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Field Seminar in Comparative Politics
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This seminar is an overview of the field of comparative politics targeting Ph.D. students in the Government department. This course introduces students to classic works as well as recent contributions that build upon those works. Readings draw from leading theoretical approaches—including structural, institutional, rational choice, and cultural perspectives—and cover a broad range of substantive topics, such as regime types, democratization, states and civil society, political economy, violence, mobilization, voting, and representation. Students from other programs may register only with the permission of the instructor. There are no prerequisites for the course.

The reading load for this course varies by week, but averages six to seven articles/chapters or approximately three hundred pages per week. Assigned readings are marked with an asterisk (*). Students are expected to complete all of the required readings before each class.

I have listed additional background reading to identify important works that we will not be able to cover during our course. These lists for each week are long. You will certainly not be able to complete them all, and you should not try. However, you should consider the syllabus as a whole to reflect a broad survey of some of the major questions and topics in the field of comparative politics. It is still incomplete, in ways that we will discuss at length in class. But a student interested in pursuing research on, say, the state, or political identity, or the political economy of advanced industrial democracies, should expect to be familiar with the basic concepts, debates, and approaches found in the recommended readings sections for that particular week.

The following books are available for purchase as ebooks via the Canvas course site (select **Instant Access - VitalSource** on the left hand side of our course page):

1. Kathleen Thelen. *How Institutions Evolve. The Political Economy of Skills in Germany, Britain, the United States, and Japan*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
2. Douglass C. North. *Institutions, Institutional Change, and Economic Performance*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
3. Elisabeth Wood. *Insurgent Collective Action and Civil War in El Salvador*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
4. Stathis Kalyvas. *The Logic of Violence in Civil War*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

5. Anna Grzymala-Busse, *Nations under God: How Churches Use Moral Authority to Influence Policy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
6. Sidney Tarrow. *Power in Movement: Social Movements and Contentious Politics*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
7. Catherine Boone, *Property and Political Order in Africa: Land Rights and the Structure of Politics*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Remaining readings are drawn from a mix of books and journal articles. The assigned readings are all available online at the Canvas site. Readings are found under the **Modules** tab on the left-hand navigation panel. You should do the readings in the order of the syllabus and on Canvas.

There are three requirements for this course:

1. *Active and thoughtful class participation*. All students are expected to participate actively and regularly in discussions.
2. *Critical response essays*. Throughout the course of the semester, each student is responsible for writing four (4) short response papers that integrate and critically evaluate each week's required readings. These can be done for any week except for Weeks 1 and 2.
3. *Final exam*. A 48 hour take home written exam comprised of a choice of several essay questions. The date of the exam will be announced early in the semester.

I will not grant incompletes in this class except as a consequence of extraordinary personal circumstances. Late work will be penalized.

Course Plan (assigned readings with *):

Week 1 (September 3): Classics

- *Adam Smith, *An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations*, Chap. 2, "On the Principle Which Gives Occasion to the Division of Labour," pp. 15-17.
- *Jeremy Bentham. 1789/1907. "Of the Principle of Utility." Chapter 1 of *An Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation*. Oxford: Clarendon Press.
- *Karl Marx. 1845. *The German Ideology*, Part I: Feuerbach: Opposition of the Materialist and Idealist Outlook, Section A on "Idealism and Materialism" and Section B on "The Illusion of the Epoch."
- *Karl Polanyi. 1944. *The Great Transformation* (New York: Rinehart & Company), pp. 43-55 and 130-135.
- *Max Weber. 1918. "Politics as a Vocation." (read pp. 1-10), plus "The Spirit of Capitalism," Chap. 2 of *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*.

Week 2 (September 10) The Science of Comparative Politics?

- *Robert O. Keohane. 2009. "Political Science as a Vocation." *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 42(2), pp. 359-363.
- *Adam Przeworski and Henry Teune. 1970. *The Logic of Comparative Social Inquiry*. New York: Wiley-Interscience, pp. 3-39.
- *Giovanni Sartori. 1970. "Concept Misformation in Comparative Politics," *American Political Science Review* 64(4): 1033-1053.
- *Robert Bates. 1996. "Area Studies and Political Science: Rupture and Possible Synthesis." *Africa Today* 44(2): 123-131.
- *Helen V. Milner. 1998. "Rationalizing Politics: The Emerging Synthesis of International, American, and Comparative Politics." *International Organization* 52, 4, pp. 759-786
- *David Laitin. 2003. "Comparative Politics: The State of the Subdiscipline," in Helen Milner and Ira Katznelson, eds. *Political Science: The State of the Discipline*. New York: W. W. Norton.

