

COMPARATIVE POLITICS

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The seminar comes as support to the Lecture in *Comparative Politics: Asian Politics from a Global Perspective* taught by Pr. Richard Balme for 2nd year students in the major *Politics and Government*. The lecture and the seminar are designed in complementarity to form one 48h00 teaching in Comparative Politics.

Teaching **methods**:

The class is largely interactive. It is based on lectures, students' presentations and feedback by the instructor. Students submit a short comparative research essay at the end of the class. Students are expected to do the assigned readings, to attend and participate in class, to prepare well for their presentations, and to turn their paper in due time. Each student will:

- Prepare a short presentation on Asian affairs or on the readings in one of the class sessions;
- Write 5 article reviews by the end of the semester;
- Present his mini research-project for term paper in one of the class sessions.

Class sessions devote equal times to the consolidation of lectures and discussion of readings or Asian affairs, and to the acquisition of methodology and preparation of research papers.

Type of course

Methodology seminar

Language of instruction

English

PEDAGOGICAL OBJECTIVES

The specific **objectives** of the seminar are:

- To consolidate the fundamental concepts and notions of comparative politics as developed in the lecture;
- To discuss a sample of key classical and contemporary readings in comparative politics;
- To discuss historical and contemporary political events from a comparative perspective;
- To introduce students to comparative research in social sciences applied to Asian politics.

The seminar is more particularly focused on the acquisition of the methodology needed to develop comparative research.

COURSE GRADE SYSTEM

To validate the course, the student is expected to pass the following assignments:

- Attention and participation in class: 10%
- Presentation on (current/historical) Asian affairs or on readings: 10%
- 5 article reviews: 15%
- Research Project presentation: 15%
- Final Paper: 50%

DETAILED OUTLINE

Session 1. The Comparative Approach in Political Science

1. Juan Linz, Alfred Stepan, "Chapter Modern nondemocratic regimes", *Problems of Democratic Transition and Consolidation*, 1996, p .38-54.

2. Mattei Dogan, "Use and misuse of statistics in comparative research. Limits to quantification in comparative politics: The gap between substance and method", in Mattei Dogan, Ali Kazancigil (ed.), *Comparing Nations*, 1994, p. 35-46.

Session 2. State-building in Asia

1. Marc Koyama, Chiaki Moriguchi, Tuan-Hwee Sng, "Chapter 2. The Puzzle: State centralization and modernization in East Asia", in *Geopolitics and Asia's little divergence: A comparative analysis of state building in China and Japan after 1850*, George Mason University Department of Economics Working Paper, p. no. 5-15.

2. Charles Tilly, *Warmaking and statemaking as organized crime*, University of Michigan Working Paper, 1982.

Session 3. Nationalism

1. B.C. Upreti, "Nationalism in South Asia: Trends and interpretations", *The Indian Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 67(3), 2006, p.535-544.

2. Jean-Pierre Lehmann, "Nationalism Rises in Northeast Asia", January 4, 2013, <https://yaleglobal.yale.edu/content/nationalism-rises-northeast-asia>.

Session 4. Modernization, Cultural Change and Asian Values

1. Christian Welzel, Russell Dalton, "Cultural change in Asia and beyond: From allegiant to assertive citizens", *Asian Journal of Comparative Politics*, 2017, Vol. 2(2). p. 112–117.
2. Victor King, "Chapter Asian values and social action", *The Sociology of Southeast Asia. Transformations in a Developing region*, 2008, p. 178-189.

Session 5. Social Movements and Civil Societies in Asia

1. Cedric De Leon, Manali Desai and Cihan Tuğal, "Political Articulation: Parties and the Constitution of Cleavages in the United States, India, and Turkey", *Sociological Theory*, Vol. 27(3) 2009, p. 193-219, URL: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/40376134>
2. Muthiah Alagappa, "The Nonstate Public Sphere in Asia: Dynamic Growth, Institutionalization Lag", in Muthiah Alagappa (ed.), *Civil Society and Political Change in Asia: Expanding and Contracting Democratic Space, Conclusion* (Chapters 14 and 15), 2004, p. 455-506.

Session 6. Islam in Asia

1. Imtiaz, Ahmad, (1973) *Caste and Social Stratification among the Muslims*, Manohar Book Service. Introduction
2. Madinier, Rémi, « The Refreshing Paradoxes of Indonesian Political Islam. Considerations on the Islamist Exception in Contemporary Indonesia » in Ooi Keat Gin and Volker Grabowsky (eds) (2017) *Ethnic and Religious Identities and Integration in Southeast Asia*, Silkworm Books Limited, Chiang Mai, Thailand, forthcoming. Chapter 5.

Session 7. Gender and Politics in Asia

1. Victor King, "Transformations in the world of work: Gender issues", *The Sociology of Southeast Asia. Transformations in a Developing region*, 2008, p. 197-224.
2. Kazuki Iwanaga, "Women and Politics in Asia: A Comparative Perspective", in Kazuki Iwanaga (ed.), *Women's Political Participation and Representation in Asia: Obstacles and Challenges*, 2008, p.1-22.

Session 8. Asian Authoritarianisms

1. Mark Beeson, "The coming of environmental authoritarianism", *Environmental Politics*, Vol.19(2), 2010, p. 276-294.
2. Achin, Vanaik (2017), *The Rise of Hindu Authoritarianism*, London/New York: Verso. Introduction.

Session 9. Patronage and Corruption in Asia

1. Victor King, "Patronage and corruption", *The Sociology of Southeast Asia. Transformations in a Developing region*, 2008, p. 155-178.
2. Anastasia, Piliavsky (2014) *Patronage as Politics in South Asia*, Cambridge university. Introduction.

Session 10. Environmental Politics in Asia

1. Selina Ho, "River Politics: China's policies in the Mekong and the Brahmaputra in comparative perspective", *Journal of Contemporary China*, Vol. 23 (85), 2013, p.1-20.
2. Mary Alice Haddad, "Paradoxes of Democratization: Environmental Politics in East Asia", 2011.

Session 11. Cities and Local Politics in Asia

1. Saskia, Sassen, "The Global City: Introducing a Concept", *The Brown Journal of World Affairs*, 2005, Vol.11(2), p. 27-43
2. Arjun, Appadurai, "Deep Democracy: Urban Governmentality and the Horizon of Politics", in *Environment&Urbanization*, Vol.13(2), 2001, p. 23-43.

Session 12. Asian Regional Integration in Comparative Perspective

1. David Martin Jones and Michael L.R. Smith, "Making Process, Not Progress: ASEAN and the Evolving East Asian Regional Order", *International Security*, Vol.32(1), 2007, p. 148-184
2. Jeffrey D. Wilson, "Mega-Regional Trade Deals in the Asia-Pacific: Choosing Between the TPP and RCEP?", *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, Vol.45(2), 2015, p. 345-353

REQUIRED READING

DICKOVICK James Tyler, EASTWOOD Jonathan, *Comparative Politics. Integrating Theories, Methods and Cases*. Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2016.

PETERS B. Guy, *Comparative Politics. Theory and Methods*. Palgrave, Macmillan, 1998.

THOMAS Gary, *How to Do Your Research Project. A Guide for Students*. London, Sage, 2017.

HALPERIN, Sandra, HEATH, Oliver, *Researching Politics: Methods and Practical Skills*, Oxford University Press 2012.