

**POLS 4510/5510: Democratization**  
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*"It has been said that democracy is the worst form of government  
except for all the others that have been tried from time to time." Winston Churchill*

In the contemporary world, democracies are under siege across the globe, and authoritarian regimes are on the rise. In this global context, we can raise questions like:

- Does it matter whether a regime is democratic? What is democracy good for?
- Are there certain conditions that are necessary to establish democratic regimes?
- Are there combinations of institutions that are particularly prone to failure?
- Can democracies be established in highly unequal or diverse societies?
- Why do democratic governments fail?

In this class, we try to answer these questions and more. We will examine theories of democratic transition and test them against available evidence from recent waves of democratization. For case studies, we will focus primarily on Eastern and Central Europe, but we will pay attention to developments in other countries from time to time.

One goal of this class is to help you enter an ongoing scholarly conversation about democratization. To join that conversation, you will need to assess a variety of competing explanations to decide which makes the most sense of the facts we can observe.

Another goal is to help you develop the skills you will need to engage in research about democratization. During the second half of the semester, you'll complete a research paper about some aspect of democratization in any area of the world that interests you.

A final goal is to reflect on the value of democracy in your own life and to think about ways to preserve it.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

After completing this class, you should be able to:

- Explain political and economic developments in the post-communist world and in a variety of democratizing countries.
- Evaluate theories that aim to explain where democracy is likely to flourish or fail.
- Evaluate how knowledge is advanced through constructive peer criticism.
- Conceive and conduct a research project that uses comparison to test a proposition derived from scholarly writing about democracy
- Assess methodological challenges in testing theories of democratization.
- Judge the contribution of democracy to a just society
- Examine how popular values affect democratic institutions

In addition, graduate students should be able to produce a comprehensive literature review.

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Thursday 12-2pm, and by appointment. E-mail me if you want an appointment.  
Feel free to drop by when my office door is open.

If you prefer to meet on Zoom, you'll need an appointment. We can use this link:

<https://slu.zoom.us/j/7172394449> (there is a waiting room set up, and you may need to wait a bit).

**REQUIRED BOOKS**

Jan Teorell. *Determinants of Democratization: Explaining Regime Change in the World, 1972-2006*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010.

Graduate students will also read: Christian Welzel, *Freedom Rising: Human Empowerment and the Quest for Emancipation* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013).

Additional readings are on e-reserve, and the password is demo23. To keep abreast of current developments in Eastern and Central Europe, try <http://www.rferl.org/>. If you have not already done so, be sure to activate your free digital *New York Times* subscription, courtesy of the SLU libraries and SGA. More info here: <https://libguides.slu.edu/newspapers/nyt>

**CATALOG COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course examines the process of developing new democratic systems, with particular focus on Eastern and Central Europe, theories of democratic transition, and interconnections between democratic and market systems.

**HOW WILL YOU KNOW HOW YOU ARE DOING?**

So that you can tell what you're learning – and where you may need to put in more effort – we'll have three higher-stakes assessments and a bunch of low-stakes assessments throughout the semester. All assignments will be submitted through the Canvas assignment tool.

*Higher-stakes assessments (55 percent of your final grade)*

- One essay of around 5 pages on a question I provide at least two weeks before the essay is due—15 percent of your grade, DUE MARCH 3, 5pm via Canvas
- One longer research paper, 15 pages for undergrads, 20 pages for grad students—30 percent of your grade, FINAL DRAFT DUE MAY 2, 11pm via Canvas (Earlier versions of parts of the paper are due between March 21 and April 11.)

This paper will test a theoretically-derived proposition through some form of comparison. The paper may focus on particular countries or groups of countries; it can rely on a small number of cases or a large-N dataset, either the same countries on which we focus in class or different ones. In any case, this paper will require a significant amount of outside research. More information on this paper will be provided in the middle of the semester, but it is never too early to start thinking about what you want to do.

- Final exam—10 percent. The final exam for grad students will be a single question of the sort that you might encounter in a field exam. Students may use well-organized notes during the exam but will not have time to rely on them heavily. MAY 9, 4-5:50pm.

For undergrads, the final exam will be a small group oral exam scheduled at your convenience during exam week.

*Low-stakes assessments (45 percent of your final grade)*

To give you a chance to practice the skills that you will need to do well in the higher-stakes assessments, there will be a variety of low-stakes assessments throughout the semester. These assignments and activities are designed to help you identify concepts that you may not fully understand or analytical skills that you may need to develop further. They will ask you to apply what you are learning in new ways and pull together concepts from across the semester. The more effort that you put into the low stakes assessments, the better you are likely to perform on the higher-stakes assessments.

