



Department of Social and Political Sciences
Seminar Fall 2012

Democracy

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Thursdays 8:45 AM-10:45 AM, Badia, Seminar Room 4

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Description

This seminar surveys some of the literature on democracy. What are the relevant theoretical and institutional models of democracy? How can we measure democracy? What are the social, economic, cultural and political prerequisites of democracy? What are the current challenges of democracy: the effects of globalization and mediatization on democracy? How effective have democratization processes been at transforming authoritarian regimes during the third wave? How about the dark side of democracy: democracies and the populist challenge? These are the major questions the course addresses.

The course also has a pragmatic goal: to familiarize you with key contributions to the literature on democracy research (the list is somewhat idiosyncratic, of course, and certainly biased towards the scholars linked to the NCCR-democracy which I have directed for several years). Many of the course sessions are structured around reading a classic text and some of the pieces that develop the insights associated with these classic texts. By choosing to take this class you are taking on the obligation to do all the reading.

Over the course of the seminar students must submit three 500-word response papers to the readings for a given session and post that paper on the course website at noon on the day before class. These response papers are fundamental for the holding of a good discussion of the materials, as is a thorough reading of the assigned texts.

Writing a term paper is encouraged. Your term paper should draw on the literature covered in the course but go well beyond it. The goal of any term paper should be an eventually publishable article (e.g. as a literature review in the 'Living Reviews in Democracy', <http://democracy.livingreviews.org>). Those who wish to write a term paper should submit it to me by email and in paper copy, with a cc to Maureen Lechleitner (deadline 11 Jan 2013).

Sessions, topics and readings

1. Introduction (October 4)

- Held, David. 2006. *Models of Democracy*. Cambridge: Polity Press, 3rd Edition

2. Measuring democracy (October 9) (exceptionally on Tuesday 8:45-10:45)

- Alvarez, Mike; José Antonio Cheibub, Fernando Limongi and Adam Przeworski. 1996. 'Classifying Political Regimes', *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 31(2): 3-36.
- Bühlmann, Marc, Wolfgang Merkel, Lisa Müller and Bernhard Wessels 2012. The democracy barometer: a new instrument to measure the quality of democracy and its potential for comparative research, *European Political Science* (advance online publication): 1-18.
- Goertz, Gary. 2006. *Social Science Concepts*, Chapter 4: 'Increasing Concept-Measure Consistency', Princeton University Press, 95-127.
- Munck, Gerardo L. and Jay Verkuilen 2002. 'Conceptualizing and Measuring Democracy. Evaluating Alternative Indices', *Comparative Political Studies* 35, 1: 5-34.

3. Models of Democracy: Institutions (October 18)

- Lijphart, Arend 1999. *Patterns of Democracy. Government Forms and Performance in Thirty-Six Countries*. New Haven: Yale University Press
- Bühlmann, Marc and Hanspeter Kriesi 2012. Models of democracy, in *Democracy in the age of globalization and mediatization*, edited by Hanspeter Kriesi, Sandra Lavenex, Frank Esser, Jörg Matthes, Marc Bühlmann, Daniel Bochsler, unpubl. Ms.
- Kriesi, Hanspeter and Daniel Bochsler 2012. Varieties of Democracy, in *Democracy in the age of globalization and mediatization*, edited by Hanspeter Kriesi, Sandra Lavenex, Frank Esser, Jörg Matthes, Marc Bühlmann, Daniel Bochsler, unpubl. Ms.

4. Prerequisites of Democracy I: economic development/modernization theory (October 25)

- Lipset, Seymour Martin 1959. 'Some social requisites of democracy: Economic development and political legitimacy', *American Political Science Review* 53: 69-105.
- Lipset, Seymour Martin 1994. "The Social Prerequisites of Democracy Revisited", *American Sociological Review* 59 (1), 1-22.
- Boix, Carles and Susan C. Stokes 2003. Endogenous democratization, *World Politics* 55, July: 517-49.

- Boix, Carles 2011. Democracy, Development, and the International System, *American Political Science Review*, 104(4): 809-828.

5. Prerequisites of Democracy II: international context and diffusion (October 30)

- Huntington, Samuel P. 1991. *The Third Wave. Democratization in the late Twentieth Century*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press.
- Doorenspleet, Renske 2000. Reassessing the Three Waves of Democratization, *World Politics* 52: 384-406.
- Torfason, Magnus Thor and Paul Ingram 2010. The Global Rise of Democracy: A Network Account, *American Sociological Review* 75, 3: 355-377.
- Wejnert, Barbara 2005. 'Diffusion, Development, and Democracy, 1800-1999', *American Sociological Review* 70: 53-81.

