

CENTRE FOR POLITICAL STUDIES
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M.A. COMPULSORY COURSE: PO 417

COURSE TITLE: **COMPARATIVE POLITICS**

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Credits 4

Scheme of Evaluation: Class participation; Assignments; Mid semester (50%); End semester exam (50%)

1) Explanations and Theory in Comparative Politics

Explaining social revolutions

Historical sociology

Social - structural approach

Civic Culture concept

World-System Analysis

Essential Readings

Skocpol, Theda (1976), *States and Social Revolutions: A C comparative Analysis of France, Russia and China*

Moore, Barrington (1966), *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy: Land and Peasant in the Making of the Modern World.*

Almond, Gabriel. A (1980) "The Intellectual History of Civic Culture Concept" in Almond, Gabriel. A and Sydney Verba, eds., *The Civic Culture Revisited*

Almond, Gabriel. A and Sydney Verba (1963) *The Civic Culture: Political Attitudes and Democracy in Five Nations*

Immanuel Wallerstein, *World - Systems Analysis: An Introduction*

2) Comparative Political Economy

a) Imperialism and underdevelopment

b) Dependency Analysis

c) Institutions and Economic Ideas: Keynesianism

c) East Asia in world economy

Readings

Dos Santos, T, (1973) “The Crisis of Development Theory and the Problems of Dependence in Latin America” in Henry Bernstein (ed.) *Underdevelopment and Development*

Fernando Henrique Cardoso, (1973) “Dependency and Development in Latin America”

Andre Gunder Frank, (1967) *Capitalism and Underdevelopment in Latin America: Historical Studies of Chile and Brazil*

Hall, Peter. A. (1986) *Governing the Economy: The Politics of State Intervention in Britain and France*

Hall, Peter. A (1989) *Political Power of Economic Ideas: Keynesianism across nations*

3) Comparative Nationalism

- a) key definitions
- b) Civic Nationalism in Western Societies
- c) Nationalism as imagined communities
- d) Ethnicity and nationalism
- e) Asian Nationalisms: Peasant nationalism in China

Readings

Hans Kohn, (1944) *The Idea of Nationalism: A Study in Its Origins and Background*

Benedict Anderson,, (1983) *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and spread of Nationalism*

Joseph Stalin, (1936) *Marxism and the national and colonial question.*

Anthony Smith, (1986) *Ethnic Origins of Nations.*

Prasenjit Duara, (1995) *Rescuing History from the Nation: Questioning Narratives of modern China*

Chalmers Johnson (1962) Peasant Nationalism and Communist Power

4) State in Comparative Perspective

- a) Formation of Modern state
- b) The state and Democracy in Western Europe
- c) Post-colonial state in South Asia
- d) Corporatist State and East Asian Economic Development
- e) Globalization and the state

Readings

Hall, Stuart (1984) “ The State in Question”, in McLennan, Gregor, et al. (eds.) *The Idea of Modern State*

Held, David (1992) ‘ The Development of Modern State” in Hall, Stuart and Bram Gieben (eds.) *Formations of Modernity*

Tilly, Charles (1979) Reflections on the history of European State Making” in Charles Tilly (ed.) *Formations of National State in Western Europe*

Alavi, Hamza ,(1972) ‘State in Post - Colonial Societies-Pakistan and Bangladesh,

Migdal, Joel (1988) *Strong Societies and States and Weak States : State - Society Relations and State Capabilities in the Third World*

Jonathan Unger and Anita Chan, ‘China, Corporatism and the East Asian Model’ *The Australian Journal of Chinese Affairs*(No.33 Jan 1995) pp 29-53

Kohli, Atul, Vivienne Shue and Joel Migdal (eds.) (1994), *State, Power and Social Forces : Domination and Transformations in the Third World*

Mann, Michael, “ Has Globalization Ended the Rise and Rise of the Nation State?

Saskia Sassen. 1996. *Losing Control? Sovereignty in an Age of Globalization*

Please note that the course content is intended for a regular one semester course (four months). If there are changes in the duration of the semester, corresponding modifications will be applied with reference to the topics, class lectures and readings