POLITICAL SCIENCE 209A
COMPARATIVE POLITICAL ECONOMY

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COURSE OUTLINE

This course provides a broad survey of some of the major debates in comparative political economy today, focusing especially on the creation, development and reform of market institutions. We begin by reading some of the classic works in political economy, including Smith, Marx, List, and Polanyi. We review some of the most influential works from four disciplines: History, Sociology, Economics, and Political Science. We then proceed with a selective survey of literature on the political economy of Western Europe, Japan, Latin America, East Asia, the developing countries, and the transition economies.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Book review paper and presentation 15%
Final paper (due 4 PM on 12/10) 50%
bCourses memos 10%
Class participation 25%

READING ASSIGNMENTS

The following books are recommended for purchase, but also available on reserve at Doe Library:

Catherine Boone, *Property and Political Order in Africa* (2014)

These books are available digitally through the UC Berkeley Library:

Karl Polanyi, *The Great Transformation* (1944)
1. COURSE INTRODUCTION (8/27)

2. THE CLASSICS (9/10)


Adam Smith, *The Wealth of Nations* (1776), Book I, Chapters 3-4 and Book IV, Chapter 1.


Recommended


3. WEBER AND POLANYI (9/17)


Karl Polanyi, *The Great Transformation* (1944), especially Part II.


4. PATTERNS OF INDUSTRIALIZATION (9/24)


Barma and Vogel, eds., 195-228 (Rostow and Gerschenkron).


Recommended

5. ECONOMIC SOCIOLOGY (10/1)


6. THE NEW INSTITUTIONAL ECONOMICS (10/8)


Recommended

7. POLITICAL ECONOMY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (10/15)


Recommended
8. THE MICRO-INSTITUTIONS OF CAPITALISM (10/22)

Barma and Vogel, 289-326 (Hall and Soskice).

9. DEVELOPMENT MODELS (10/29)

Holland and Schneider, “Easy and Hard Redistribution: The Political Economy of Welfare States in Latin America,” *Perspectives on Politics* (December 2017), 988-1006.

10. DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES (11/5)

Catherine Boone, *Property and Political Order in Africa* (2014), 1-89.
11. EASTERN EUROPE (11/19)


12. CHINA (11/26)

Barma and Vogel, eds., *The Political Economy Reader* (2008), 399-423 (Guthrie).
Kellee Tsai, “China’s Political Economy and Political Science,” *Perspectives on Politics* (September 2013), 860-71.
PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

BOOK REVIEW

Write a 1500-word review of one of the books from the list below. You may also choose a book outside the list in consultation with the instructor. You will be asked to post a short outline (two-pages single-spaced maximum) or PowerPoint (10 slides maximum) under Discussions on the bCourses site by 9 a.m. the day of the appropriate class session (depending on the book), give a 5-10 minute presentation during that class session, and then submit the written review via bCourses one week later. For the outline or PowerPoint, you should summarize the argument, compare/ contrast the book to other course readings (especially the readings for that week), and then offer your own critique. For the presentation, focus on situating the book in the context of the course and presenting your critique. For the paper, focus on analysis/ critique rather than summary, and develop one coherent theme rather than providing a “laundry list” of comments. Please post the paper under Assignments on bCourses. We will determine the book review assignments during the first class session (8/27). Make sure to purchase or borrow (from the library or the instructor) your book as soon as possible.

RESEARCH PAPER

Write a 6000-word paper on a topic of your choice. You are not expected to produce a full-fledged research paper, but something between a research design and a research paper. Begin with a clear empirical puzzle, then present two or more hypotheses based on theories/perspectives from the course plus any relevant secondary literature, and then discuss how the available evidence supports one hypothesis or another. If you do not have sufficient evidence to judge, just make sure to spell out what kind of evidence would provide a more definitive answer.

One alternative: write a 6000-word review essay, addressing writings on a specific topic within the field of comparative political economy. There is no specific minimum or maximum number of books and articles to be covered in this assignment, but you should identify multiple perspectives and review some of the best works on the topic.

