



Descriptif de l'enseignement

Nom, Prénom de l'enseignant :

Vincent Martigny

Titre de l'enseignement (dans la langue principale de l'enseignement) :

Comparative Politics

Titre de l'enseignement en anglais :

Langue principale de l'enseignement :

English

Pré-requis :

(Facultatif, **300 caractères maximum**, dans la langue principale de l'enseignement)

No prerequisites are required for this class.

Présentation de l'enseignement et des objectifs pédagogiques :

(Obligatoire, **800 caractères maximum**, dans la langue principale de l'enseignement)

This comparative politics lecture aims at familiarizing students with the methods and objectives of comparison in the field of political science to help them grasp the contemporary world of politics in all its diversity. It will insist on the fundamental objects of political science in a comparative perspective: states, regimes, institutions, electoral systems, political divisions, social movements, behaviors or votes. Examples will mainly be focused on Western democracies as well as countries of the MENA region. In order to break with a static view of comparative socio-political contexts, the course will be open to analyzing political change and breaks, whether they take the form of revolutions, crises or renewal of the political order. It will aim at developing students' analytical skills in comprehending current political events, public opinion, new social movements and current electoral dynamics from a comparative perspective. Each session of the course will draw on theoretical concepts and link them to empirical findings using comparative, time-series survey data.

Modalités d'évaluation :

(Obligatoire - **300 caractères maximum**, dans la langue principale de l'enseignement)

Grades will be determined by the weighted average of a) one midterm written exam; b) a take home end of term research essay, and other exams taken in the seminar attached to this lecture course (50% of the final grade), including a) one group presentation b) one analysis of an academic article. Active oral participation in class is rewarded with up to 10% in the final class average.

Late essays receive a grade penalty of 3% for every 24 hours of delay.



Description of the course:

Class 1: Methods and theories of comparative politics

Class 2: Political cultures and political orientations

Class 3: Categorization of the political order & political change in questions (crisis, revolution, transition)

Class 4: Religion, secularism, and politics

Class 5: Political participation: Conventional modes of participation and the new protest movements

Class 6: The social basis of politics and support for democracy

Class 7: The sociology of political elites

Class 8: The context and meaning of Left-Right orientations

Class 9: Partisanship party politics: are party attachments in decline?

Class 10: Civil society, social movements and public space: new forms of political activism

Class 11: Identity politics, nationalism and national identities

Class 12: Europe and globalization as new sources of political cleavages

Conclusion: A global society based on distrust?

Reading List: Mandatory readings are marked with an asterisk (*)

- Caramani, Daniele (ed.), *Comparative Politics*, Oxford University Press, 3ème éd., 2014.
- Clarks, William Roberts, Golder, Sona Nadenichek, Golder Matthew R., *Principles of Comparative Politics*, Sage Publications, 2012.
- Dalton, Russell J., *Citizen Politics: Public opinion and political parties in advanced industrialized democracies*, CQ Press, 2008.
- Newton, Kenneth and Van Deth, Jan, *Foundations of comparative Politics*, Cambridge University Press, 3rd ed. 2016.
- Norris, Pippa (ed.), *Democratic Deficit: Critical Citizens Revisited*, Cambridge University Press, 2011.

Biography of course instructor

Vincent Martigny is Professor in Political Science at the University of Nice and at Ecole polytechnique in Paris. He is also associate researcher at CEVIPOF-Sciences Po. A graduate from Sciences Po, the London School of Economics and the University of Cambridge, he has produced research on nationalism studies, French Politics and the study of leadership in contemporary democracies. His last book, *Le retour du Prince*, published in 2019 at Editions Flammarion, outlines the fascination for strong leaders in contemporary democracies.