

Comparative Politics

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Class meetings: Monday & Wednesday, 11.00 – 12.40

Course description

The aim of the course is to make students familiar with some important issues and approaches in comparative politics by presenting research problems and enterprises. Beyond the introductory issues the course will cover issues in social and political change, structural vs agency-oriented explanations, dynamics of democratization and de-democratization and non-democratic regimes in comparative perspective.

By the end of the semester, each student will be expected to write *research proposal* on a selected topic. The selection of the topic will be up to the student, but decision should be made a month before the end of the course so that each will have adequate time to both read and “digest” the issue and its literature. In the proposal, students should address the following: What is the problem, issue, puzzle, event, outcome, process, trend, controversy that you intend to explain, and why do you choose it? What are your assumptions? How do you conceptualize your selected issue and how do you come up with the way of looking at it? What is the unit (are the units) included in your analysis and why they were selected? We will discuss approaches that are either focus on actors or structures in the process of political transformation, just as on different political regimes (democracy, hybrid regime, dictatorship), that are part of the core research in comparative politics.

Learning outcome

By the end of the course students are expected to have a better understanding in different trends in comparative politics, to be able to evaluate the merits of political science publications, to recognize what intellectual tradition they belong to.

Requirements

Students are to be participated in all classes and inform the professor in advance if they cannot attend a class. They should read the mandatory readings before the meetings. Students are expected to write three position papers, to participate actively in the discussions, and will also be asked to present one or more readings during the semester. The final paper (research proposal) should be about 3000-word long. It should be both handed in print-out form and e-mailed by the last meeting of the semester.

Grading:

- in-class activity 20%
- presentations 25%
- written assignments 25% (on the readings in blue in the syllabus)
- final paper 30%

Consulting some of the following books, listed below, would certainly be useful:

- Boix, Carles and Susan C. Stokes, 2009. *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press
- Crossley, Nick 2005. *Key Concepts in Critical Social Theory*. London: Sage
- Della Porta, Donatella and Michael Keating (eds.), 2008. *Approaches and Methodologies in the Social Sciences: A Pluralist Perspective*. Cambridge: Cambridge U. P.
- Coppedge, Michael 2012. *Democratization and Research Methods*. Cambridge: C. U. P.
- Gerring, John, 2012. *Social Science Methodology: A Unified Framework*. Cambridge: Cambridge U. P.
- Goertz, Gary, 2006. *Social Science Concepts: A User's Guide*. Princeton: Princeton U. P.
- Goertz, Gary and James Mahoney, 2012. *A Tale of Two Cultures: Qualitative and Quantitative Research in the Social Science*. Princeton: Princeton U. P.
- Goodin, Robert E. and Charles Tilly, 2006. *The Oxford Handbook of Contextual Political Analysis*. Oxford: Oxford U. P.
- Hay, Colin 2002. *Political Analysis: A Critical Introduction*. New York: Palgrave
- Landman, Todd. 2008. *Issues and Methods in Comparative Politics: An Introduction*. London: Routledge
- Mahler, Gregory S. 2000. *Comparative Politics: An Institutional and Cross-National Approach*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall
- Mahoney, James and Dietrich Rueschmeyer. 2003. *Comparative Historical Analysis in the Social Sciences*. Cambridge: Cambridge U. P.
- Munck, Gerardo L. and Richard Snyder. 2007. *Passion, Craft, and Method in Comparative Politics*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press
- Teorell, Jan, 2010. *Determinants of Democratization. Explaining Regime Change in the World, 1972-2006*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

Topics and readings

WEEK 1. January 11, 13. Science, politics, and social science

Schmitter, Philippe C. 2001. „Seven (Disputable) Theses Concerning the Future of ‘Transatlanticised’ or ‘Globalised’ Political Science“. *European Political Science*, Vol.1. No. 2. Spring, 23-40.

Munck, Gerardo L. 2007. “The Past and Present of Comparative Politics” in Gerardo L. Munck and Richard Snyder: *Passion, Craft, and Method in Comparative Politics*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 32-59.

