Political Science, Ph.D.
Comparative Politics Reading List

Approved: Spring 2019

1. METHODS

Required Reading:


**Supplementary Reading:**


James Mahoney, “Qualitative Methods and Comparative Politics,” *Comparative Political Studies* 40:2 (February 2007), pp. 122-144.


2. STATES

**Required Reading:**


Max Weber, “Politics As Vocation.”

Supplementary Reading:


Miguel Angel Centeno, Blood and Debt: War and the Nation-State in Latin America (Penn State Press, 2002).

Thomas Ertman, Birth of the Leviathan: Building States and Regimes in Medieval and Early Modern Europe (Cambridge UP, 1997).


Migdal, Joel S. State in Society: Studying How States and Societies Transform and Constitute One Another (Cambridge UP, 2001), Chs. 2 and 3.


3. MODERNIZATION THEORY, DEVELOPMENT, AND DEPENDENCY

**Required reading:**


**Supplementary Reading:**


4. INSTITUTIONS

Required Reading:

James G. March and Johan Olsen, Rediscovering Institutions: The Organizational Basis of Politics (Free Press, 1989).


Supplementary Reading:


Alfred Stepan, Rethinking Military Politics: Brazil and the Southern Cone (Princeton UP, 1988).

5. REVOLUTIONS

**Required Reading:**


Theda Skocpol, *States and Social Revolutions* (Cambridge UP, 1979).


**Supplementary Reading:**

John Foran, ed., *Theorizing Revolutions* (Routledge, 1997).


6. **POLITICAL CULTURE**

**Required Reading:**


**Supplementary Reading:**


Karl Marx, “The Eighteenth Brumaire.”

7. DEMOCRATIZATION

**Required Reading:**


**Supplementary Reading:**


8. AUTHORITARIANISM

**Required Reading:**


**Supplementary Reading:**

Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt, *How Democracies Die* (Crown, 2018)
9. AGENCY, COLLECTIVE ACTION, AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

**Required Reading:**


Mancur Olson, *The Rise and Decline of Nations* (Yale UP, 1982).


**Supplementary Reading:**


Doug McAdam, John D. McCarthy and Mayer N. Zald, eds., *Comparative Perspectives on Social Movements: Political Opportunities, Mobilizing Structures, and Cultural Framings* (Cambridge UP, 1996)
10. NATIONALISM AND ETHNICITY

**Required Reading:**


**Suggested Source:**

11. STATES AND MARKETS

**Required Reading:**


Jose Schumpeter, *Capitalism, Socialism and Democracy* (1942).


**Supplementary Reading:**

12. PRESIDENTS, PARLIAMENTS, PARTIES, AND ELECTORAL SYSTEMS

Required Reading:


Supplementary Reading:

José Antonio Cheibub, Presidentialism, Parliamentarism, and Democracy (Cambridge UP, 2006).


Herbert Kitschelt, The Radical Right in Western Europe (University of Michigan Press, 1995).
