

## **Political Science 526x: Democratization**

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Tuesdays, 6-9pm, 518 Ross

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### **Course Description:**

In this course we will study concepts and concrete cases of democratization as well as cases where democratization is absent or incomplete. We will investigate methods for measuring democracy and authoritarianism, the role state and society play in political change, the effects religion, the military, ethnic division, and technology have on government reform and the extent to which international actors can encourage democratization. Thus, in addition to exploring the theoretical literature on democratization, we will review how policy practitioners in such organizations as the World Bank, USAID, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development and the United Nations have attempted to encourage political liberalization and good governance.

### **Course Requirements:**

1. Students are expected to attend all classes and are expected to have completed the readings before class. This course will be taught in a seminar format. We will discuss the readings together. Students will be asked to share their thoughts.
2. In addition to regular class participation, students will write 8 précis of 500-750 words each. Students can opt to write more than 8 précis, in which case only the eight highest scores will be used in computing the course grade. Précis should critically analyze one of the week's readings and will be graded on students' clarity of writing and understanding of central issues. Précis should be sent to me electronically by 9 am on Tuesday. I will post your précis on WebCT; they will be required reading for the seminar. Given that the précis will provide the foundation for seminar discussion, they will not be accepted after class.
3. Students will present in class and submit a 5-6 page book review of a democratization study of their choice. The selected study should complement the week's reading in which the presentation is given. The written book review should be sent to me electronically by 9am, the Monday before class for posting on WebCT.
4. Students will select one recently democratized/democratizing/or authoritarian country by the second week of class. Students will maintain a journal in which they explore the insights course readings do (or do not) bring to political change in their selected countries. Journal entries should be 2-3 paragraphs at most and,

though they should express coherent ideas and questions, need not be written in polished prose. I will periodically ask you to submit your journals by email.

5. Students will take one comprehensive final exam.

**Grading**

8 Précis / Class Participation =	40%
Book Report and Paper =	20%
Country Journal =	20%
Comprehensive Final Exam =	20%

**Special Needs**

Please address any special needs or special accommodations with me at the beginning of the semester or as soon as you become aware of your needs. Those seeking accommodations based on disabilities should obtain a Student Academic Accommodation Request (SAAR) form from the Disability Resources (DR) office (515-294-6624). DR is located on the main floor of the Student Services Building, Room 1076.

**Readings**

All readings are available on reserve at the library, through e-journals, or on WebCT.

Books are also readily available through online sellers. Below are approximate prices for new editions of the texts we will be reading in class.

- Thomas Carothers, *Aiding Democracy Abroad* (Carnegie, 1999)— \$20, Amazon
- Guillermo O'Donnell and Philippe C. Schmitter, *Transitions from Authoritarian Rule: Tentative Conclusions and Uncertain Democracies*—\$18, Amazon
- Samuel P. Huntington, *The Third Wave: Democratization in the Late Twentieth Century*, (University of Oklahoma, 1991)—\$17, Amazon
- Stephan Haggard and Robert Kaufman, *The Political Economy of Democratic Transitions* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1995)—\$27, Amazon
- Shanthi Kalathil and Taylor C. Boas, *Open Networks, Closed Regimes: The Impact of the Internet on Authoritarian Rule* – \$19, Amazon
- Robert Putnam, *Making Democracy Work* (Princeton, 1995)—\$23, Amazon

<b>Week</b>	<b>Reading</b>
Week 1 January 11	<b>Class Introduction, Case Study Discussion</b>
Week 2	<b>Conceptualizing and Measuring Democracy</b> (1) Robert Dahl, <i>Polyarchy</i> , chs. 1 and 2, pp. 1-32. Reserve