Further readings

- Terence Ball, 1987. “Is There a Progress in Political Science?” in T. Ball (ed.), *Idioms of Inquiry: Critique and Renewal in Political Science*. Albany: SUNY Press, 13-44.
- Max Weber, 1989. [1919]. *The Profession of Politics*. Washington, D.C.: Plutarch Press

- Karl R. Popper, 1968 [1959]. *The Logic of Scientific Discovery*. New York: Harper & Row, 78-93.
- Imre Lakatos, 1970. "Falsification and Methodology of Scientific Research Programmes" in Lakatos ed. *Criticism and the Growth of Knowledge*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 91-138, 173-180.
- Thomas S. Kuhn, 1970. *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*. Chicago: U. of Chicago P
- Ian Shapiro, 2002. "Problems, Methods, and Theories in the Study of Politics, or: What's Wrong with Political Science and What to Do about IT" *Political Theory*, 30(4): 596-619.
- Geoff Payne and Judy Payne, 2004. *Key Concepts in Social Research*. London: Sage
- Henry E. Brady, 2004. "Introduction to Symposium: Two Paths to a Science of Politics" *Perspectives on Politics*, June, Vol. 2. No. 2. 295-300.
- Richard Snyder, 2007. "The Human Dimension of Comparative Research" in Gerardo L. Munck and Richard Snyder: *Passion, Craft, and Method in Comparative Politics*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1-31.
- Munck, Gerardo L 2009.. *Measuring democracy: A bridge between scholarship and politics*. JHU Press

WEEK 2. January 18. Research design A. BOZÓKI
January 20. Concept formation ZDRAVKO VELJANOV

Sartori, Giovanni, 1970. "Concept Misformation in Comparative Politics." *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 64. 1033-53.

Mair, Peter 2008. "Concepts and Concept Formation" in Donatella della Porta and Michael Keating (eds.), *Approaches and Methodologies in the Social Sciences: A Pluralist Perspective*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 177-197.

Della Porta, Donatella and Michael Keating, 2008. "How Many Approaches in the Social Sciences? An Epistemological Introduction" in D. della Porta and M. Keating (eds.) *Approaches and Methodologies in the Social Sciences: A Pluralist Perspective*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 19-39.

Philippe C. Schmitter, 2008. "The Design of Social and Political Research" in Donatella della Porta and Michael Keating (eds.), *Approaches and Methodologies in the Social Sciences: A Pluralist Perspective*. Cambridge: Cambridge U. P. 263-95.

Collier, David, and Steven Levitsky 1997. "Democracy with adjectives: Conceptual innovation in comparative research." *World Politics* 49 (3): 430-451.

Giovanni Sartori. 2009. "Guidelines for Concept Analysis." In David Collier and John Gerring (eds.), *Concepts and Method in Social Science: The Tradition of Giovanni Sartori*. London: Routledge: 97-150.

Further readings

- Gary King, Robert O. Keohane, and Sidney Verba 1994. *Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research*. Princeton: Princeton U. P., 3-33, 46-53, 75-113.
- Charles C. Ragin, 1994. *Constructing Social Research: The Unity and Diversity of Method*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press, 31-53.
- Stephen Van Evera, 1997. *Guide to Methods for Students of Political Science*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 7-48.
- Colin Hay, 2002. "What Is 'Political' About Political Science?" in *Political Analysis: A Critical Introduction*. New York: Palgrave, 59-88.
- Gerardo Munck, 2004. "Tools for Qualitative Research" in Henry E. Brady and David Collier eds. *Rethinking Social Inquiry: Diverse Tools, Shared Standards*. Oxford – New York: Rowman & Littlefield, 105-121.
- Gary Goertz, 2006. *Social Science Concepts: A User's Guide*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, Chapters 1-4.
- Dvora Yanow and Peregrine Schwartz-Shea eds. 2006. *Interpretation and Method: Empirical Research Methods and the Interpretive Turn*.
- Todd Landman, 2008. *Issues and Methods in Comparative Politics: An Introduction*. London: Routledge, Ch. 1.
- Adam Przeworski, 2009. "Is the Science of Comparative Politics Possible?" in Carles Boix and Susan C. Stokes (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 147-171.
- Gary Goertz and James Mahoney, 2012. *A Tale of Two Cultures: Qualitative and Quantitative Research in the Social Sciences*. Princeton: Princeton UP
- Peregrine Schwartz-Shea and Dvora Yanow, 2012. *Interpretive Research Design: Concepts and Processes*. London: Routledge
- Beach, Derek, and Jonas Gejl Kaas. 2020. "The Great Divides: Incommensurability, the Impossibility of Mixed-Methodology, and What to Do about It." *International Studies Review* 22 (2): 214-235.