Some of this work will be ungraded but useful to both you and me to tell what material may be more challenging to you. Some of this work will be graded, to provide you with an indication of how your understanding is progressing.

- Participation in class (25 percent of your final grade)  
You should come to class prepared to engage the material. This daily participation will help you apply the concepts you are learning and expose where you still have questions. To participate effectively, you will need to keep up to date with the assigned reading and continually think about how ideas from one set of readings relate to the others. You should be prepared to critically evaluate arguments made by the various authors, by other students, and by me. (Of course, we'll practice how to do this.) Sometimes, participating will mean contributing to all-class discussions, whether by asking questions or adding insights; sometimes we will have short group activities. You will receive a discussion grade for every class. This grade will be based on your contributions to class discussion and any more formal presentations. Other short assignments, group projects and quizzes, both pre-announced and not, could occur and would be factored into this discussion grade.
- Discussion leadership. Once during the semester, you and another student together will serve as "chief interlocutors" for class. This will be part of your participation grade. You should be very confident about the readings for the day and prepare three to five overarching questions that tie together the readings for class discussion. Prior to this responsibility, your group must meet with me, having e-mailed me the questions beforehand. We'll sign up in class for this responsibility.

Graduate students will also present on Christian Welzel's *Freedom Rising* on February 21.

- There will be a class Discussion Board open on Canvas throughout the semester. Participation in the discussion board is voluntary unless I direct otherwise. The discussion board is a place for you to process readings, raise questions that remain after our class discussions, or share insights. Comments on the discussion board will earn participation credit.
- Reading paragraphs (10 percent of your final grade)  
To advance our discussion and to help you master and integrate the readings, you will write "reading paragraphs" during some weeks. You cannot pass the class without seven assignments graded 2 or better (more information in the section below).
- Country specialization and website (10 percent of your final grade)  
Students will work in teams to develop expertise on the progress of democratization in Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, and Ukraine. Some resources are available on Canvas to get you started.

On March 28, each team will have up to 30 minutes to present on their country. Focus on political developments since the fall of communism. All group members should have a speaking part, and you should have a Powerpoint presentation. Try to make your country's experience meaningful to the other students. Keep in mind that it is hard to process a lot of new facts, all at once.

On March 28, each team will also share a website about your country. Provide information in a curated form that will be useful to the other students in the class. (A long list of articles won't help them.) This website can be updated throughout the semester. These websites will all link to our class Canvas page. You can use Canvas or another tool to create the website, as long as you link to our class Canvas page.

The main purpose of the country specialization assignment is to create people able to contribute relevant information about the real experiences of individual countries to our class discussion. Part of your grade for this assignment will reflect on-going contributions during class.

### READING PARAGRAPHS

Reading paragraphs must not exceed two, double-spaced, typed pages. The first paragraph should **summarize each of the week's readings in a couple sentences each**. Focus on conclusions and how they are reached. Rather than saying what the reading is "about," identify what the author "concludes."

The second paragraph should **analyze** some of the week's readings. There are different ways to analyze readings. For instance, you might consider whether the evidence presented is persuasive, the degree to which the various arguments complement or conflict with each other, what the implications are concerning the construction of democratic institutions in various parts of the world. As we get into the semester, you might compare one week's readings with arguments made in earlier weeks. The point is to provide thoughtful and empirically grounded analysis closely connected to the readings. It is often more effective to focus this part of the assignment on one reading instead of trying to cover them all superficially.

For credit, you need submit the paragraphs through Canvas *before* class. Paragraphs will be graded on a three-point scale (3—really good, 2—satisfactory, 1—inadequate). **All students must hand in at least seven paragraphs graded 2 or better.** You are welcome to hand in more than seven, and your added effort will be reflected in your participation grade. (This is a boost for shy people.) You can also use the paragraphs to give you a preview of how your work is likely to fare in the more conventionally graded essays. Needless to say, even if you don't write the paragraphs for a given week, you are still responsible for doing and understanding the reading.

All students must complete a course evaluation for the class.

### COURSE POLICIES

Attendance. This is a seminar class, and that means that it is grounded in discussion by students, not lecturing by me. You should think about class as a time for exploration: for figuring out what the readings mean; for critically evaluating arguments made by various authors, your classmates, and me; for connecting the assigned materials to other ideas. Attendance is required at all class sessions, unless you have an approved reason for missing class. If you are going to miss class, please e-mail me *before* the class you need to miss. I will excuse absences consistent with SLU's absence policy (see the end of this syllabus), but you are responsible for the work the class does in your absence. In some cases – a missed quiz, presentation, or group activity – there may be no way to make up the work after the fact. If you have not had the absence pre-approved by me, you will receive a grade of 0 for that activity. You will receive a 0 for every unexcused absence and these zeroes will be calculated as part of your participation grade. If you have more than two unexcused absences, we will need to talk about whether it is possible for you to pass the class. If you arrive late or leave early, I may mark you as absent. The winning strategy is to come to class.