Recommended

- Ariel I. Ahram. 2011. "The theory and method of comparative area studies." *Qualitative Research* 11(1): 69-90.
- Gabriel A. Almond and Steven J. Genco. 1977. "Clouds, Clocks, and the Study of Politics," *World Politics* 29(4).
- Carles Boix and Susan Stokes (eds.) 2007. *Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*. Oxford University Press. Chapters of interest.
- Barbara Geddes. 2003. *Paradigms and Sand Castles: Theory Building and Research Design in Comparative Politics*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.
- Peter J. Katzenstein. 2001. "Area and Regional Studies in the United States." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 34(4), pp. 789-791.
- Mark Irving Lichbach. 2009. "Thinking and Working in the Midst of Things: Discovery, Explanation, and Evidence in Comparative Politics," in Mark Irving Lichbach and Alan Zuckerman, eds. *Comparative Politics: Rationality, Culture, and Structure* (Cambridge), pp. 18-71.
- Arend Lijphart. 1971. "Comparative Politics and the Comparative Method." *American Political Science Review* 65(3): 682-693.
- Steven Lukes. 2005. *Power: A Radical View*. 2nd Edition. London: Palgrave.
- Andrew March. 2009. "What Is Comparative Political Theory?" *Review of Politics* 71: 531-565.
- Geraldo Munck and Richard Snyder, eds. 2007. *Passion, Craft, and Method in Comparative Politics*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press.

- Thomas B. Pepinsky. 2014. "Context and Method in Southeast Asian Politics." *Pacific Affairs* 87(3): 441-461.
- Thomas B. Pepinsky. 2019. "The Return of the Single-Country Study." *Annual Review of Political Science* 22: 187-203.
- Adam Przeworski. 2007. "Is the Science of Comparative Politics Possible?" In Carles Boix and Susan C. Stokes (eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- David Szanton, ed. 2004. *The Politics of Knowledge: Area Studies and the Disciplines*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Diego von Vacano. 2015. "The Scope of Comparative Political Theory." *Annual Review of Political Science* 18: 465-480.

Week 3 (September 17): The State

- *Theda Skocpol. 1979. *States and Social Revolutions: A Comparative Analysis of France, Russia, and China*. New York: Cambridge University Press, pp. 3-42
- *Michael Mann. 1984. "The autonomous power of the state: its origins, mechanisms and results." *European Journal of Sociology* 25(2): 185-213.
- *Theda Skocpol. 1985. "Bringing the State Back In," in Peter Evans, Dietrich Rueschemeyer, and Theda Skocpol (eds.) *Bringing the State Back In*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- *Charles Tilly. 1992. *Coercion, Capital, and European States: AD 990-1992*. Cambridge: Blackwell. Chapters 1-3, 6.
- *Miguel Centeno. 1997. "Blood and Debt: War and Taxation in Nineteenth Century Latin America," *American Journal of Sociology* 102(6): 1565-1605
- *Jeffrey Herbst. 2000. *States and Power in Africa: Comparative Lessons in Authority and Control*. New York: Cambridge University Press. Chapters 2, 5.

Recommended

- Lisa Anderson. 1986. *The State and Social Transformation in Tunisia and Libya 1830-1980*.
- Karen Barkey. 1996. *Bandits and Bureaucrats*.
- Robert H. Bates. 2008. *When Things Fall Apart: State Failure in Late-Century Africa*.
- Lisa Blaydes. "Middle Eastern State Building," *Annual Review of Political Science*, 20 (2017).
- Fred Block. 1977. "The Ruling Class Does Not Rule: Notes on the Marxist Theory of the State," *Socialist Revolution* 7: 6-28.
- Valerie Bunce. 1999. *Subversive Institutions: The Design and the Destruction of Socialism and the State*. Cambridge University Press.
- Thomas Ertman. 1997. *Birth of the Leviathan: Building States and Regimes in Medieval and Early Modern Europe*. Cambridge University Press.