WEEK 3. January 25, 27. Comparisons: The case of dictatorships

Huntington, Samuel P. 2007. "Order and Conflict in Global Perspective" in Gerardo L. Munck & Richard Snyder: *Passion, Craft, and Method in Comparative Politics*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 210-233.

Linz, Juan J. 2007. "Political Regimes and the Quest for Knowledge" in G. L. Munck & R. Snyder eds. *Passion, Craft, and Method in Comparative Politics*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 150-209.

Donatella della Porta, 2008. "Comparative Analysis: Case-Oriented versus Variable-Oriented Research" in D. d. Porta and M. Keating (eds.), *Approaches and Methodologies in the Social Sciences: A Pluralist Perspective*. Cambridge: Cambridge UP. 198-222.

Further readings

- Carl Friedrich, and Zbigniew Brzezinski 1956. *Totalitarian Dictatorship and Autocracy*. New York: Praeger; Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 107-147.
- Hannah Arendt, 1963. *The Origins of Totalitarianism*. Westwood: Greenwood Press
- Samuel P Huntington, 1968. *Political Order in Changing Societies*. New Haven: Yale UP
- Arend Lijphart, 1971. "Comparative Politics and Comparative Method" *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 65. No. 3. September, 682-693.
- Alfred Stepan, 1988. *Rethinking Military Politics: Brazil and the Southern Cone*. Princeton: Princeton University Press
- Giovanni Sartori, 1991. "Comparing and Miscomparing" *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, Vol. 3. 243-257.
- David Collier, 1991. "The Comparative Method: Two Decades of Change" in Dankwart A. Rustow and Kenneth P. Erikson (eds.), *Comparative Political Dynamics: Global Research Perspectives*. New York: Harper, 7-31.
- Arend Lijphart, 1995. "The Comparable-cases Strategy in Comparative Research" *Political Studies*, 2, 158-77.
- Juan J. Linz, 2000. *Totalitarian and Authoritarian Regimes*. Boulder – London: Lynne Rienner Publishers, "Further Reflections" 1-48.
- Jennifer Gandhi, 2008. *Political Institutions under Dictatorship*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- Ronald Wintrobe, 2009. "Dictatorship: Analytical Approaches" in Carles Boix and Susan C. Stokes (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 362-94.
- Natasha Ezrow & Erica Frantz, 2011. *Dictators and Dictatorships: Understanding Authoritarian Regimes and their Leaders*. Bloomsbury: Continuum.
- Bruce Bueno de Mesquita & Alastair Smith, 2011. *Dictator's Handbook: Why Bad Behavior is Almost Always Good Politics*. New York: Public Affairs, 1-48.
- Milan W. Svobik, 2012. *The Politics of Authoritarian Rule*. Cambridge: Cambridge UP.
- Scott Mainwaring and Aníbal Pérez-Liñán, 2013. *Democracies and Dictatorships in Latin America*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- Barbara Geddes, Joseph Wright & Erica Frantz, 2018. *How Dictatorships Work*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- Erica Frantz, 2018. *Authoritarianism*. Oxford: Oxford University Press
- Lührmann, Anna, and Staffan I. Lindberg 2019. "A third wave of autocratization is here: what is new about it?." *Democratization* 26 (7): 1095-1113.

WEEK 4. February 1, 3. Structural explanations: modernization & development

Lerner, Daniel (2000, [1958]). *The Passing of Traditional Society: Modernizing the Middle East*. in J. Timmons Roberts & Amy Hite eds. *From Modernization to Globalization*. Oxford: Blackwell, 119-133.

Gunder Frank, André 1970. [1966], „The Development of Underdevelopment“ in Robert

Rhodes (ed.), *Imperialism and Underdevelopment: A Reader*. New York: Monthly Review Press, 4-17.

Almond, Gabriel A. 2007. "Structural Functionalism and Political Development" in Gerardo L. Munck & Richard Snyder: *Passion, Craft, and Method in Comparative Politics*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press 63-85.

Further readings

Gabriel Almond 1960. "Introduction: A Functional Approach to Politics" In Gabriel A. Almond and James C. Coleman (eds.), *The Politics of Developing Areas*, ed. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 3-64.

