

CGU School of Politics and Economics
Department of Politics and Policy
Politics of Developing Countries

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Course Schedule

Semester: Fall 2011

Meeting day, time: Thursday 1-4pm

Course Location: McManus 31

Course Description

Most theories and analyses in political science focus on the developed world, in particular Western Europe and the United States. The majority of countries in the world, however, are less developed, both political and economically, than the Western nations. Political scientists and economists typically apply theories from developed nations to developing nations, with varying degrees of success depending on the assumptions within these models. In this class we will discuss how politics varies depending on the level of development and what implications this has for political science. We will evaluate cases from Latin America, Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe.

Background Preparations (Prerequisites)

Core courses in Comparative Politics (Comparative Political Systems, Comparative Political Institutions, Comparative Political Economy) are helpful but not required for the course.

Texts and Journal References

Required:

Spiller, Pablo and Mariano Tommasi. 2009. *Institutional Foundations of Public Policy in Argentina: A Transactions Cost Approach*. Cambridge University Press.

Optional:

Mainwaring, Scott and Timothy Scully, eds. 1995. *Building Democratic Institutions: Party Systems in Latin America*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

Morgenstern, Scott and Benito Nacif, eds. 2002. *Legislative Politics in Latin America*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Course Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Articulate challenges and opportunities of less institutionalized political systems.
2. Discuss how the political environments differ between developed and developing countries.
3. Analyze the relationships between politics and economic growth.
4. Evaluate theories of the political causes and outcomes of different levels of development.
5. Use the tools of social science research to evaluate the prominent literature on the comparative politics of developing countries.

Course Requirements & Assignments:

Students are required to complete a midterm exam, final exam, and 1 response paper. The midterm and final exams will take place in class and will mimic the structure of the Ph. D. qualifying exams. Each student will sign up for a response paper about readings of their chosen week. Students will sign up for this paper in weeks 1 or 2. Participation is also crucial to your grade in the course. It will be worth 20% of the total course grade.

Grade Breakdown:

Midterm: 30%

Final Exam: 30%

Response Paper: 20%

Participation: 20%

Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes. Students who are unable to attend class must seek permission for an excused absence from the course director. Unapproved absences or late attendance for three or more classes may result in a lower grade or an “incomplete” for the course. If a student has to miss a class, he or she should arrange to get notes from a fellow student. Missed extra-credit quizzes and papers will not be available for re-taking.

Scientific and Professional Ethics

The work you do in this course must be your own. Feel free to build on, react to, criticize, and analyze the ideas of others but, when you do, make it known whose ideas you are working with. You must explicitly acknowledge when your work builds on someone else's ideas, including ideas of classmates, professors, and authors you read. If you ever have questions about drawing the line between others' work and your own, ask the course professor who will give you guidance. Exams must be completed independently. Any collaboration on answers to exams, unless expressly permitted, may result in an automatic failing grade and possible expulsion from the Program.

Grading

Letter	Grade	Descriptio	Learning
A	4.0	Complete mastery of course material additional insight beyond course	Insightfu
B	3.0	Complete mastery of course	Proficien
C	2.0	Gaps in mastery of the course material; not level expected by the	Developin
U	0.0	Unsatisfactor	Ineffectiv

Important Dates

Midterm Exam: October 20

Final Exam: December 15

Response paper: chosen by student (see signup sheet)

Week 1 (9/1/11)- Differences between developing and developed world

Morgenstern, Scott and Benito Nacif. 2.2. *Legislative Politics in Latin America*. Cambridge University Press. Chapter 1

Ostrom, Elinor (2007) "Collective Action Theory", in Boix, Carles and Susan Stokes (eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*, Oxford, New York: Oxford University Press.

