

## Political Science 9567b Comparative Politics II

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### Description:

This seminar offers a graduate-level introduction to the comparative politics of the developing areas. It will emphasize states and state formation, various approaches to the analysis of economic, social, and political development, the major responses to neoliberal globalization in the global south, particularly on the left of the political spectrum, and the question of regime change in the developing world.

### Book Available for Purchase at the Bookstore:

Richard Sandbrook, *Reinventing the Left in the Global South: The Politics of the Possible* (Cambridge University Press, 2014).

### Requirements:

- (a) **Reading commentaries:** you will be required to prepare two short papers of 3-4 pages in length, each of which will offer critical consideration of the assigned reading materials for a particular week. You may emphasize any theme or themes within the readings, and need not cover all of the assigned items for the week. The aim is to identify what is at stake in the selected material, evaluate the approach of the author or authors, and reflect briefly upon how the puzzle or debate in question might in your view best be addressed. These papers must be handed in before the week's seminar begins, either electronically or in person. *Grade: 15%.*
- (b) **Seminar presentation:** you will be required deliver one substantial presentation, of 20-25 minutes, which will offer an introduction to some (but not necessarily all) of the week's readings as well as an additional reading component (a couple of journal articles or book chapters) chosen by the presenter. In addition to effective summary and integration of the selected readings, you should raise questions and challenges in such a way as to stimulate seminar discussion in the time to follow. Your presentation and your reading commentaries should come on different weeks. *Grade: 20%.*
- (c) **Seminar participation:** you will be expected to provide consistent, informed, and active participation throughout the term. *Grade: 25%.*
- (d) **Research paper:** you will be required to write a research paper (12-15 pages for Masters students, 18-20 pages for Doctoral students) on a subject related to the themes and empirical content of the seminar. *Grade: 40%.*

## **COURSE READINGS:**

### **State Formation in the Global South (January 15)**

David Runciman, "The Concept of the State: The Sovereignty of a Fiction," in Quentin Skinner and Bo Strath (eds.), *States and Citizens: History, Theory, Prospects* (Cambridge University Press, 2003).

Jeffrey Herbst, "War and the State in Africa." *International Security* vol. 14, no. 4 (Spring 1990).

Tuong Vu, "Studying the State Through State Formation." *World Politics* vol. 62, no. 1 (January 2010).

Bertrand Badie, *The Imported State: The Westernization of the Political Order* (Stanford University Press, 2000), chapter 2.

### **Modernization Theory (January 22)**

W.W. Rostow, *The Stages of Economic Growth: A Non-Communist Manifesto* (Cambridge University Press, 1960), pp. 1-16.

Alex Inkeles, "The Modernization of Man," in Myron Weiner (ed.), *Modernization* (Basic Books, 1966).

Samuel Huntington, "The Change to Change: Modernization, Development, and Politics." *Comparative Politics* vol. 3, no. 3 (1971), pp. 283-313.

Adam Przeworski and Fernando Limongi, "Modernization: Theories and Facts." *World Politics* vol. 49, no. 2 (1997).

Jeffrey Sachs, *The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time* (Penguin Press, 2005), selections.

### **Marxist and Dependency Theories (January 29)**

Richard Peet and Elaine Hartwick, *Theories of Development: Contentions, Arguments, Alternatives* (The Guilford Press, 2009), chapter 5 (pp. 144-66).

Andre Gunder Frank, "The Development of Underdevelopment." *Monthly Review* vol. 14, Issue 4 (1966).

Fernando Henrique Cardoso and Enzo Faletto, *Dependence and Development in Latin America* (University of California Press, 1979), Preface and pp. 1-28.

Immanuel Wallerstein, "The Rise and Future Demise of the World Capitalist System: Concepts for Comparative Analysis." *Comparative Studies in Society and History* vol. 16, no. 4 (1974).

### **Development and Destabilization (February 5)**

Samuel Huntington, "The Change to Change: Modernization, Development, and Politics." *Comparative Politics* vol. 3, no. 3 (1971), pp. 313-22.

Theda Skocpol, "France, Russia, China: A Structural Analysis of Social Revolutions." *Comparative Studies in Society and History* vol. 18, no. 2 (April 1976).

Jeff Goodwin, *No Other Way Out: States and Revolutionary Movements, 1945-1991* (Cambridge University Press, 2001), chapter 1 (pp. 16-31), and chapter 2.

### **State-Led Approaches to Development (February 12)**

Chalmers Johnson, *MITI and the Japanese Miracle: The Growth of Industrial Policy, 1925-1975* (Stanford University Press, 1982), pp. 3-34.

Peter Evans, "The State as Problem and Solution: Predation, Embedded Autonomy, and Structural Change," in Stephan Haggard and Robert Kaufman (eds.), *The Politics of Economic Adjustment* (Princeton University Press, 1992).

Richard F. Doner, Bryan K. Ritchie, and Dan Slater, "Systemic Vulnerability and the Origins of Developmental States: Northeast and Southeast Asia in Comparative Perspective." *International Organization* vol. 59, no. 2 (Spring 2005).

Ha-Joon Chang, "Kicking Away the Ladder: Infant Industry Promotion in Historical Perspective." *Oxford Development Studies* vol. 31, no. 1 (2003).

### **Post-Modern and Post-Colonial Approaches (February 26)**

Richard Peet and Elaine Hartwick, *Theories of Development: Contentions, Arguments, Alternatives* (The Guilford Press, 2009), chapter 6 (pp. 197-208).

Edward Said, *Orientalism* (Vintage Books), pp. 31-112.

Ranjit Guha, "The Small Voices of History," in Shahid Amin and Dipesh Chakrabarty (eds.), *Subaltern Studies IX: Writings on South Asian History and Society* (Oxford University Press, 1996), pp. 1-12.

Uday Chandra, "The Case for a Postcolonial Approach to the Study of Politics." *New Political Science*, vol. 35, no. 3 (2013).

### **Embedded Market Approaches (March 5)**

Karl Polanyi, *The Great Transformation: The Political and Economic Origins of Our Time* (Beacon Press, 1944), pp. 43-76, 130-77.

Sandbrook, chapter 1.

### **Neoliberalism and its Limits (March 12)**

Sandbrook, chapter 2 (pp. 27-50), and chapter 3 (63-101).

Rahul Mukherji, "Ideas, Interests, and the Tipping Point: Economic Change in India." *Review of International Political Economy* vol. 20, no. 2 (2013).

Matt Ferchen, "Whose China Model is it Anyway? The Contentious Search for Consensus." *Review of International Political Economy* vol. 20, no. 2 (2013).

**The Political Left in the Global South (March 19)**

Sandbrook, chapters 2 (pp. 50-62), 4, and 5.

**Democratic Alternatives and Alternatives to Democracy (March 26)**

Sandbrook, chapters 6 and 7.

Dan Slater, "Democratic Careening." *World Politics* vol. 65, no. 4 (October, 2013).

Baogang He and Mark E. Warren, "Authoritarian Deliberation: The Deliberative Turn in Chinese Political Development." *Perspectives on Politics* vol. 9, no. 2 (June 2011).

**Return to the State: Historicity (April 2)**

Jean-Francois Bayart, *The State in Africa: The Politics of the Belly* (Polity, 2009), Introduction, chapters 2, 4, 8, 9.