Seymour M. Lipset, 1969 [1959], "Some Social Requisites of Democracy: Economic Development and Political Legitimacy" in Charles F. Cnudde and Deane E. Neubauer (eds.), *Empirical Democratic Theory*. Chicago: Markham, 151-192.

David E. Apter, 1965. *The Politics of Modernization*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 43-80.

Daniel Lerner & James S. Coleman, 1968. "Modernization" in David Sills ed. *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*. Vol. 10. London: Macmillan, 386-402.

Ronald Inglehart, 1977. *The Silent Revolution: Changing Values and Political Styles among Western Publics*. Princeton: Princeton University Press

David Lehmann ed. 1979. *Development Theory: Four Critical Studies*. London: F. Cass

Myron Weiner and Samuel P. Huntington (eds.), 1987. *Understanding Political Development*. Boston: Little, Brown & Co.

Gabriel A. Almond, 1992. "A Functional Approach to Comparative Politics" in Bernard Susser (ed.), *Approaches to the Study of Politics*. New York: Macmillan, 209-270.

Larry Diamond, 1992. "Economic Development and Democracy Reconsidered" in Gary Marks & Larry Diamond eds. *Reexamining Democracy*. London: Sage, 93-139.

Welzel, Christian 2013. *Freedom rising*. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, Chapter 1.

WEEK 5. February 8, 10. Actors vs structures: The case of revolution

Tilly, Charles 1978. *From Mobilization to Revolution*. Reading: Addison-Wesley, 189-242.

Skocpol, Theda 1979. "Explaining Social Revolutions: Alternatives to Existing Theories" in *States and Social Revolutions*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 3-43.

First position paper (2 readings):

Barrington Moore Jr., 2007. "Critical Spirit and Comparative Historical Analysis" in Gerardo L. Munck and Richard Snyder: *Passion, Craft, and Method in Comparative Politics*, Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 86-112.

Theda Skocpol, 2007. "States, Revolutions, and the Comparative Historical Imagination" in: Geraldo L. Munck and Richard Snyder: *Passion, Craft, and Method in Comparative Politics*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 649-707.

Further readings

- Barrington Moore Jr. 1966. *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*. Boston: Beacon
- Reinhard Bendix, 1968. "Concepts in Comparative Historical Analysis" In Stein Rokkan ed. *Comparative Research across Cultures and Nations*, Paris: Mouton, 67-81.
- Theda Skocpol, 1979. *States and Social Revolutions: A Comparative Analysis of France, Russia, and China*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- Theda Skocpol and Margaret Somers 1980. "The Use of Comparative History in Macrosocial Inquiry" *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 22. 174-197.
- William H. Sewell, 1994. "Ideologies and Social Revolutions: Reflections to the French Case" in Theda Skocpol ed. *Revolutions in the Modern World*. Cambridge: Cambridge U. P., 169-198.
- Theda Skocpol, 1994. "Cultural Idioms and Political Ideologies in the Revolutionary Reconstruction of State Power. A Rejoinder to Sewell." in Theda Skocpol ed. *Revolutions in the Modern World*. Cambridge: Cambridge U. P. 199-209.
- Theda Skocpol, 1994. "Reflections on Recent Scholarship about Social Revolutions and How to Study Them" in Theda Skocpol ed. *Revolutions in the Modern World*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 301-344.

WEEK 6. February 15, 17. Revolutions: ideology, culture and mass behavior

Sewell, William H. 1996. "Historical Events as Transformations of Structures: Inventing Revolution at the Bastille" *Theory and Society*, 25(6): 841-881.

Selbin, Eric 1997. „Revolution in the Real World: Bringing Agency Back In" in John Foran ed., *Theorizing Revolutions*. London: Routledge, 123-136.

Chenoweth, Erica & Maria J. Stephan, 2011. *Why Civil Resistance Works: The Strategic Logic of Nonviolent Conflict*. New York: Columbia University Press, 30-61.

Further readings

- William H. Sewell, 1985. "Ideologies and Social Revolutions: Reflections on the French Case" *The Journal of Modern History*, 57 (1): 57-85
- Jack A. Goldstone, 1991. *Revolution and Rebellion in the Early Modern World*. Berkeley: University of California Press
- Timothy P. Wickham-Crowley, 1997. "Structural Theories of Revolutions" in John Foran ed. *Theorizing Revolutions*. London: Routledge, 38-72.
- John Foran, 1997. „Discourses and Social Forces: The Role of Culture and Cultural Studies in Understanding Revolutions" in: J. Foran ed., *Theorizing Revolutions*.