To get an absence excused, you will need an excuse that I accept AND you must complete the reading paragraphs, not for credit toward the required total. Students who miss more than three classes for any reason may not be able to finish the course.

Late work. This is my approach to late essays: if I am still reading your fellow students' essays when you hand in yours, I will not penalize you for lateness. Once I am finished, I will mark down late essays a full letter grade (for instance, an A will become a B). However, you don't know how long it will take me to read your fellow students' essays, so there is some risk involved in handing in the paper late. Given the other pressures in your life, you may consider that risk acceptable. The risk-free strategy is to hand in work on time. (Note, this policy does not apply to in-class work, where you will receive a 0 if you miss class without an approved reason.)

Civility. Sometimes we will discuss controversial issues in class, and you may disagree with things you hear in class. You are always welcome to disagree either with me or with other students, but you must do so in a respectful and informed manner, appropriate to an institution of higher learning.

Plagiarism. It is critical that all work that you hand in is your own work and correctly gives credit to other sources that you consult. Plagiarized work will receive a grade of 0. Copying sections from someone else's work, even if you change the words around, counts as plagiarism.

Technology. While the most self-disciplined among us will not be distracted by the wealth of entertainments provided by the internet, laptops tend to reduce uninterrupted focus on what is happening in class. Laptops can even be a physical barrier between you and the person behind the raised screen. Most of the time, I will ask you to keep your laptops and phones closed and stored away.

**TIPS FOR SUCCESS**

Do all the reading and think about it. It is very difficult to fully engage with the topics we will be examining without doing the reading. I provide a reading question for each day to help you focus your reading on aspects we are likely to talk about in class.

I always like to talk to you. If you are having trouble with the material or the way we use class time, let me know. Please come to my office hours or make an appointment for a better time to talk. We can try to identify the problem and explore new strategies that, hopefully, will lead to greater success for you. If there is something that you want to share with me anonymously, please put a note in my mailbox in McGannon 128.

I am happy to give you feedback on anything you are working on. For written assignments, I will read papers in any form (outlines, partial drafts, full drafts) *before* they are due, and I will give you oral feedback. Since my feedback will be oral, we will need to schedule an appointment (in person or on Zoom) for you to get my comments.

Some of the phenomena discussed in this course – and some of the readings about them – are disturbing. We need to think hard about these uncomfortable features of radical change and autocratic governments if we are to understand them. I have selected course materials and activities that I think will support your learning, but you may come across material that makes you uncomfortable, perhaps particularly uncomfortable as a result of your own past experiences. If this is the case, we have several ways to alleviate discomfort:

- Discuss the situation in class. Our task in this class is to come to terms with some difficult concepts and behavior. We can help each other through this process.
- Come talk to me privately if there is something about your own experience that makes it hard to handle this information.
- If you are not comfortable discussing the issue with me directly, perhaps you can notify me through your academic adviser, another trusted faculty member, or a friend.

**GRADING SCALE**

A	93-100	B+	87-89	C+	77-79	D	60-70
A-	90-92	B	83-86	C	73-76	F	below 60
		B-	80-82	C-	70-72		

- A Quality Work – work of superior quality. Class participation is voluntary, frequent, relevant, and demonstrates thoughtful reflection on the readings. Written work is clear, correct in content and presentation, well-organized and thought-provoking. Performance on exams demonstrates complete mastery of facts and concepts and the ability to apply concepts to new situations.
- B Quality Work – work of high quality. Class participation is voluntary, frequent, and reflects effort to understand the readings. Written work reflects a good understanding of the issues and concepts with minimal error. Performance on exams demonstrates mastery of facts and concepts.
- C Quality Work – work that minimally meets the course requirements. Class participation is occasional and/or rarely voluntary, with comments that reveal only a superficial grasp of issues and concepts. Written work may be disorganized or contain errors. Performance on exams demonstrates knowledge of facts and concepts.
- D Quality Work – work that has minimal clarity and comprehension. Class participation is minimal, never voluntary, and reveals a lack of preparation and/or understanding. Absences are frequent. Written work is confusing, contradictory, repetitive, and/or not well supported. Writing is marred with errors. Performance on exams demonstrates minimal mastery of facts and concepts.
- F Quality Work – Unsatisfactory performance along most measures, often including missing assignments and excessive absence.

## WHAT IS DEMOCRACY?

**January 17 Defining democracy and the scope of our course**

Gerardo Munck, *Measuring Democracy* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009), ch. 6, "Revisiting Concepts," pp. 120-132 (on Canvas).