January 18	<p>(2) Philippe Schmitter and Terry Karl, “What Democracy Is...and Is Not,” <i>The Global Resurgence of Democracy</i>, pp. 49-62. (Poli Sci Reserve)</p> <p>(3) Gerardo L. Munck and Jay Verkuilen, “Conceptualizing and Measuring Democracy: Evaluating Alternative Indices,” <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> 35:1 (2002), pp. 5-34. E-Journals.</p> <p>(4) Freedom House, Freedom in the World, 2004 (Read 'Essay,' Methodology and 'Tables') <a href="http://www.freedomhouse.org/research/survey2004.htm">www.freedomhouse.org/research/survey2004.htm</a></p>
<p>Week 3</p> <p>January 25</p>	<p><b>Conceptualizing and Measuring Authoritarianism</b></p> <p>(1) Special Edition: “Elections without Democracy,” <i>Journal of Democracy</i>, 13:2 (April 2002). E-Journals. Read the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Larry Diamond, “Thinking About Hybrid Regimes”</li> <li>• Andreas Schedler, “The Menu of Manipulation”</li> <li>• Steven Levitsky and Lucan A. Way, “The Rise of Competitive Authoritarianism”</li> <li>• Nicolas van de Walle, “Africa’s Range of Regimes”</li> </ul> <p>(2) Guillermo O’Donnell, “Delegative Democracy,” <i>The Global Resurgence of Democracy</i>, pp. 94-108. (Poli Sci Reserve)</p> <p>(3) <u>Skim</u>: Eric McGlinchey, "Kyrgyzstan Country Report," in <i>Freedom House, Countries at the Crossroads: A Survey of Governance, Human Rights, and the Rule of Law in 30 States</i> (April 2004) (WebCT)</p>
<p>Week 4</p> <p>February 1</p>	<p><b>The Transitions Paradigm (1)</b></p> <p>(1) Guillermo O’Donnell and Philippe C. Schmitter, <i>Transitions from Authoritarian Rule: Tentative Conclusions and Uncertain Democracies</i>, (Johns Hopkins, 1986). Reserve, 81 pages.</p> <p>(2) Danylo Hawaleshka, "Rise Up, Ukraine," <i>Maclean's</i> (December 13, 2004). E-journals, 4 pages.</p> <p>(3) Current Analysis of Ukraine Elections—TBA</p>
<p>Week 5</p> <p>February 8</p>	<p><b>The Transitions Paradigm (2)</b></p> <p>(1) Samuel P. Huntington, <i>The Third Wave: Democratization in the Late Twentieth Century</i>, (University of Oklahoma, 1991), pp. 3-108. Reserve.</p> <p>(2) Larry Diamond, “Is the Third Wave Over?” <i>Journal of Democracy</i> 7:3 (1996) pp. 20-37. E-Journals.</p>
<p>Week 6</p> <p>February 15</p>	<p><b>The Transitions Paradigm (3)</b></p> <p>(1) Robert Putnam, <i>Making Democracy Work</i> (Princeton, 1995), Chapters 1,3,4,5. Reserve.</p>
<p>Week 7</p>	<p><b>Challenges to Democratization (1)—Religion</b></p> <p>(1) Abdou Filali-Ansary, “The Sources of Enlightened Muslim Thought,” <i>Journal of Democracy</i> 14, 2 (April 2003): 19-33. E-Journals.</p>