- Jack A. Goldstone 1991. *Revolution and rebellion in the early modern world*. University of California Press.
- Anna Grzymala-Busse. 2007. *Rebuilding Leviathan: Party Competition and State Exploitation*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Otto Hintze. 1975. "Military Organization and the Organization of the State," in Feliz Gilbert, ed., *The Historical Essays of Otto Hintze* (Cambridge: Oxford University Press).
- Desmond King and Robert Lieberman. 2009. "Ironies of State Building: A Comparative Perspective on the American State." *World Politics* 61(3): 547-588.
- Stephen Krasner. 1984. "Approaches to the State: Alternative Conceptions and Historical Dynamics," *Comparative Politics* 16(2): 223-246.
- Margaret Levi. 1988. *Of Rule and Revenue*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Margaret Levi. 1997. *Consent, Dissent, and Patriotism*. Cambridge.
- Joel Migdal. 1988. *Strong Societies and Weak States: State-Society Relations and State Capabilities in the Third World*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Joel Migdal, "Researching the State," in Lichbach and Zuckerman, eds. *Comparative Politics*.
- Joel Migdal. 2001. *The State in Society*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- J.P. Nettl. 1968. "The State as a Conceptual Variable," *World Politics* 20(4): 559-592.
- Douglass S. North, John Wallis and Barry R. Weingast. 2009. *Violence and Social Orders*. Cambridge University Press.
- Robert Jackson and Carl Rosberg. 1982. "Why Africa's Weak States Persist," *World Politics* 35(1): 1-24.
- Gianfranco Poggi. 1990. *The State: Its Nature, Development, and Prospects*. Stanford University Press.
- William Reno. 1997. War, Markets, and the Reconfiguration of West Africa's Weak States. *Comparative Politics* 29 (4):493-510.
- Nicholas Sambanis, Stergios Skaperdas, and William C. Wohlforth. 2015. "Nation-Building through War." *American Political Science Review* 109(2): 279-296.
- Dan Slater. 2010. *Ordering Power: Contentious Politics and Authoritarian Leviathans in Southeast Asia*. Cambridge University Press.
- Steve Solnick. 1998. *Stealing from the State*.
- David Stasavage. 2011. *States of Credit*. Princeton University Press.
- Cameron Thies. 2005. "War, Rivalry, and State Building in Latin American," *American Journal of Political Science* 49, 3: pp. 451-465.
- Charles Tilly. 1985. "War Making and State Making as Organized Crime," in Peter Evans, Dietrich Rueschemeyer, and Theda Skocpol (eds.) *Bringing the State Back In*.
- Daniel Ziblatt. 2006. *Structuring the State: The Formation of Italy and Germany and the Puzzle of Federalism*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Week 4 (September 24): Political Institutions and Institutional Approaches

*Peter A. Hall and Rosemary C. R. Taylor. 1996. "Political Science and the Three New Institutionalisms." *Political Studies* 44: 936-957.

*Douglass C. North. 1990. *Institutions, Institutional Change, and Economic Performance*. Chapters 1-11.

- *Paul Pierson. 2000. "Increasing Returns, Path Dependence, and the Study of Politics," *American Political Science Review* 94(2): 251-267.
- *Avner Greif and David D. Laitin. 2004. "A Theory of Endogenous Institutional Change," *American Political Science Review* 98(4): 633-652.
- *James Mahoney and Kathleen Thelen. 2010. "A Gradual Theory of Institutional Change," in James Mahoney and Kathleen Thelen, eds., *Explaining Institutional Change: Ambiguity, Agency, and Power*. New York: Cambridge University Press, pp. 1-37.
- *Gretchen Helmke and Steven Levitsky. 2004. "Informal Institutions and Comparative Politics: A Research Agenda." *Perspectives on Politics* 2(4): 725-740.
- *Thomas Pepinsky. 2014. "The Institutional Turn in Comparative Authoritarianism." *British Journal of Political Science* 44, 631–653.