- London: Routledge, 203-226.
- Jeff Goodwin 2001. "Comparing Revolutionary Movements" in J. Goodwin: *No Other Way Out: States and Revolutionary Movements, 1945-1991*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 3-34.
- Colin Hay, 2002. *Political Analysis*. Basingstoke: Palgrave, 89-134.
- Jack A. Goldstone, 2003. "Comparative Historical Analysis and Knowledge Accumulation in the Study of Revolutions" in J. Mahoney & D. Rueschmeyer eds. *Comparative Historical Analysis in the Social Sciences*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 41-90.
- Charles H. Fairbanks, 2007. „Revolution Reconsidered” Journal of Democracy, 18(1): 42-57.

Second position paper (2 readings):

Jack A. Goldstone, 1995. „Why We Could (and Should) Have Foreseen the Revolutions of 1989-1991 in the USSR and Eastern Europe”; in Nikki R. Keddie ed. *Debating Revolutions*. New York: NYU Press, 39-64.

Nikki R. Keddie, 1995. „Response to Goldstone” and “Response to Keddie” in Nikki R. Keddie (ed.) *Debating Revolutions*. New York: NYU Press, 65-76.

WEEK 7. February 22, 24. Agency-based explanations in democratization research: The Rustow – Lijphart model

Rustow, Dankwart, 1970. “Transitions to Democracy” *Comparative Politics*, April, 337-363.

Schmitter, Philippe C. 1995. “Transitology: The Science or the Art of Democratization?” in Joseph S. Tulchin ed. *The Consolidation of Democracy in Latin America*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 11-41.

O’Donnell, Guillermo 2007. “Democratization, Political Engagement, and Agenda-Setting Research” in Munck and Snyder eds. *Passion, Craft, and Method in Comparative Politics*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, op. cit. 273-304.

Lijphart, Arend 2007. “Political Institutions, Divided Societies, and Consociational Democracy” in Gerardo L. Munck and Richard Snyder: *Passion, Craft, and Method in Comparative Politics*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins U. P. 234-272.

Further readings

Guillermo O’Donnell and Philippe C. Schmitter 1986. *Transitions from Authoritarian Rule*. Vol. 4. *Tentative Conclusions about Uncertain Democracies*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 6-64.

Samuel P. Huntington, 1991. *The Third Wave: Democratization in Late Twentieth*

- Century. Norman: Oklahoma University Press
- Adam Przeworski, 1991. "Transitions to Democracy" in A Przeworski: *Democracy and the Market*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 51-99.
- Juan J. Linz 1992. "The Perils of Presidentialism" and the following debate (D. L. Horowitz, S. M. Lipset and J. J. Linz) in Arend Lijphart, ed. *Parliamentary Versus Presidential Government*. Oxford: Oxford U. P., 118-27, 203-16.
- Dieter Rueschmeyer, Evelyne Huber Stevens, and John D. Stevens 1992. *Capitalist Development and Democracy*. Cambridge: Polity Press
- Giovanni Sartori, 1994. *Comparative Constitutional Engineering. An Inquiry into Structures, Incentives and Outcomes*, New York: NYU Press, 153-95.
- Whitehead, Laurence, ed. 1996. *The International Dimensions of Democratization: Europe and the Americas*. Oxford: Oxford UP.
- David Stark and László Bruszt 1998. *Postsocialist Pathways: Transforming Politics and Property in East Central Europe*. Cambridge: Cambridge U. P.
- Arend Lijphart, 1999. *Patterns of Democracy: Government Forms and Performance in Thirty-Six Countries*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1-61.
- Larry Diamond, 1999. *Developing Democracy towards Consolidation*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press
- Charles Tilly, 2007. *Democracy*. Cambridge: Cambridge U. P., 51-79.
- Jan Teorell, 2010. *Determinants of Democratization: Explaining Regime Change in the World, 1972-2006*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- Michael Coppedge, 2012. "Defining and Measuring Democracy" in M. Coppedge: *Democratization and Research Methods*. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 11-48.

WEEK 8. **March 1.** **Democratic consolidation** **ZDRAVKO VELJANOV**
 March 3. **Deconsolidation** **A. BOZÓKI**

Carothers, Thomas 2002. "The End of Transition Paradigm" *Journal of Democracy*, 13(1): 5-21.

