale University Press, pp. 1-16
- Huntington, Samuel P. 1991. *The Third Wave: Democratization in the Late Twentieth Century*. Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, pp. 3-13

January 11:

- Merkel, Wolfgang. 2004. "Embedded and Defective Democracies." *Democratization* 11(5): 33-58

Second Part - Factors Favoring (or Hindering) Democratization and Democratic Survival

Week 2: Economic Development and Performance

January 14:

- Lipset, Seymour Martin. 1959. "Some Social Requisites of Democracy: Economic Development and Political Legitimacy." *American Political Science Review* 53(1): 69-105

January 16:

- Przeworski, Adam, and Fernando Limongi. 1997. "Modernization: Theories and Facts." *World Politics* 49(2): 155-183

January 18:

- Haggard, Stephan, and Robert R. Kaufman. 1997. "The Political Economy of Democratic Transitions." *Comparative Politics* 29(3): 263-283

Week 3: Civil Society and Social Movements

January 21:

- *Holiday*

January 23:

- Diamond, Larry. 1994. "Rethinking Civil Society: Toward Democratic Consolidation." *Journal of Democracy* 5(3): 4-17

January 25:

- Berman, Sheri. 1997. "Civil Society and the Collapse of the Weimer Republic." *World Politics* 49(3): 401-429

Week 4: Culture

January 28:

- Fukuyama, Francis. 1995. "The Primacy of Culture." *Journal of Democracy* 6(1): 7-14

January 30:

- Philpott, Daniel. 2004. "The Catholic Wave" *Journal of Democracy* 15(2): 32-46

February 1:

- Stepan, Alfred and Graeme B. Robertson. 2003. "An 'Arab' more than Muslim Electoral Gap." *Journal of Democracy* 14(3): 30-44
- Lakoff, Sanford. 2004. "The Reality of Muslim Exceptionalism." *Journal of Democracy* 15(4): 133-139
- Stepan, Alfred and Graeme B. Robertson. 2004. "Arab, Not Muslim, Exceptionalism." *Journal of Democracy* 15(4): 140-146

Week 5: The Third Wave (I)

February 4:

- Huntington, Samuel P. 1991. *The Third Wave: Democratization in the Late Twentieth Century*. Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, pp. 13-46

February 6:

- Huntington, pp. 46-85

February 8:

- Huntington, pp. 85-108

Week 6: The Third Wave (II)

February 11:

- Huntington, pp. 109-142

February 13:

- Huntington, pp. 142-174

February 15:

- Huntington, pp. 174-207

Week 7:

February 18:

- Class debate on the Third Wave

February 20:

- Exam Review

February 22:

- Exam# 1

Week 8: The Arab Spring

February 25:

- Ajami, Fouad. 2012. "The Arab Spring at One: A Year of Living Dangerously." *Foreign Affairs* 91 (March/April)

February 27:

- Roy, Olivier. 2012. "The Transformation of the Arab World." *Journal of Democracy* 23(3): 5-18

March 1:

- Class debate: Which factors favor (or hinder) democratization?

Week 9:

- Spring Break

Third Part - Post-Transition Scenarios

Week 10: Democratic Consolidation

March 11:

- Schedler, Andreas. 1998. "What is Democratic Consolidation?" *Journal of Democracy* 9(2): 91-107

March 13:

- Linz, Juan J., and Alfred Stepan. 1996. "Toward Consolidated Democracies." *Journal of Democracy* 7(2): 14-33

March 15:

- O'Donnell, Guillermo. 1994. "Delegative Democracy." *Journal of Democracy* 5(1): 55-69

Week 11: The Role of Institutions: Constitutional Design and the Presidentialism vs Parliamentary Debate

March 18:

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

March 20:

- Sartori, Giovanni. 1994. "Neither Presidentialism nor Parliamentarism." In *The Failure of Presidential Democracy*, eds. Juan J. Linz and Arturo Valenzuela. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 106-118.

March 22:

- Fish, Steven M. 2006. "Creative Constitutions: How Do Parliamentary Powers Shape the Electoral Arena?" In *Electoral Authoritarianism: The Dynamics of Unfree Competition*, ed. Andreas Schedler. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 181-197

Week 12: The Role of Institutions: Parties and Party Systems

March 25:

- Mainwaring, Scott and Timothy R. Scully. 1995. "Introduction: Party Systems in Latin America." In *Building Democratic Institutions: Party Systems in Latin America*, eds. Scott Mainwaring and Timothy R. Scully. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1-34.

March 27:

- Levitsky, Steven and Maxwell Cameron. 2003. "Democracy without Parties? Political Parties and Regime Change in Fujimori's Peru." *Latin American Politics and Society* 45(3): 1-33

March 29:

- Madrid, Raul. 2005. "Indigenous Parties and Democracy in Latin America." *Latin American Politics & Society* 47(4): 161-179

Week 13: Imperfect Transitions and Hybrid Regimes

April 1:

- Carothers, Thomas. 2002. "The End of the Transition Paradigm." *Journal of Democracy* 13(1): 5-21
- O'Donnell, Guillermo. 2002. "In Partial Defense of an Evanescent 'Paradigm'." *Journal of Democracy* 13(3): 6-12

April 3:

- Levitsky, Steven, and Lucan Way. 2002. "The Rise of Competitive Authoritarianism." *Journal of Democracy* 13(2): 51-65

April 5:

- Schedler, Andreas. 2010. "Authoritarianism's Last Line of Defense." *Journal of Democracy* 21(1): 69-80

Week 14: Beyond Representative Democracy? The Deepening of Democracy and Participatory Democracy

April 8:

- Roberts, Kenneth. 1998. *Deepening Democracy? The Modern Left and Social Movements in Chile and Peru*. Stanford, Stanford University Press, pp. 17-33

April 10:

- Exam Review

April 12:

- Exam#2

Week 15: Group Presentations (I)

April 15:

- Presentation Group 1

April 17:

- Presentation Group 2

April 19:

- Presentation Group 3

Week 16: Group Presentations (II)

April 22:

- Presentation Group 4

April 24:

- Presentation Group 5
- **PAPER DUE**