Recommended

- Carles Boix. 1999. "Setting the Rules of the Game: The Choice of Electoral Systems in Advanced Democracies." *American Political Science Review* 93 (3):609-624.
- Ronald H. Coase. 1960. "The Problem of Social Cost." *Journal of Law and Economics*, Vol. 3:1-44.
- Ruth Berins Collier and David Collier. 1991. *Shaping the Political Arena: Critical Junctures, Labor Movements, and Regime Dynamics in Latin America*. Princeton.
- Randall Calvert. 1995. "Rational Actors, Equilibrium, and Social Institutions." In *Explaining Social Institutions*, edited by J. Knight and I. Sened. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan.
- Gary Cox and Scott Morgenstern. 2001. "Latin America's Reactive Assemblies and Proactive Presidents." *Comparative Politics* 33 (2).
- Daniel Diermeier and Keith Krehbiel. 2003. "Institutionalism as a Methodology," *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 15(2): 123-44.
- Barbara Geddes, *Politicians Dilemma* (University of California Press, 1994), pp. 1-19.
- Avner Greif. 2006. *Institutions and the Path to the Modern Economy: Lessons from Medieval Trade*. Cambridge University Press.
- John Gerring and Strom C. Thacker. 2008. *A Centripetal Theory of Democratic Governance*. Cambridge.
- John D. Huber and Charles Shipan: *Deliberate Discretion: The Institutional Foundations of Bureaucratic Autonomy* (Cambridge University Press, 2002).
- Ira Katznelson and Barry Weingast, eds. 2007. *Preferences and Situations: Points of Intersection Between Historical and Rational Choice Institutionalism*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Jack Knight. 1992. *Institutions and Social Conflict*. Cambridge University Press.
- Margaret Levi. 2009. "Reconsideration of Rational Choice in Comparative and Historical Analysis," in Lichbach and Zuckerman, *Comparative Politics: Rationality, Culture, and Structure*.

- Steven Levitsky and Maria Victoria Murillo. 2014. "Building Institutions on Weak Foundations: Lessons from Latin America," in Scott Mainwaring, ed. *Reflection on Uneven Democracies: The Legacy of Guillermo O'Donnell*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press.
- Steven Levitsky and María Victoria Murillo. 2009. "Variation in Institutional Strength." *Annual Review of Political Science* 12.
- Arend Lijphart. 1999. *Patterns of Democracy: Government Forms and Performance in Thirty-Six Countries*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Arend Lijphart. 2004. "Constitutional Design for Divided Societies," *Journal of Democracy* 15(2).
- James G. March and Johan P. Olson. 1984. "The New Institutionalism: Organizational Factors in Political Life," *American Political Science Review* 78(3): 734-49.
- John W. Meyer and Brian Rowan. 1977. "Institutionalized Organizations: Formal Structure as Myth and Ceremony," *American Journal of Sociology* 83(2): 340-363.s
- Douglass North. 1981. *Structure and Change in Economic History*. New York: W.W. Norton.
- Douglass North and Barry Weingast. 1989. "Constitutions and commitment: the evolution of institutions governing public choice in seventeenth-century England." *The Journal of Economic History* 49.
- Douglass North. 1990. "A Transaction Cost Theory of Politics." *Journal of Theoretical Politics*.
- Elinor Ostrom. 1990. *Governing the Commons: The Evolution of Institutions for Collective Action*.
- Scott Page. 2006. "Path Dependence," *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 1: 87-115.
- Paul Pierson. 2004. *Politics in Time: History, Institutions, and Social Analysis*. Princeton University Press.
- Jonas Pontusson. 1995. "From Comparative Public Policy to Political Economy: Putting Political Institutions in Their Place and Taking Interests Seriously," *Comparative Political Studies* 28(1).
- Karen Remmer. 1997. "Theoretical Decay and Theoretical Development: The Resurgence of Institutional Analysis," *World Politics* 50 (1): 34-61.
- William Riker. 1964. *Federalism: Origin, Operation, Significance*. Boston, MA: Little Brown.
- William Riker. 1980. "Implications from the Disequilibrium of Majority Rule for the Study of Institutions," *American Political Science Review* 74(2): 432-446.
- Jonathan Rodden. 2009. "Back to the Future: Endogenous Institutions and Comparative Politics," in Lichbach and Zuckerman, *Comparative Politics: Rationality, Culture, and Structure*.
- Thomas C. Schelling. 1978. *Micromotives and Macrobehavior*. New York: Norton.
- Kenneth Shepsle. 1986. "Institutional Equilibrium and Equilibrium Institutions," in H. Weisenberg (ed), *Political Science: The Science of Politics*. Agathon Press.
- Kenneth Shepsle. 1989. "Studying Institutions: Some Lessons from the Rational Choice Approach," *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 1, 2 (April): 131-147.
- Kenneth Shepsle, and Barry R. Weingast. 1994. "Positive Theories of Congressional Institutions," *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 19: 149-80.
- Wolfgang Streeck and Kathleen Thelen. 2005. Introduction: Institutional Change in Advanced Political Economies. In *Beyond Continuity: Institutional Change in Advanced Political Economies*, edited by W. Streeck and K. Thelen. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Sven Steinmo, Kathleen Thelen, and Frank Longstreth (eds.) 1992. *Structuring Politics: Historical Institutionalism in Comparative Analysis*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