Freedom House, "Freedom in the World 2022: The Global Expansion of Authoritarian Rule,"  
<https://freedomhouse.org/report/freedom-world/2022/global-expansion-authoritarian-rule>

No reading paragraphs this week. There is a lot of country-based information in the Freedom House piece. There's no need to memorize it all.

Graduate students should get started reading Christian Welzel, *Freedom Rising* (see February 21).

*Additional readings if you are really interested in this topic:*

Benhabib, Seyla, ed. 1996. *Democracy and Difference*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Collier, David, and Steven Levitsky. 1997. "Democracy with Adjectives: Conceptual Innovation in Comparative Research." *World Politics* 49 (April): 430-521.

Dahl, Robert A. 1989. *Democracy and its Critics*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Dahl, Robert A. 2000. *On Democracy*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Gutmann, Amy, and Dennis Thompson. 2004. *Why Deliberative Democracy?* Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Held, David. 1987. *Models of Democracy*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.

Inkeles, Alex, ed. 1991. *On Measuring Democracy: Its Consequences and Concomitants* (New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers).

Levitsky, Steven, and Lucan A. Way. 2002. "Elections Without Democracy: The Rise of Competitive Authoritarianism." *Journal of Democracy* 13, no. 2 (April): 51-65.

Locke, John. 1985 [1690]. *The Second Treatise on Government*. New York: Macmillan.

Mainwaring, Scott, Daniel Brinks, and Aníbal Pérez-Liñán. 2001 "Classifying Political Regimes in Latin America, 1945-1999." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 36, no. 1 (Spring): 3.

Montesquieu, Charles. 1984. *The Spirit of the Laws*. Birmingham, AL: Legal Classics Library.

Munck, Gerardo. 2016. What is Democracy? A Reconceptualization of the Quality of Democracy. *Democratization*, 23 (1).

Polletta, Francesca. 2014. "Participatory Democracy's Moment." *Journal of International Affairs* 68, no. 1 (Fall/Winter): 79-92.

Rousseau, Jean-Jacques. 1973 [1762]. *The Social Contract and Discourses*. London: Everyman's Library.

Schmitter, Philippe C., and Terry Lynn Karl. 1991. "What Democracy Is...and Is Not." *Journal of Democracy* 2, no. 3 (Summer): 75-88.

Schaffer, Frederic Charles. 2014. "Thin Descriptions: The Limits of Survey Research on the Meaning of Democracy." *Polity* 46, no. 3 (July): 303-330.

Schumpeter, Joseph A. 1950. *Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy*. New York: Harper & Row.

**January 24 Democracy: What is it good for?**

ALL STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE THE READING PARAGRAPHS THIS WEEK.

Amartya Sen, "Democracy as a Universal Value," in *Journal of Democracy* 10, no. 3, 1999: 3-17 (e-reserve).

Mancur Olson, "Dictatorship, Democracy, and Development," *American Political Science Review* 87, no. 3 (September 1993): 567-576 (e-reserve).

Adam Przeworski, Michael E. Alvarez, José Antonio Cheibub, and Fernando Limongi, *Democracy and Development: Political Institutions and Well-Being in the World, 1950-1990* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2000), pp. 269-278 (e-reserve).

Vaclav Havel, "The Power of the Powerless," chapters I-IX or pp. 1-26 in the version on e-reserve from the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict (<https://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/resource/the-power-of-the-powerless/>).

Some resources:

Crozier, Michael J., and Samuel P. Huntington, and Joji Watanuki. 1975. *The Crisis of Democracy: Report on the Governability of Democracies to the Trilateral Commission*. New York: New York University Press.

Dawood, Yasmin. 2015. "Campaign Finance and American Democracy." *Annual Review of Political Science* 18: 329-48.

Gerring, John, Strom C. Thacker, and Rodrigo Alfaro. 2012. "Democracy and Human Development." *Journal of Politics* 74, no. 1 (January): 1-17.

Ganghof, S. 2016. "Reconciling Representation and Accountability: Three Visions of Democracy Compared." *Government and Opposition*, 51(2), 209-233.

Gilens, Martin, and Benjamin I. Page. 2014. "Testing Theories of American Politics: Elites, Interest Groups, and Average Citizens." *Perspectives on Politics* 12, no. 3 (September): 564-581.

Gould, Carol C. 2000. "Racism and Democracy Reconsidered." *Social Identities* 6, no. 4 (December): 425-439.

Hamilton, Alexander, James Madison, and John Jay. 1961 [1787-1788]. *The Federalist Papers*. New York: New American Library.