6. Democratization of authoritarian regimes in the third wave (November 8)

- Levitsky, Steven and Lucan A. Way 2010. *Competitive Authoritarianism. Hybrid Regimes after the Cold War*. Cambridge U Press
- Collier, David and Steven Levitsky 1997. Democracy with adjectives. Conceptual innovation in comparative research, *World Politics* 49: 430-51.
- Merkel, Wolfgang 2004. Embedded and defective democracies, *Democratization* 11, 5: 33-58.
- O'Donnell 1994. Delegative Democracy, *Journal of Democracy* 5, 1: 55-69.

7. Globalization and the vertical challenge to democracy (November 15)

- Cheneval, Francis and Frank Schimmelfennig 2011. *The Case for Democracy*, Paper prepared for EUSA Conference Boston, March 2011.
- Hurrelmann, Achim and Joan Debardeleben 2009. Democratic dilemmas in EU multilevel governance: untangling the Gordian knot, *European Political Science Review* 1, 2: 229-47.
- Lavenex, Sandra 2012. Globalization and the vertical challenge to democracy, in *Democracy in the age of globalization and mediatization*, edited by Hanspeter Kriesi, Sandra Lavenex, Frank Esser, Jörg Matthes, Marc Bühlmann, Daniel Bochsler, unpubl. Ms.
- Schimmelfennig, Frank 2010. The normative origins of democracy in the European Union: toward a transformationalist theory of democratization, *European Political Science Review* 2,2: 211-33.

8. Globalization and the horizontal promotion of democracy (November 22)

- Lavenex, Sandra 2012. Globalization and the horizontal promotion of democracy, in *Democracy in the age of globalization and mediatization*, edited by Hanspeter Kriesi,

- Sandra Lavenex, Frank Esser, Jörg Matthes, Marc Bühlmann, Daniel Bochsler, unpubl. Ms.
- Schimmelfennig, Frank 2005. ‘Strategic Calculation and International Socialization: Membership Incentives, Party Constellations, and Sustained Compliance in Central and Eastern Europe’, *International Organization* 59(4):827-60.
 - Schimmelfennig, Frank, Stefan Engert and Heiko Knobel 2006. *International Socialization in Europe. European Organizations, Political Conditionality, and Democratic Change*. Basingstoke: Palgrave.

9. The challenge of mediatization (November 29)

- Blumler, Jay G. and Dennis Kavanagh 1999. The Third Age of Political Communication: Influences and Features, *Political Communication* 16(3): 209-230.
- Esser, Frank 2012. Mediatization as a challenge: media logic vs. political logic, in *Democracy in the age of globalization and mediatization*, edited by Hanspeter Kriesi, Sandra Lavenex, Frank Esser, Jörg Matthes, Marc Bühlmann, Daniel Bochsler, unpubl. Ms.
- Mazzoleni, Gianpietro 2008. Populism and the Media, pp. 49-64 in *Twenty-First Century Populism. The Spectre of Western European Democracy*, edited by Albertazzi, Daniele and Duncan McDonnell. Basingstoke: Palgrave.
- Mazzoleni, Gianpietro and Winfried Schulz 1999. Mediatization of Politics: A Challenge for Democracy?, *Political Communication* 16, 3: 247–261.

10. Populism: The dark side of democracy? (December 6)

- Canovan, Margaret 1999. ‘Trust the People! Populism and the Two Faces of Democracy’, *Political Studies* XLVII: 2-16.
- Jagers, Jan and Stefaan Walgrave 2007. ‘Populism as political communication style: An empirical study of political parties’ discourse in Belgium’, *European Journal of Political Research* 46: 319-345.
- Mény, Yves and Yves Surel (eds.) 2002. *Democracies and the Populist Challenge*. Basingstoke: Palgrave, *Chapters 1-5* (pp. 1-98) by Mény/Surel, Canovan, Papadopoulos, Taggart, and Mair.
- Pasquino, Gianfranco 2008. Populism and Democracy, pp. 15-29 in *Twenty-First Century Populism. The Spectre of Western European Democracy*, edited by Albertazzi, Daniele and Duncan McDonnell. Basingstoke: Palgrave.
- Kriesi, Hanspeter, Edgar Grande, Martin Dolezal, Marc Helbling, Dominic Höglinger, Swen Hutter, Bruno Wüest 2012. *Political Conflict in Western Europe*. Chapters 1, 2, 4, 8, Cambridge University Press.