Week 2 (9/8/11): Time Horizons, Uncertainty, Transactions Costs

Scartascini, Stein and Tommasi (2010) "How Democracy Works: Political Institutions, Actors and Arenas in Latin American Policymaking." Inter-American Development Bank. David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies. Harvard University. Chapter 1

Spiller and Tommasi, ch. 2

Matt Andrews, "Good Government Means Different Things in Different Countries," *Governance*, Volume 23, no. 1, 2010, pp. 7-35.

Mancur Olson, "Dictatorship, Democracy, and Development." *American Political Science Review* 87(3), September 1993: 567-576.

Week 3 (9/15/11): State Capacity

Steven Levitsky and Victoria Murillo (2009) "Variations in Institutional Strength." *Annual Review of Political Science*.

Merilee Grindle and Mary Hilderbrand, "Building Sustainable Capacity in the Public Sector: What Can Be Done?" *Public Administration and Development*, Vol. 15 (1995), pp. 441-463.

Timothy Besley and Torsten Persson. "The origins of state capacity: Property rights, taxation, and politics." NBER Working Paper, 2007

Week 4 (9/22/11): Elections

Fearon, James D. (1999) "Electoral Accountability and the Control of Politicians: Selecting Good Types versus Sanctioning Poor Performance", in Przeworski, A., B. Manin and S. Stokes (eds.) *Democracy, Accountability, and Representation*, New York, Cambridge University Press.

Ferejohn, John (1986) "Incumbent performance and electoral control", *Public Choice*, 50: 5-25.

E. Gyimah-Boadi, "Institutionalizing Credible Elections in Ghana," in Andreas Schedler, Larry Diamond, and Marc F. Plattner, eds., *The Self Restraining State: Power and Accountability in New Democracies*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 1999, pp. 105-121.

Calvo, Ernesto, and Maria Victoria Murillo. 2004. "Who Delivers? Partisan Clients in the Argentine Electoral Market." *American Journal of Political Science* 48(4): 742-757.

Week 5 (9/29/11): Parties and Party Systems

Scott Mainwaring and Timothy R. Scully, eds., *Building Democratic Institutions: Party Systems in Latin America*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1995, chs. Introduction, 1, 4, 6

Jones, Mark (2010) "Beyond the Electoral Connection: The Effect of Political Parties on the Policymaking Process" in C. Scartascini, E. Stein and M. Tommasi, editors. *How Democracy Works: Political Institutions, Actors and Arenas in Latin American Policymaking*. Harvard. Ch. 2

Posner, Daniel N. 2004. "The Political Salience of Cultural Difference: Why Chewas and Tambukas are Allies in Zambia and Adversaries in Malawi." *American Political Science Review* 98(4): 529-545.

Manning, Carrie. 2005. "Assessing African Party Systems after the Third Wave." *Party Politics* 11(6): 707-727.

Week 6 (10/6/11): Legislatures

Spiller and Tommasi, Chapter 3

Morgenstern, Scott and Benito Nacif (eds). 2002. *Legislative Politics in Latin America*. New York: Cambridge University Press. Chs 1, 4

Siavelis and Morgenstern (2008) *Pathways to Power: Political Recruitment and Candidate Selection in Latin America*. Pennsylvania State University Press. Ch.1

Week 7 (10/13/11): Executives

Mainwaring, Scott. 1993. "Presidentialism, Multipartyism, and Democracy: The Difficult Combination," *Comparative Political Studies* 26: 198-228.

Carey, John and Matthew Shugart. 1998. *Executive Decree Authority*, Chapters 1, 3

Figueiredo, Argelina and Fernando Limongi. 2000. "Presidential Power, Legislative Organization, and Party Behavior in Brazil." *Comparative Politics*, January, 32(2):151-170.

Week 8 (10/20/11): Institutionalization, Midterm Exam

Helmke, Gretchen. 2010. "The Origins of Institutional Crises in Latin America" *American Journal of Political Science* 54(3).

Humphreys, McCartan (2001) "To Bargain or to Brawl: Politics in Institutionally Weak Environments" Mimeo. Columbia.