- Kathleen Thelen, 1999. "Historical Institutionalism in Comparative Politics." *Annual Review of Political Science* 2:69-404.
- Daniel Treisman. 2007. *The Architecture of Government: Rethinking Political Decentralization*.
- George Tsebelis. 1995. "Decision Making in Political Systems: Veto Players in Presidentialism, Parliamentarism, Multicameralism and Multipartyism." *British Journal of Political Science* 25.
- Barry M. Weingast. 1995. "The Economic Role of Political Institutions: Market-Preserving Federalism and Economic Development," *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* 11(1): 1-31.
- George Tsebelis. 2002. *Veto Players: How Institutions Work*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Barry Weingast. 2002. "Rational Choice Institutionalism." In *Political Science: State of the Discipline*, edited by I. Katznelson and H. Milner. New York: Norton.
- Oliver E. Williamson. 2002. "The Theory of the Firm as Governance Structure: From Choice to Contract." *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, Vol. 16, No. 3: pp. 171-195.

Week 5 (October 1) Regimes I: Concepts

- *Robert Dahl. 1972. *Polyarchy: Participation and Opposition*. New Haven: Yale University Press, pp. 1-16.
- *Adam Przeworski. 1999. "Minimalist conception of democracy: a defense." In *Democracy's Value*, ed. Ian Shapiro and Casiano Hacker-Cordon. New York: Cambridge University Press, pp. 23-55.
- *Philippe C. Schmitter and Terry Lynn Karl. 1991. "What Democracy Is...And Is Not." *Journal of Democracy* 2(3): 3-16.
- *Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, Alastair Smith, Randolph M. Siverson, and James D. Morrow. 2003. *The Logic of Political Survival*. Cambridge: The MIT Press, pp. 3-76.
- *Guillermo O'Donnell. 1994. "Delegative Democracy." *Journal of Democracy* 5(1): 55-69.
- *Steven Levitsky and Lucan Way. 2010. *Competitive Authoritarianism: Hybrid Regimes after the Cold War*, New York: Cambridge University Press, pp. 3-84.
- *Barbara Geddes, Joseph Wright, and Erica Frantz. 2018. *How Dictatorships Work*. New York: Cambridge University Press, pp. 177-217.

Recommended

- Kirk Bowman, Fabrice Lehoucq, and James Mahoney. 2005. "Measuring Political Democracy: Case Expertise, Data Adequacy, and Central America," *Comparative Political Studies* 38(8).