For either assignment, you should consult the instructor about your topic early in the semester. The due dates are as follows: one-paragraph proposal 10/26 (required, to be posted under Discussions on bCourses), full draft 11/28 (strongly encouraged but not required), final draft posted to Assignments on bCourses by 4 PM on 12/10. Please single-space all assignments.

bCOURSES READING MEMOS

Write a short (200 words maximum) memo on the week’s readings and post it under the appropriate topic under Discussions on the bCourses site by 10 p.m. the evening before class any 8 weeks during the semester. Make sure to read your classmates’ memos before class. The memos may take a variety of forms: 1) a critique of one or more of the readings, 2) a comparison/ contrast of two or more authors, 3) questions about the readings, 4) a proposal of a topic for class discussion. Given the short length, you may write the memo in outline or list form. Feel free to experiment. We will discuss some of the memos in class.
BOOKS FOR REVIEW

The Classics (9/10 or 9/17)

* Friedrich von Hayek, *The Road to Serfdom* (1945)
Joseph Schumpeter, *The Theory of Economic Development* (1939)
Joseph Schumpeter, *Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy* (1950)
Milton Friedman, *Capitalism and Freedom* (1962)

Patterns of Industrialization (9/24)


British Industrialization
Eric Hobsbawm, *Industry and Empire: An Economic History of Britain Since 1750* (1968)
David Landes, *The Unbound Prometheus: Technological Change and Industrial Development in Western Europe from 1750 to the Present* (1969)

Continental Industrialization
Thorstein Veblen, *Imperial Germany and the Industrial Revolution* (1954)
K. de Schweinitz, *Industrialization and Democracy* (1964)

Economic Sociology (10/1)

The New Institutional Economics (10/8)

* Oliver Williamson, *The Economic Institutions of Capitalism* (1985)

Political Economy in Political Science (10/15)

Andrew Shonfield, *Modern Capitalism* (1965)

Historical Institutionalism
Mahoney and Rueschemeyer, eds., *Comparative Historical Analysis in the Social Sciences* (2003)
The Welfare State

Britain

The United States
Kathryn Lavelle, *Money and Banks in the American Political System* (2013)

France

Germany
Stephen Silvia, *Holding the Shop Together: German Industrial Relations in the Post-War Era* (2013)
Japan
Chalmers Johnson, MITI and the Japanese Miracle (1982)
William Grimes, Unmaking the Japanese Miracle (2001)
Gerlach and Lincoln, Japan’s Network Economy (2004)
Buchanan, Chai and Deakin, Hedge Fund Activism in Japan: The Limits of Shareholder Primacy (2012)

Subnational Models
Richard Locke, Remaking the Italian Economy (1995)
Annalee Saxenian, Regional Advantage: Culture and Competition in Silicon Valley and Route 128 (1996)

Sectoral Governance

The Micro-Institutions of Capitalism (10/22)

Labor Relations
Kathleen Thelen, How Institutions Evolve: The Political Economy of Skills in Germany, Britain, the United States, and Japan (2004)
Jake Rosenfeld, What Unions No Longer Do (2014)
* Kathleen Thelen, Varieties of Liberalization and the New Politics of Social Solidarity (2014)

Finance/ Corporate Governance
Véron, Autret, and Calichon, Smoke & Mirrors, Inc.: Accounting for Capitalism (2006)
Yves Tiberghien, Entrepreneurial States: Reforming Corporate Governance in France, Japan, and Korea (2007)
* Pepper Culpepper, Quiet Politics and Business Power: Corporate Control in Europe and Japan (2011)
Production Regimes

The Financial Crisis

Development Models (10/29)

Latin America
Peter Evans, *Dependent Development: The Alliance of Multinationals, State, and Local Capital in Brazil* (1979)
Southeast Asia
Tuong Vu, *Paths to Development in Asia: South Korea, Vietnam, China, and Indonesia* (2010)
Jeffrey Winters, *Oligarchy* (2011)

India
Adnan Naseemulah, *Development After Statism: Industrial Firms and the Political Economy of South Asia* (2016)

Building Market Institutions (11/5)

The Middle East/ North Africa
Adam Hanieh, *Capitalism and Class in the Gulf Arab States* (2011)
Steffen Hertog, *Princes, Brokers, and Bureaucrats: Oil and the State in Saudi Arabia* (2011)
Africa

East European (11/19)

Central Asia
China (11/26)

Nee and Opper, *Capitalism From Below: Markets and Institutional Change in China* (2012)
Minxin Pei, *China’s Crony Capitalism: The Dynamics of Regime Decay* (2016)