Hibbing, John R., and Elizabeth Theiss-Morse. 2002. *Stealth Democracy: Americans' Beliefs about How Government Should Work*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Norris, Pippa. 2011. *Democratic Deficit*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Waylen, Georgina. 2015. "Engendering the 'Crisis of Democracy': Institutions, Representation and Participation." *Government and Opposition* 50, no. 3: 495-520.

Wu, Chin-en. 2012. "When is Democracy Better for Economic Performance and when Is It Not: the Interaction Between Polity and Structural Factors." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 47: 365-388.

## THEORIES OF DEMOCRATIZATION AND CONSOLIDATION

**January 31 Founding Scholars**

ALL STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE THE READING PARAGRAPHS THIS WEEK.

Seymour Martin Lipset, "Some Social Requisites of Democracy: Economic Development and Political Legitimacy," *American Political Science Review* 53 (March 1959): 69-105 (e-reserve).

Dankwart Rustow, "Transitions to Democracy: Toward a Dynamic Model," *Comparative Politics* 2 (1970): 337-63 (e-reserve).

Guillermo O'Donnell and Philippe C. Schmitter, "Concluding (but not Capitulating) with a Metaphor," from *Transitions from Authoritarian Rule: Tentative Conclusions about Uncertain Democracies* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1986), pp. 65-72 (e-reserve).

Robert Putnam, "Bowling Alone: America's Declining Social Capital," *Journal of Democracy* 6, no. 1 (1995): 65-77 (e-reserve).

Ronald Inglehart and Christian Welzel, *Modernization, Cultural Change, and Democracy: The Human Development Sequence* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005), pp. 1-5 (e-reserve).

Di Palma, Giuseppe. 1990. *To Craft Democracies: An Essay on Democratic Transitions*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Huntington, Samuel P. 1991. *The Third Wave: Democratization in the Late Twentieth Century*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press.

Huntington, Samuel P. 1991-2. "How Countries Democratize." *Political Science Quarterly* 106 (Winter): 579-616.

Huntington, Samuel P. 1991. "Democracy's Third Wave," *Journal of Democracy* 2, no. 2: 12-34.

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

Karl, Terry Lynn, and Philippe C. Schmitter. 1991. "Modes of Transition in Latin America, Southern and Eastern Europe." *International Social Science Journal* May: 269-284.

Lichbach, Mark I. 2013. *Democratic Theory and Causal Methodology in Comparative Politics*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Linz, Juan J. and Alfred Stepan. 1996. *Problems of Democratic Transition and Consolidation: Southern Europe, South America, and Post-Communist Europe*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press.

Lipset, Seymour Martin. 1981. [1959]. *Political Man: The Social Bases of Politics*. Expanded edition. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins.

Muller, Edward N., and Mitchell A. Seligson. 1994. "Civic Culture and Democracy: The Question of Causal Relationships." *American Political Science Review* 88, no. 3 (September 1994): 635-652.

O'Donnell, Guillermo, and Philippe C. Schmitter. 1986. *Transitions from Authoritarian Rule*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press.

Schmitter, Philippe C., with Terry Lynn Karl. 1994. "The Conceptual Travels of Transitologists and Consolidologists: How Far East Should They Attempt to Go?" *Slavic Review* 53 (Spring): 173-185.



**February 7 Social forces—Structural explanations**

ALL STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE THE READING PARAGRAPHS THIS WEEK.

Barrington Moore, *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy* (Boston: Beacon Press, 1966), ch. 7, "The Democratic Route to Modern Society," pp. 413-432 (e-reserve). Make sure you understand the theoretical argument and pay attention to the historical detail insofar as it helps you make sense of the theoretical argument.

Evelyn Huber, Dietrich Rueschemeyer, and John D. Stephens, "The Impact of Economic Development on Democracy," *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 7, no. 3 (Summer 1993): 71-86 (e-reserve).

Michael L. Ross, "What Have We Learned about the Resource Curse?" *Annual Review of Political Science* 18 (2015): 239-259 (e-reserve).

Bellin, Eva. 2000. "Contingent Democrats: Industrialists, Labor, and Democratization in Late-Developing Countries." *World Politics* 52 (January): 175-205.

Bermeo, Nancy. 2010. "Interests, inequality, and Illusion in the Choice for Fair Elections," *Comparative Political Studies* 43, nos. 8/9 (2010): 1119-1147.

Cheibub, J. A., J. Gandhi, and J.R. Vreeland. 2010. "Democracy and dictatorship revisited." *Public Choice* 143 (1-2): 1-35.