February 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(2) Bernard Lewis, "The Roots of Muslim Rage," <i>The Atlantic Monthly</i> (September 1990). E-Journals.</li> <li>(3) Edward W. Said, "The Clash of Ignorance," <i>The Nation</i> (October 22, 2001). E-journals, 7 pages.</li> <li>(4) Daniel Philpott, "The Catholic Wave," <i>Journal of Democracy</i>, 15, 2 (April 2004): 32-46. E-Journals.</li> <li>(5) Francis Fukuyama, "Confucianism and Democracy," ch. 3 in <i>The Global Divergence of Democracies</i>. Pol Sci Reserve.</li> </ul>
Week 8 March 1	<p><b>Challenges to Democratization (2)—Ethnic Conflict</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Donald L. Horowitz, "Democracy in Divided Societies," in Larry Diamond and Marc F. Plattner, <i>Nationalism, Ethnic Conflict, and Democracy</i>, (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1993), pp. 35-55. E-Reserve.</li> <li>(2) Alfred Stepan, "Federalism and Democracy: Beyond the U.S. Model," <i>The Global Divergence of Democracies</i>, pp. 215-230. Pol S Reserve</li> <li>(3) George Packer, "The Next Iraqi War," <i>The New Yorker</i> (October 4, 2004). E-journals, 13 pages.</li> <li>(4) Daniel Byman, "Constructing a Democratic Iraq," <i>International Security</i> 28:1 (Summer 2003). E-Journals, 32 pages</li> </ul>
Week 9 March 8	<p><b>Challenges to Democratization (3)—The Military</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Richard H. Kohn, "How Democracies Control the Military," <i>The Global Divergence of Democracies</i>, pp. 275-288. Pol S Reserve.</li> <li>(2) D. Pion-Berlin and C. Arceneaux, "Tipping the Civil-Military Balance: Institutions and Human Rights Policy in Argentina and Chile," <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> 31 (October 1998), pp. 633-661. E-Journals.</li> <li>(3) Wendy Hunter, "Politicians against Soldiers: Contesting the Military in Postauthorization Brazil," <i>Comparative Politics</i>, Vol. 27, No. 4. (July 1995), pp. 425-443. E-Journals.</li> <li>(4) Aqil Shah, "Pakistan's 'Armored' Democracy," <i>Journal of Democracy</i>, 14:4 (October 2003), pp. 26-40. E-Journals.</li> </ul>
<b>SPRING BREAK</b> March 14-18	
Week 10 March 22	<p><b>Challenges to Democratization (4)—Economics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Stephan Haggard and Robert Kaufman, <i>The Political Economy of Democratic Transitions</i> (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1995). Selected Readings.</li> <li>(2) UNDP, "Democracy in Latin America: Towards a Citizen's Democracy," (2004). Read pp. 21-70. <a href="http://www.undp.org/democracy_report_latam_ideas_and_contributions.pdf">http://www.undp.org/democracy_report_latam_ideas_and_contributions.pdf</a></li> </ul>

<p>Week 11 March 29</p>	<p><b>Challenges to Democratization (5)—Corruption</b></p> <p>(1) World Bank, “Anticorruption in Transition: A Contribution to the Policy Debate,” (2000)</p> <p>(2) World Bank, Anticorruption in Transition 2: Corruption in Enterprise-State Interactions in Europe in Central Asia, 1999-2002 (2004)</p> <p>Both reports can be found through the following link:  <a href="http://www.worldbank.org/wbi/governance/books.html">http://www.worldbank.org/wbi/governance/books.html</a></p> <p>(3) <b>**Optional**</b> Browse Transparency International’s Website: <a href="http://www.transparency.org">www.transparency.org</a></p>
<p>Week 12 April 5</p>	<p><b>New Pathways to Democracy (1) – Technology and Political Change</b></p> <p>(1) Shanthi Kalathil and Taylor C. Boas, <i>Open Networks, Closed Regimes: The Impact of the Internet on Authoritarian Rule</i> (Carnegie, 2003). Selected Readings. (Reserve)</p>
<p>Week 13 April 12</p>	<p><b>New Pathways to Democracy (2) – International Aid</b></p> <p>(1) Thomas Carothers, <i>Aiding Democracy Abroad</i>, (Washington, D.C.: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 1999). Reserve.</p> <p>(2) Millennium Development Account—<a href="http://www.mca.gov">www.mca.gov</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.mca.gov/about_us/overview/index.shtml">www.mca.gov/about_us/overview/index.shtml</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.mca.gov/about_us/key_documents/MCA_BackgroundPaper_FactSheet.pdf">www.mca.gov/about_us/key_documents/MCA_BackgroundPaper_FactSheet.pdf</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.mca.gov/countries/rankings/index.shtml">www.mca.gov/countries/rankings/index.shtml</a></li> </ul> <p>(3) Bush Speech, Millennium Account  <a href="http://www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/developingnations/millennium.html#">http://www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/developingnations/millennium.html#</a></p>
<p>Week 14 April 19</p>	<p><b>Civil Society and Democracy –Does the American Experience Hold Insights for the Future?</b></p> <p>(1) APSA Task Force Report, “American Democracy in an Age of Rising Inequality,” <i>Perspectives on Politics</i> 2:4 (December 2004), pp. 651-666. E-journals.</p> <p>(2) Robert Putnam, “The Strange Disappearance of Civic America,” <i>The American Prospect</i> 7:24 (1995). E-journals.</p> <p>(3) Robert Putnam, “Bowling Together,” <i>The American Prospect</i> 13:3 (2002). E-journals.</p>
<p>Week 15 April 26</p>	<p><b>Course Recap/Select Topics in Democratization</b></p>