Fukuyama, Francis 2015. "Why Is Democracy Performing So Poorly?" *Journal of Democracy*, 26(1): 11-20.

Levitsky, Steven and Lucan Way 2015. "The Myth of Democratic Recession" *Journal of Democracy*, 26(1): 45-58.

Merkel, Wolfgang. 2008. "Plausible Theory, Unexpected Results: The Rapid Democratic Consolidation in Central and Eastern Europe." *IPG* 2: 11-29.

Capoccia, Giovanni, and Daniel Ziblatt. 2010. "The Historical Turn in Democratization studies: A New Research Agenda for Europe and Beyond." *Comparative Political Studies* 43(8-9): 931-968

Further readings

- Huntington, Samuel P. 1991. "How Countries Democratize." *Political Science Quarterly* 106(4): 579-616.
- Guillermo O'Donnell, Scott Mainwaring, and J. Samuel Valenzuela (eds.), 1992. *Issues in Democratic Consolidation*. Notre Dame: Notre Dame University Press
- Juan J. Linz, and Alfred Stepan 1996. *Problems of Democratic Transitions and Consolidations*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press
- Charles Tilly, 2007. *Democracy*. Cambridge: Cambridge UP. 81-160.
- Ziblatt, Daniel. 2009. "Shaping Democratic Practice and the Causes of Electoral Fraud: The case of Nineteenth-century Germany." *American Political Science Review* 103(1): 1-21.
- Wolfgang Merkel, 2010. "Are Dictatorships Returning? Revisiting the 'Democratic Rollback' Hypothesis" *Contemporary Politics*, 16(1): 17-31.
- Larry Diamond and Marc F. Plattner eds. 2015. *Democracy in Decline?* Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press
- András Bozóki, 2015. "Broken Democracy, Predatory State, Nationalist Populism" in Peter Krasztev and Jon Van Til eds. *The Hungarian Patient: Social Opposition to an Illiberal Democracy*. Budapest – New York: CEU Press, 3-36.
- Miklós Bánkúti, Gábor Halmai, Kim Lane Scheppele, 2015. "Hungary's Illiberal Turn: Disabling the Constitution" in Krasztev and Van Til eds. *The Hungarian Patient*, Budapest - New York: CEU Press, 37-46.
- Béla Greskovits, 2015. "The Hollowing and Backsliding of Democracy in East Central Europe" *Global Policy*, Vol. 6. Supplement 1. June, 28-37.
- Larry Diamond, Marc F. Plattner & Chris Walker eds. 2016. *Authoritarianism Goes Global: The Challenge of Democracy*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP. 117-133.
- Munck, Gerardo L., and Carol Skalnik Leff. 1997. "Modes of Transition and Democratization: South America and Eastern Europe in Comparative Perspective." *Comparative Politics*: 343-362.
- Bunce, Valerie. 2003. "Rethinking Recent Democratization: Lessons from the Post-communist Experience." *World Politics*: 167-192.
- Schedler, Andreas. 1998. "What is Democratic Consolidation?." *Journal of Democracy*, 9 (2): 91-107.
- Schneider, Carsten Q., and Philippe C. Schmitter. 2004. "Liberalization, Transition and Consolidation: Measuring the Components of Democratization" *Democratization*, 11 (5): 59-90.
- Bermeo, Nancy. 2016. "On Democratic Backsliding." *Journal of Democracy* 27(1): 5-19.
- Cianetti, Licia, James Dawson, and Seán Hanley 2018. "Rethinking "democratic backsliding" in Central and Eastern Europe—looking beyond Hungary and Poland." 243-256.
- Bochsler, Daniel, and Andreas Juon 2020. "Authoritarian Footprints in Central and Eastern Europe." *East European Politics* 36 (2): 167-187.
- Kelemen, R. Daniel. 2020. "The European Union's Authoritarian Equilibrium." *Journal of European Public Policy* 27, no. 3: 481-499.

Third position paper (4 readings):

Philippe C. Schmitter, and Terry Lynn Karl 1994. „The Conceptual Travels of Transitologists and Consolidologists: How Far to the East Should They Attempt to Go? *Slavic Review*, Vol. 53. No. 1. 173-185.

Valerie Bunce, 1995. „Should Transitologists Be Grounded?” *Slavic Review*, Vol. 54. No. 1. 111-127.