Dunning, T. 2008. *Crude Democracy: Natural Resource Wealth and Political Regimes*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Epstein, David L., Robert Bates, Jack Goldstone, Ida Kristensen, and Sharyn O'Halloran. 2006. "Democratic Transitions." *American Journal of Political Science* 50, no. 3 (July): 551-569.

Rosenfeld, Bryn. 2017. "Reevaluating the Middle-Class Protest Paradigm: A Case-Control Study of Democratic Protest Coalitions in Russia." *American Political Science Review* 111, no. 4: 637-652.

Ross, Michael. 2001. "Does Oil Hinder Democracy?" *World Politics* 53, no. 3 (April): 325-61.

Ross, Michael. 2001. "Oil, Islam, and Women." *American Political Science Review* 102 (1): 107-23.

Ross, Michael. 2012. *The Oil Curse: How Petroleum Wealth Shapes the Development of Nations*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Rueschemeyer, Dietrich, Evelyn Huber Stephens, and John D. Stephens. 1992. *Capitalist Development and Democracy*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Skocpol, Theda. 1973. "A Critical Review of Barrington Moore's *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*." *Politics and Society* 4:1-34.

Snyder, Richard. 2006. "Does Lootable Wealth Breed Disorder: A Political Economy of Extraction Framework." *Comparative Political Studies* October.

Wright, J., E. Frantz, B. Geddes. 2015. "Oil and autocratic regime survival." *British Journal of Political Science* 45: 287-306.

Zgurić, Borna. 2012. "Challenges for democracy in countries affected by the 'Arab Spring.'" *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 23, no. 4 (October): 417-434.

**February 14 Rational Choice Approaches**

Barbara Geddes, "What Do We Know About Democratization After Twenty Years?" *Annual Review of Political Science* 2 (1999):115-144 (e-reserve).

Daron Acemoglu and James A. Robinson 2001. "A Theory of Political Transitions." *American Economic Review* 91: 938-963 (e-reserve).

For these articles, focus on the authors' main conclusions. Read the game theory parts for explanations of how they reached those conclusions. Do not worry about understanding each equation.

Acemoglu, Daron, and James A. Robinson. 2005. *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Acemoglu, Daron, Simon Johnson, and James Robinson. 2001. "The Colonial Origins of Comparative Development: An Empirical Investigation." *American Economic Review* 91: 1369-1401.

Albertus, Michael, and Victor Menaldo. 2013. "Gaming Democracy: Elite Dominance during Transition and the Prospects for Redistribution," *British Journal of Political Science* 44: 575-603.

Boix, Carles. 2003. *Democracy and Redistribution*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Boix, Carles, and Susan Stokes. 2003. "Endogenous Democratization." *World Politics* 55: 517-549.

Brownlee, Jason. 2010. "Unrequited Moderation: Credible Commitments and State Repression in Egypt." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 45, no. 4 (December): 468-489.

Gandhi, Jennifer, and Adam Przeworski. 2007. "Authoritarian Institutions and the Survival of Autocrats." *Comparative Political Studies* 40, issue 11 (November): 1279-1301.

Gandhi, Jennifer, and Ellen Lust-Okar. 2009. "Elections under Authoritarianism." *Annual Review of Political Science* 12: 403-22.

Gandhi, Jennifer. 2013. "The incentives for pre-electoral coalitions in non-democratic elections." *Democratization* 20, issue 1 (January): 137-159.

Haggard, Stephan, and Robert R. Kaufman. 1995. *The Political Economy of Democratic Transitions*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Kuran, Timur. 1991. "Now Out of Never: The Element of Surprise in the East European Revolution of 1989." *World Politics* 44 (October): 7-48.

Nalepa, Monika. 2010. "Captured Commitments: An Analytic Narrative of Transitions with Transitional Justice." *World Politics* 62, 2 (April): 341-380.

Schedler, Andreas. 2002. "The Nested Game of Democratization by Election." *International Political Science Review* 23(1): 103-22.

Svolik, Milan W. 2013. "Learning to Love Democracy: Electoral Accountability and the Success of Democracy." *American Journal of Political Science* 57, no. 3 (July): 685-702.

Svolik, Milan. 2019. "Democracy as an equilibrium: rational choice and formal political theory in democratization research." *Democratization* 26, no. 1 (January): 40-60.

**February 21 Popular action and belief**

Bermeo, Nancy. 1997. "Myths of Moderation: Confrontation and Conflict during Democratic Transitions." *Comparative Politics* 29 (3): 305-22 (e-reserve).

Olga Zelinska. 2020. "How Protesters and the State Learn From One Another: Spiraling Repertoires of Contention and Repression in Ukraine, 1990-2014," *American Behavioral Scientist* 64, no. 9: 1271-1298 (e-reserve).