Anna Grzymala-Busse (2007) "The Discreet Charm of Formal Institutions." *Comparative Political Studies*

Week 9 (10/27/11): Federalism

Spiller and Tommasi, Chapter 4

Barry R. Weingast, 1995. "The Economic Role of Political Institutions: Market-Preserving Federalism and Economic Development." *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* 11, 1, 1-31.

Samuels, David. 2000. "Concurrent Elections, Discordant Results: Presidentialism, Federalism, and Governance in Brazil." *Comparative Politics* 33(1): 1-20.

Gibson, Edward and Ernesto Calvo. 2000. Federalism and Low Maintenance Constitutencies: Territorial Dimensions of Economic Reform in Argentina." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 35(3): 32-55.

Week 10 (11/3/11): Economic Policy

Cox, G. and M. McCubbins (2001) “The Institutional Determinants of Economic Policy Outcomes.” In: S. Haggard and M.D. McCubbins, editors. *Presidents, Parliaments and Policy*. New York, United States: Cambridge University Press.

Robert Bates and Paul Collier, “The Politics and Economics of Policy Reform in Zambia,” in Krueger and Bates, eds., *Political and Economic Interactions in Economic Policy Reform*, pp. 387-443.

Bates, Robert (1981) *Markets and States in Tropical Africa*, University of California Press.

Week 11 (11/10/11): Bureaucracy

Spiller and Tommasi, chapter 6

Dixit, Anivash. 2008. Democracy, Autocracy, and Bureaucracy. (Google Search)

James E. Rauch and Peter B. Evans. Bureaucratic structure and bureaucratic performance in less developed countries. *Journal of Public Economics*, 75:49–71, 2000

James E. Rauch. Bureaucracy, infrastructure, and economic growth: Evidence from u.s. cities during the progressive era. *The American Economic Review*, 85(4):968–979, September 1995

Week 12 (11/17/11): Corruption

Dal Bó, Ernesto, Pedro Dal Bó and Rafael Di Tella (2006) “Plata o Plomo?: Bribe and Punishment in a Theory of Political Influence”, *American Political Science Review*, 100(1): 41-53.

Jakob Svensson. Eight questions about corruption. *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 19(3):19-42, Summer 2005

Lehoucq, Fabrice. 2003. “Electoral Fraud: Causes, Types, and Consequences.” *Annual Review of Political Science* 2003, 6: 233-56.

Benjamin A. Olken. Monitoring corruption: Evidence from a field experiment in indonesia. NBER Working Paper, November 2004

Thanksgiving Break

Week 13 (12/1/11): Clientelism

Stokes, Susan. 2005. "Perverse Accountability: A Formal Model of Machine Politics with Evidence from Argentina." *American Political Science Review* 99(3): 315-326.

Kitschelt. 2000. Linkages between Citizens and Politicians in Democratic Politics. *Comparative Political Studies* 33 (6/7)

Van de Walle, Nicolas. 2007. "Meet the new boss, same as the old boss? The evolution of political clientelism in Africa." In *Patrons, Clients, and Politics: Patterns of Democratic Accountability and Political Competition*, edited by Herbert Kitschelt and Steven I. Wilkinson. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Leonard Wantchekon. 2003. "Clientelism and Voting Behavior: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Benin." *World Politics* (April, 2003): 399-422.

Week 15 (12/8/11): Unrest, Protest and Violence

Ellman, Matthew and Leonard Wantchekon (2000) "Electoral Competition Under the Threat of Political Unrest", The *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 115(2), May: 499-531.

Dunning, T. (2009) "Fighting and Voting: Violent Conflict and Electoral Politics" Mimeo, Yale University. Forthcoming *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. http://www.thaddunning.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/12/Dunning_JCR-Intro.pdf

Machado, Fabiana, Carlos Scartascini and Mariano Tommasi (2009) "Political Institutions and Street Protests in Latin America" Mimeo. Forthcoming, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

Final Exam- 12/15/11