GOVT 447
Revolution and International Politics
Spring 2020

M 4:30-7:10 pm
Krug Hall 210

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Learning Outcomes: Students will acquire an overview of the history of revolutions and knowledge of different theories both about the causes of revolution and about the international relations of revolution.

Course Requirements: Students are required to attend all class sessions, and to arrive on time. Students are expected to have read the assigned readings before the start of each class session, and be prepared to discuss them.

Two midterm exams and one final exam (all take-home): 30% of grade each. All exam papers must be submitted via Blackboard.

Class participation: 10% of grade.

Required Texts: Jack A. Goldstone, Revolutions: A Very Short Introduction, Oxford University Press;


Other readings listed available on Blackboard.

Course Schedule and Reading Assignments:
Jan. 20—NO CLASS (MLK Day)
Jan. 27—Introduction; History of Revolution 1

Feb. 3—TBA

Feb. 10—History of Revolution 2
    Goldstone, *Revolutions*, pp. 41-103

Feb. 17—Theories of Revolution 1
    Goldstone, *Revolution*, pp. 1-40

Feb. 24—Theories of Revolution 2
    First midterm distributed

Mar. 2—International Relations of Revolution 1
    First midterm due by 4:30 pm
    Katz, *Revolution: International Dimensions*, pp. 30-113

Mar. 9—NO CLASS (Spring Break)

Mar. 16—International Relations of Revolution 2
    Recommended: Alavi, *Iran and Palestine*

Mar. 23—Gender, Ethnicity, Culture, and Revolution

Nov. 1—Modern Revolution 1
    Goldstone, *Revolutions*, pp. 104-16
    Recommended: Barany, *How Armies Respond to Revolutions and Why*

Mar. 30—TBA

Apr. 6—Modern Revolution 2
    Second midterm distributed
    Goldstone, *Revolutions*, pp. 117-30

Apr. 13—America and Revolution
    Second midterm due by 4:30 pm
Apr. 27—Role Playing Game
   Final Exam Distributed

May 4—The Future of Revolution
   Goldstone, *Revolutions*, pp. 131-33

May 11—Final exam due by 4:30 pm

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**Enrollment:** Students are responsible for verifying their enrollment in this class. Schedule adjustments should be made by the deadlines published in the Schedule of Classes.
   Last Day to Add: January 28, 2020
   Last Day to Drop: February 24, 2020