Chenoweth, Erica. 2020. "The Future of Nonviolent Resistance." *Journal of Democracy* 31, no. 3 (July 2020): 69-84 (e-reserve).

Christian Welzel, "Why the Future is Democratic," *Journal of Democracy* 32, no. 2 (April 2021): 132-144 (e-reserve).

GRADUATE STUDENT PRESENTATION on Christian Welzel, *Freedom Rising: Human Empowerment and the Quest for Emancipation* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013). More information on Canvas.

Beissinger, Mark R. 2002. *Nationalist Mobilization and the Collapse of the Soviet State*. New York: Cambridge..

Beissinger, Mark R. 2013. "The Semblance of Democratic Revolution: Coalitions in Ukraine's Orange Revolution," *American Political Science Review* 107, no. 3 (August): 574-592.

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Bring a complete draft of your essay to class. We will exchange them and offer comments.

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**March 14 SPRING BREAK—No class**

## TESTING THEORIES OF DEMOCRATIZATION

### March 21 Empirical test

Jan Teorell, *Determinants of Democratization: Explaining Regime Change in the World, 1972-2006* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010). Read the whole book, making sure that you keep track of Teorell's empirical findings. Teorell provides a summary on pp. 142-144.

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## ISSUES IN POST-COMMUNIST DEMOCRATIZATION

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Mitchell A. Orenstein and Bojan Bugarič, "Work, family, Fatherland: the political economy of populism in central and Eastern Europe," *Journal of European Public Policy* (pre-publication, 2020): 1-20 (e-reserve).

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Five-minute presentations on research projects (for those who signed up for this date)

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Graduate students must also hand in the LITERATURE REVIEW

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Be prepared to talk about institutional choices in your specialization country.

Five-minute presentations on research projects (for those who signed up for this date)

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**April 25 Student reports on final papers**

No reading assignment.

Complete draft of ESSAY TWO due in class (we will exchange).

Be prepared to give a five-minute presentation on your research project if you have not already done so.

**May 2 Backsliding**

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Be prepared to talk about backsliding in your specialization country.

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**May 9**

Grad students: written FINAL EXAM 4-5:50 pm

Undergrad students: We will schedule small group oral exams earlier during exam week as they fit in your schedule.

**Datasets: Measures of Democracy and More**

<https://freedomhouse.org/reports/publication-archives>. Freedom House is a non-profit, non-partisan organization publishing the annual *Freedom in the World* surveys and the Freedom House Index of Political Rights and Civil Liberties.

[www.systemicpeace.org/polity/polity4.htm](http://www.systemicpeace.org/polity/polity4.htm). The Polity IV project web site contains information on, and access to, the most recent update of the Polity data series.

<http://www.prio.no/Data/Governance/Vanhanens-index-of-democracy/>. Tatu Vanhanen's index of democracy and Polyarchy dataset.

<http://www.hks.harvard.edu/fs/pnorris/Data/Data.htm>. Pippa Norris' website provides an integrated dataset merging four democracy measures.

<https://www.idea.int/data-tools>. The International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance has collected a number of information databases on different areas of democracy and elections worldwide.

[www.worldvaluessurvey.org](http://www.worldvaluessurvey.org). This is the homepage of the World Values Survey Association. It presents and offers for download survey data from some 80 societies covering a period from 1981 to 2014.

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/> The International Consortium for Political and Social Research offers access to all kinds of social science data.

[www.ipu.org](http://www.ipu.org). The IPU Parline Database archives data on women's representation in parliaments and on the most recent parliamentary elections in most countries.

[www.cses.org](http://www.cses.org). The Comparative Study of Electoral Systems data project has data available for download

[www.europeansocialsurvey.org](http://www.europeansocialsurvey.org). The European Social Survey offers public opinion data for download.

[www.broadleft.org](http://www.broadleft.org). Leftist Parties of the World contains summary information on leftist parties and organizations.

[www.politicsresources.net/](http://www.politicsresources.net/). This website has many resources relevant to the study of politics and government, including most constitutions.

<http://psephos.adam-carr.net>. Adam Carr's Election Archive contains election statistics from 182 countries.

<http://www.afrobarometer.org/>. An African-led series of national public attitude surveys on democracy and governance in Africa.

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#### **Academic Integrity**

*Academic integrity is honest, truthful and responsible conduct in all academic endeavors.* The mission of Saint Louis University is "the pursuit of truth for the greater glory of God and for the service of humanity." Accordingly, all acts of falsehood demean and compromise the corporate endeavors of teaching, research, health care, and community service through which SLU fulfills its mission. The University strives to prepare students for lives of personal and professional integrity, and therefore regards all breaches of academic integrity as matters of serious concern. The full University-level Academic Integrity Policy can be found on the Provost's Office website at: [https://www.slu.edu/provost/policies/academic-and-course/policy\\_academic-integrity\\_6-26-2015.pdf](https://www.slu.edu/provost/policies/academic-and-course/policy_academic-integrity_6-26-2015.pdf).

