

Comparative Politics

This MA course will be divided into three parts:

1. Introduction to the study of comparative politics (2 sessions)
2. Regimes, states, and institutions (McCormick)
3. Special topics in comparative politics (Zakaria)

Part I: Introduction to the study of comparative politics (Zakaria & McCormick)

Concepts and methods in comparative politics:

Class #1 (Zakaria): Coppedge, M. (1999). Thickening thin concepts and theories: combining large N and small in comparative politics. *Comparative Politics*, 465-476.

Class #2 (McCormick – week of March 5): Daniele Caramani. *Comparative Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011. Introduction, pages 1 – 17; and Chapter 2, pages 37- 47.

- Introduction: <https://docs.google.com/file/d/0BxDBDIONz846SWp3SFhZamhwa2c/edit?usp=sharing>
- Ch. 2: <https://docs.google.com/file/d/0BxDBDIONz846YWxDQm9VMV8xMTg/edit?usp=sharing>

Part II: Regimes, States and Institutions (McCormick)

Class #3: Regimes: Varieties of democracy

- Daniele Caramani, *Comparative Politics*, ch. 5, pages 84 – 101.
<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0BxDBDIONz846TTRTU3FwdkN3MzQ/edit?usp=sharing>
- Schmitter and Karl, “What Democracy is...and is not,” in O’Neil and Rogowski, *Essential Readings in Comparative Politics*, pages 151- 160.
<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0BxDBDIONz846Qng2c2I5VUJvMUk/edit?usp=sharing>

Case Studies of Democracies

Case #1: UK

- O’Neil, Fields and Share, “United Kingdom,” ch. 2, pages 31-74.
<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0BxDBDIONz846SXdGQlBiQ0FhWDg/edit?usp=sharing>

Class #4: Presidential and Parliamentary Government

- Kenneth Newton and Jan W. van Deth. “Presidential and Parliamentary Government,” *Foundations of Comparative Politics* 2nd ed., ch. 5, pages 91 – 103.
<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0BxDBDIONz846anFUdVdqM1NkTFE/edit?usp=sharing>

Case #2: USA

- O'Neil, Fields and Share, *Cases in Comparative Politics*, "United States," ch.3, pages 31-74.
<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0BxDBDIONz846YnNFbDFneXVfVU0/edit?usp=sharing>

Case #3: France

- O'Neil, Fields and Share, *Cases in Comparative Politics*, "France," ch.4, pages 115-156.
<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0BxDBDIONz846YnNFbDFneXVfVU0/edit?usp=sharing>

Class #5: Executives and bureaucracies 3hrs

- Daniele Caramani. 2008. *Comparative Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Ch 8
<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0BxDBDIONz846LWNFSG9QUE04YTA/edit?usp=sharing>
- Kenneth Newton and Jan W. van Deth. 2010. *Foundations of Comparative Politics* 2nd Edition. New York: Cambridge University Press. Ch 4, 6 & 7
<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0BxDBDIONz846anFUdVdqM1NkTFE/edit?usp=sharing>

Case # 4: Germany

- O'Neil, Fields and Share, *Cases in Comparative Politics*, "Germany," ch.5, pages 157-199.
<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0BxDBDIONz846eFozVDNxQW5uMGs/edit?usp=sharing>

Class #6: Electoral Systems, Political parties and party systems

- Daniele Caramani. 2008. *Comparative Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Ch 10, 12, 13.
- Kenneth Newton and Jan W. van Deth. 2010. *Foundations of Comparative Politics* 2nd Edition. New York: Cambridge University Press, Chapters 12 and 13.
<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0BxDBDIONz846anFUdVdqM1NkTFE/edit?usp=sharing>

Transitional Democracies

Case Studies in Transitional Democracies

- Case #4: Mexico: Merilee S. Grindle, "Mexico," in Krieger, Kesselman and Joseph, *Introduction to Comparative Politics*, ch. 10, pages 471 – 516.
- Case #5: "Brazil," O'Neil, Fields and Share, ch.12.
- Case #6: "Nigeria," O'Neil, Fields and Share, ch.11.

Class #7: Autocracy

- Brooker, "Authoritarian Regimes," in Caramani, *Comparative Politics*. Ch. 6, pages 103 – 117.
- Linz and Stepan, "Modern Non-Democratic Regimes," in O'Neil and Rogowski, pages 206-219.
- Fareed Zakaria, "The Rise of Illiberal Democracy,"
http://www.closer2oxford.ro/uploads/2012/06/12/The_Rise_of_Illiberal_Democracy.gf1ruw.pdf

Case Studies in Autocracies

- Case #7: "Russia," O'Neil, Fields and Share, ch. 7.
- Case #8: "China," O'Neil, Fields and Share, ch. 8.
- Case #9: "Iran," O'Neil, Fields and Share, ch. 10.

Conclusion to Part II