- Valerie J. Bunce. 1980. "The Succession Connection: Policy Cycles and Political Change in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe," *American Political Science Review* 74(4): 966-977.
- H. E. Chehabi and Juan J. Linz (eds.). 1998. *Sultanistic Regimes*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press.
- David Collier, ed. 1979. *The New Authoritarianism in Latin America*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- David Collier and Steven Levitsky. 1997. "Democracy with Adjectives: Conceptual Innovation in Comparative Research," *World Politics* 49, 3.
- Robert Dahl. 1956. *A Preface to Democratic Theory*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Robert Dahl. 1989. *Democracy and its Critics*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- James Fearon. 2011. "Self-enforcing Democracy," *Quarterly Journal of Economics*. 126 (4): 1661-1708.
- Carl J. Friedrich and Zbigniew Brzezinski. 1956. *Totalitarian Dictatorship and Autocracy*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.
- Barbara Geddes. 2003. *Paradigms and Sand Castles: Theory-Building and Research Design in Comparative Politics*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.
- Guy Hermet, Alain Rouquié, and Richard Rose. 1978. *Elections without Choice*. New York: Wiley.
- Pierre F. Landry. 2008. *Decentralized Authoritarianism in China: The Communist Party's Control of Local Elites in the Post-Mao Era*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Juan J. Linz. 2000. *Totalitarian and Authoritarian Regimes*. Boulder: Lynne Reiner.
- Andrew Mertha. 2009. "Fragmented Authoritarianism 2.0: Political Pluralization of the Chinese Policy Process," *China Quarterly* 200: 1-18
- Mancur Olson. 1993. "Dictatorship, Democracy, and Development," *American Political Science Review* 87(3): 567-576.
- Andreas Schedler. 2002. "The Menu of Manipulation," *Journal of Democracy* 13(2): 36-50.
- Dan Slater. 2013. "Democratic Careening." *World Politics*.
- Alfred C. Stepan. 1988. *Rethinking Military Politics: Brazil and the Southern Cone*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Kellee Tsai. 2006. "Adaptive Informal Institutions and Endogenous Institutional Change in China," *World Politics* 59(1): 116-141.
- Lucan A. Way. 2005. "Authoritarian Statebuilding and the Sources of Regime Competitiveness in the Fourth Wave: The Cases of Belarus, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine," *World Politics* 57(2): 231-261.
- Jeffrey Winters. 2011. *Oligarchy*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Ronald Wintrobe. 1998. *The Political Economy of Dictatorship*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Week 6 (October 8): Regimes II: Origins and Transitions

- *Barrington Moore. 1966. *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*. Boston: Beacon Press, pp. 413-432
- *Gregory M. Luebbert. 1987. "Social Foundations of Political Order in Interwar Europe," *World Politics* 39(4): 449-478.

- *Daniel Ziblatt. 2017. *Conservative Parties and the Birth of Democracy*. New York: Cambridge University Press. Chapters 1-2.
- *Sheri Berman. 1997. "Civil Society and the Collapse of the Weimar Republic," *World Politics* 49 (3): 401-439.
- *Dankwart Rustow. 1970. "Transitions to Democracy: Toward a Dynamic Model," *Comparative Politics* 2(3): 337-364.
- *Carles Boix and Susan Stokes. 2003. "Endogenous Democratization," *World Politics* 55(4).
- *Barbara Geddes. 1999. "What Do We Know about Democratization After Twenty Years?" *Annual Review of Political Science* 2, 115-144.
- *Stephan Haggard and Robert R. Kaufman. 2012. "Inequality and Regime Change: Democratic Transitions and the Stability of Democratic Rule," *American Political Science Review* 106, 3.
- *Eva Bellin. 2012. "Reconsidering the Robustness of Authoritarianism in the Middle East: Lessons from the Arab Spring," *Comparative Politics* 44(2): 127-149.
- *Valerie Bunce and Sharon Wolchik. 2010. "Defeating Dictators: Electoral Change and Stability in Competitive Authoritarian Regimes," *World Politics* 62(1): 43-86.

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- Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, James A. Robinson, and Pierre Yared. 2008. "Income and Democracy," *American Economic Review* 98(3): 808-42.
- Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson. 2000. "Why did the West Extend the Franchise? Democracy, Inequality, and Growth in Historical Perspective," *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 115(4), 1167-1199.
- Daron Acemoglu and James A. Robinson. 2001. "A Theory of Political Transitions," *American Economic Review* 91(4): 938-963.
- Ben W. Ansell and David J. Samuels. *Inequality and Democratization: An Elite-Competition Approach*. Cambridge University Press.
- Sheri Berman. 2019. *Democracy and Dictatorship in Europe*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Carles Boix. 2003. *Democracy and Redistribution*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Bratton, Michael and Nicolas van de Walle. 1997. *Democratic Experiments in Africa* New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Ruth Berins Collier. 1999. *Paths Towards Democracy: The Working Class and Elites in Western Europe and South America*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Jason Brownlee. 2007. "Hereditary Succession in Modern Autocracies," *World Politics* 59(4): 595-628.
- Ralf Dahrendorf. 1990. *Reflections on the Revolution in Europe*. New York: Times Books.