Terry Lynn Karl and Philippe C. Schmitter 1995. „From an Iron Curtain to a Paper Curtain: Grounding Transitologists or Students of Post-Communism?” *Slavic Studies*, Vol. 54. No. 4. 965-978.

Valerie Bunce, 1995. „Paper Curtains and Paper Tigers” *Slavic Studies*, 54:4. 979-987.

WEEK 9. March 8, 10. Hybrid regimes

O'Donnell, Guillermo 1994 „Delegative Democracy” *Journal of Democracy*, 5(1): 55-69.

Bogaards, Matthijs. 2009. "How to Classify Hybrid Regimes? Defective Democracy and Electoral Authoritarianism." *Democratization* 16, no. 2: 399-423.

Levitsky, Steven and Lucan A Way, 2010. *Competitive Authoritarianism: Hybrid Regimes after the Cold War*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 3-36.

Further readings

Fareed Zakaria 1997. “The Rise of Illiberal Democracy” *Foreign Affairs*

<http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/53577/fareed-zakaria/the-rise-of-illiberal-democracy>

Paul Brooker, 2000. *Non-Democratic Regimes*. London: Macmillan, Ch. 9. “Semi-Dictatorships and Semi-Democracies” 226-255.

Larry Diamond, 2002. “Elections without Choice: Thinking About Hybrid Regimes” *Journal of Democracy*, 13(2): 21-35.

Larry Diamond, 2003. “The Illusion of Liberal Autocracy” *Journal of Democracy*, 14(4): 167-171.

Andreas Schedler ed. 2006. *Electoral Authoritarianism: The Dynamics of Unfree Competition*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers

Merkel, Wolfgang 2014. "Embedded and defective democracies." *Democratization* 11 (5): 33-58.

Andreas Schedler, 2015. *The Politics of Uncertainty: Sustaining and Subverting Electoral Authoritarianism*. Oxford: Oxford University Press

Lucan Way 2015. *Pluralism by Default: Weak Autocrats and the Rise of Competitive Politics*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press

Richard Youngs, 2015. *The Puzzle of Non-Western Democracy*. Washington, D. C.:

- Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- Tamás Csillag & Iván Szelényi, 2015. "Drifting from Liberal Democracy: Traditionalist/Neo-conservative Ideology of Managed Illiberal Democratic Capitalism in Post-Communist Europe" *Intersections: East European Journal of Society and Politics*. 1(1), 1-31.
- Larry Diamond, Marc F. Plattner, Christopher Walker eds. 2016. *Authoritarianism Goes Global: The Challenge of Democracy*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press
- Peter Wilkin, 2016. *Hungary's Crisis of Democracy: The Road to Serfdom*. London: Lexington Books
- Bálint Magyar & Júlia Vásárhelyi eds. 2017. *Twenty-Five Sides of a Post-Communist Mafia State*. Budapest – New York: CEU Press
- András L. Pap, 2017. *Democratic Decline in Hungary: Law and Society in an Illiberal Democracy*. London: Routledge
- Jan-Werner Müller, 2016. "The Problem with 'Illiberal Democracy'" *Project Syndicate*, January 21.
- Jeffrey C. Isaac, 2017. "Illiberal Democracy: A Problem with No Semantic Solution" *Public Seminar*, Special Publication, 1-13.
- Bozóki, András, and Dániel Hegedűs 2018. "An externally constrained hybrid regime: Hungary in the European Union." *Democratization* 25 (7): 1173-1189.
- András Bozóki & Dániel Hegedűs, 2018. „Democracy, Dictatorship and Hybrid Regimes: Concepts and Approaches” in Magdalena Solska, Florian Bieber & Dane Taleski eds. *Illiberal and Authoritarian Tendencies in Central, Southeastern and Eastern Europe*. Bern: Peter Lang, 21-49.
- Bálint Magyar & Bálint Madlovics, 2020. *The Anatomy of Post-Communist Regimes: A Conceptual Framework*. New York – Budapest: CEU Press
- Ottaway, Marina. *Democracy challenged: The rise of semi-authoritarianism*. Carnegie Endowment, 2013.

WEEK 10. March 15, 17. Stabilitocracies in the Western Balkans
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- Bieber, Florian. 2020. "Mechanisms of Authoritarianism." *The Rise of Authoritarianism in the Western Balkans*, 89-138. Cham: Palgrave Pivot.
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