



## ***Political Regimes***

**Foundations Seminar**

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**First Term (October-December 2015) – Tuesdays 9-11 a.m. – Room 4**

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### **Topic**

This seminar focuses on the concept of ‘political regimes’ which is essential to the analysis of all world transitions, in Europe as well as in Africa, Latin America, the Middle East and Asia. Transitions are processes which, when they are accomplished, should solidify in a different constellation of actors, political structures (meant as relatively stable and recurrent patterns of behavior among the relevant actors), political institutions, and political values. A clear understanding of the types of regimes we move from and the types we arrive at, is key to the understanding of the direction of change. The seminar will review classic as well as contemporary theories and examples of different regimes, including the hybrid variants that aliment current debates.

### **Audience**

The seminar is devoted to first and second year researchers, but third year researchers are welcome.

### **Requirements**

By choosing to take this class you are taking on the obligation to reading all the materials. 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.

## Schedule

The seminar will run **from October to December**

Tuesday 6 October, 9-11	Seminar Room 4
Tuesday 13 October, 9-11	Seminar Room 4
Tuesday 20 October, 9-11	Seminar Room 4
Tuesday 27 October 9-11	Seminar Room 4
Tuesday 3 November, 9-11	Seminar Room 4
Tuesday 10 November, 9-11	Seminar Room 4
Tuesday 17 November, 9-11	Seminar Room 4
Tuesday 24 November 9-11	Seminar Room 4
Tuesday 1 December, 9-11	Seminar Room 4
Tuesday 8 December, 9-11	Seminar Room 4

## Syllabus

### 1) What is a regime? Some fundamental questions

- Aristotle (385 BC), *Aristotle's Politics*, translated and with an introduction, notes, and glossary by Carnes Lord, Chicago and London, The University of Chicago Press, 2013 (Second edition), Books 3 and 4, pp. 62-128.
- Easton D. (1965), *A System Analysis of Political Life*, New York, John Wiley & Sons, pp. 190-211.

### 2) Traditional Regimes

#### *Oligarchies*

- Jeffrey A. Winters (2011), *Oligarchy*. Cambridge University Press, pp. 1-39; 121-34; 208-54

#### *Caudillism*

- John Lynch (1992), *Caudillos in Spanish America 1800-1850*, Oxford: Clarendon, chapter 1: 3-9; last chapter: 425-38.

#### *Sultanistic regimes*

- Chebabi Houchang E. and Juan J. Linz (eds) (1998), *Sultanistic Regimes*, Baltimore, Johns Hopkins University Press, pp. 3-25; 26-48; 206-229.

### 3) Dictatorship

- Neuman, Franz (1957) "Notes on the Theory of Dictatorship" in *The Democratic and the Authoritarian State*, Glencoe, The Free Press, NY, pp. 233-256.
- Schmitt, Carl, *Dictatorship*, Polity Press; 2014 Cambridge, UK (*Die Diktatur*, Duncker & Humblot, 1921), pp. 1-179.

### 4) Authoritarian Regimes 1

- Linz, Juan (2000), *Totalitarian and Authoritarian Regimes. With a major new introduction*, Boulder (Colorado), Lynne Rienner Publishers, pp. 159-261.
- Snyder R. (2006), *Beyond Electoral Authoritarianism: The spectrum of Non-Democratic Regimes*, in *Electoral Authoritarianism: The Dynamic of Unfree Competition*, Boulder, Lynne Rienner Publishers, Boulder, CO, pp. 219-31.

### 5) Authoritarian Regimes 2

#### ***Fascism***

- Ledeen, Michael (1976), 'Renzo De Felice and the Controversy over Italian Fascism', *Journal of Contemporary History*, Volume 11, 1976, pp. 269-283.

#### ***Military-bureaucratic regimes***

- O'Donnell, Guillermo (1988), *Bureaucratic Authoritarianism: Argentina 1966-1973 in Comparative Perspective*, Berkeley, University of California Press, 1988, pp. 1-38.
- Finer S. (1962), *The man on Horseback: the role of the military in politics*, Boulder, CO, Westview Press, pp. 223-297.

### 6) Authoritarian Regimes 3

#### ***Organic statism***

- Stepan, Alfred (1978), "Liberal-Pluralist, Classic Marxist and 'Organic-Statist' Approaches to the State", in *The State and Society. Peru in comparative perspective*, Princeton, Princeton University Press, pp. 3-45.

#### ***Mobilization regimes***

- Huntington S. P., Moore C. H. (1970), *Authoritarian Politics in Modern Society. The Dynamics of Established One-Party Systems*, New York, Basic Books, 1970 pp. 1-47; 509-17.

### ***The breakdown of authoritarian regimes***

- Geddes, Barbara 1999. What do we know about democratization after twenty years? *Annual Review of Political Science* 2: 115-44.
- Magaloni, Beatriz, "Credible Power-Sharing and the Longevity of Authoritarian Rule", *Comparative Political Studies*, 41, 4(5) (2008): 715-41.

### **7) Totalitarian Regimes**

- Linz, Juan (2000), *Totalitarian and Authoritarian Regimes. With a major new introduction*, Boulder (Colorado), Lynne Rienner, pp. 65-142.
- Friedrich, Carl J.; Brzezinski, Zbigniew K. (1964). *Totalitarian Dictatorship and Autocracy* (2nd ed.), New York, Praeger, pp. 3-68.
- Sartori, G. (1993) 'Totalitarianism, Model Mania and Learning from Error', *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 5: 5–22.

### **8) Democracies**

- Dahl R. A. ( 1971) *Polyarchy. Participation and Opposition*, New Haven, Yale University Press, pp. 1-47.
- Lijphart, Arend 1999. *Patterns of Democracy. Government Forms and Performance in Thirty-Six Countries*. New Haven: Yale University Press ,pp. 1-61; 243-257: 301-309.
- Moller, J. and S.-E. Skaaning (2010), 'Beyond the Radial Delusion: Conceptualizing and measuring Democracy and Non-Democracy', *International Political Science Review*, 31: 261-283.

### **9) Hybrid regimes**

- Levitsky, Steven and Lucan A. Way (2010). *Competitive Authoritarianism. Hybrid Regimes after the Cold War*. Cambridge U Press, pp. 1-129, 339-364.
- Critical dialogue 2011. *Perspectives on Politics (APSA)*, Slater on Levitsky and Way and Levitsky and Way's rebuttal, vol 9, 2: 383-85.

### **10) Comparative analysis of authoritarian regimes**

- Slater, Dan (2010), *Ordering Power. Contentious Politics and Authoritarian Leviathans in Southeast Asia*, Cambridge, Cambridge UP, pp. 3-52; 115-196; 275-91.
- Critical dialogue 2011. *Perspectives on politics (APSA)*, Levitsky and Way on Slater and Slater's rebuttal, vol 9, 2: 385-88.