- Jennifer Gandhi and Adam Przeworski. 2006. "Cooperation, Cooptation, and Rebellion under Dictatorships," *Economics and Politics* 18(1):1-26.
- M. Steven Fish. 2002. "Islam and Authoritarianism," *World Politics* 55(1): 4-37.
- Amaney Jamal. 2007. *Barriers to Democracy: The Other Side of Social Capital in Palestine and the Arab World*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Seymour Martin Lipset. 1959. "Some Social Requisites of Democracy: Economic Development and Political Legitimacy," *American Political Science Review* 53(1): 69-105.
- Seymour Martin Lipset. 1960. *Political Man: The Social Bases of Politics*. Garden City, NY: Doubleday, chapter 2.
- John B. Londregan and Keith T. Poole. 1996. "Does High Income Promote Democracy?" *World Politics* 49(1): 1-30.
- Gregory Luebbert. 1991. *Liberalism, Fascism, and Social Democracy: Social Classes and the Political Origins of Regimes in Interwar Europe*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Timur Kuran. 1991. "Now Out of Never: The Element of Surprise in the Eastern European Revolutions of 1989," *World Politics* 44(1): 7-48.
- Scott Mainwaring and Aníbal Pérez-Liñán. 2003. "Level of Development and Democracy: Latin American Exceptionalism," *Comparative Political Studies* 36(9): 1031-1067.
- Gerardo L. Munck and Richard Snyder, *Passion, Craft, and Method in Comparative Politics*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press. O'Donnell and Schmitter interviews.
- Guillermo O'Donnell and Philippe Schmitter. 1986. *Transitions from Authoritarian Rule: Tentative Conclusions about Uncertain Democracies*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, pp. 3-36.
- Adam Przeworski and Fernando Limongi, "Modernization: Theory and Facts," *World Politics* 49, 2 (1997).
- Elisabeth Jean Wood. 2001. "An Insurgent Path to Democracy: Popular Mobilization, Economic Interests and Regime Transition in South Africa and El Salvador," *Comparative Political Studies* 34(8): 862-888.
- Daniel Ziblatt. 2006. "How Did Europe Democratize?" *World Politics* 58(2): 311-38.
- Eva Bellin. 2004. "The Robustness of Authoritarianism in the Middle East: Exceptionalism in Comparative Perspective," *Comparative Politics* 36(2): 139-157.
- Nancy Bermeo. 2003. *Ordinary People in Extraordinary Times: The Citizenry and the Breakdown of Democracy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Michael Bratton and Nicolas van de Walle. 1994. "Neopatrimonial Regimes and Political Transitions in Africa," *World Politics* 46(4): 453-489.
- Valerie Bunce. 2000. "Comparative Democratization: Big and Bounded Generalizations." *Comparative Political Studies*, 33, no. 6-7, pp. 703-734.
- Valerie Bunce. 2003. "Rethinking Recent Democratization: Lessons from the Postcommunist Experience." *World Politics*, 55: 167-192.
- Valerie J. Bunce, Michael McFaul, and Kathryn Stoner-Weiss, eds. 2010. *Democracy and Authoritarianism in the Postcommunist World*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Jose Antonio Cheibub and Fernando Limongi. 2002. "Democratic Institutions and Regime Survival: Parliamentary and Presidential Democracies Reconsidered," *Annual Review of Political Science*.
- M. Stephen Fish. 2005. *Democracy Derailed in Russia: The Failure of Open Politics*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

- Mary E. Gallagher. 2002. "‘Reform and Openness’: Why China’s Economic Reforms Have Delayed Democracy," *World Politics* 54(3): 338-372.
- Jennifer Gandhi and Adam Przeworski. 2007. "Authoritarian Institutions and the Survival of Autocrats," *Comparative Political Studies* 40(11): 1279-1301.
- Barbara Geddes, Joseph Wright, and Erica Frantz. 2014. "Autocratic Breakdown and Regime Transitions: A New Data Set." *Perspectives on Politics* 12(2): 313-331.
- Kenneth Greene. 2007. *Why Dominant Parties Lose: Mexico’s Democratization in Comparative Perspective*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Stephan Haggard and Robert R. Kaufman. 1995. *The Political Economy of Democratic Transitions*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
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