Additionally, each SLU College, School, and Center has its own academic integrity policies, available on their respective websites. Information for the College of Arts and Sciences can be found here: <https://www.slu.edu/arts-and-sciences/student-resources/academic-honesty.php>

#### **Disability Accommodations**

Students with a documented disability who wish to request academic accommodations must formally register their disability with the University. Once successfully registered, students also must notify their course instructor that they wish to use their approved accommodations in the course.

Please contact the Center for Accessibility and Disability Resources (CADR) to schedule an appointment to discuss accommodation requests and eligibility requirements. Most students on the St. Louis campus will contact CADR, located in the Student Success Center and available by email at [accessibility\\_disability@slu.edu](mailto:accessibility_disability@slu.edu) or by phone at [314.977.3484](tel:314.977.3484). Once approved, information about a student's

eligibility for academic accommodations will be shared with course instructors by email from CADR and within the instructor's official course roster. Students who do not have a documented disability but who think they may have one also are encouraged to contact CADR. Confidentiality will be observed in all inquiries.

### **Title IX**

Saint Louis University and its faculty are committed to supporting our students and seeking an environment that is free of bias, discrimination, and harassment. If you have encountered any form of sexual harassment, including sexual assault, stalking, domestic or dating violence, we encourage you to report this to the University. If you speak with a faculty member about an incident that involves a Title IX matter, **that faculty member must notify SLU's Title IX Coordinator and share the basic facts of your experience.** This is true even if you ask the faculty member not to disclose the incident. The Title IX Coordinator will then be available to assist you in understanding all of your options and in connecting you with all possible resources on and off campus.

Anna Kratky is the Title IX Coordinator at Saint Louis University (DuBourg Hall, room 36; [anna.kratky@slu.edu](mailto:anna.kratky@slu.edu); 314-977-3886). If you wish to speak with a confidential source, you may contact the counselors at the University Counseling Center at 314-977-TALK or make an anonymous report through SLU's Integrity Hotline by calling 1-877-525-5669 or online at <http://www.lighthouse-services.com/slu>. To view SLU's policies, and for resources, please visit the following web addresses: <https://www.slu.edu/about/safety/sexual-assault-resources/index.php>.

IMPORTANT UPDATE: SLU's Title IX Policy (formerly called the Sexual Misconduct Policy) has been significantly revised to adhere to a new federal law governing Title IX that was released on May 6, 2020. Please take a moment to review the new policy and information at the following web address: <https://www.slu.edu/about/safety/sexual-assault-resources/index.php>. Please contact the Anna Kratky, the Title IX Coordinator, with any questions or concerns.

### **Face Masks**

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, key safeguards like face masks have allowed SLU to safely maintain in-person learning. If public health conditions and local, state, and federal restrictions demand it, the University may require that all members of our campus community wear face masks indoors.

**Therefore, any time a University-level face mask requirement is in effect, face masks will be required in this class.** This expectation will apply to all students and instructors, unless a medical condition warrants an exemption from the face mask requirement (see below).

**When a University-wide face mask requirement is in effect**, the following will apply:

- Students who attempt to enter a classroom without wearing masks will be asked by the instructor to put on their masks prior to entry. Students who remove their masks during a class session will be asked by the instructor to resume wearing their masks.
- Students and instructors may remove their masks briefly to take a sip of water but should replace masks immediately. The consumption of food will not be permitted.
- Students who do not comply with the expectation that they wear a mask in accordance with the University-wide face mask requirement may be subject to disciplinary actions per the rules, regulations, and policies of Saint Louis University, including but not limited to those outlined in the *Student Handbook*. Non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including any of the following:
  - dismissal from the course(s)
  - removal from campus housing (if applicable)
  - dismissal from the University
- To immediately protect the health and well-being of all students, instructors, and staff, instructors reserve the right to cancel or terminate any class session at which any student fails to comply with a University-wide face mask requirement.

**When a University-wide face mask requirement is not in effect**, students and instructors may choose to wear a face mask or not, as they prefer for their own individual comfort level.

#### **ADA Accommodations for Face Mask Requirements**

Saint Louis University is committed to maintaining an inclusive and accessible environment. Individuals who are unable to wear a face mask due to medical reasons should contact the Office of Disability Services (students) or Human Resources (instructors) to initiate the accommodation process identified in the University's [ADA Policy](#). Inquiries or concerns may also be directed to the [Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity](#). Notification to instructors of SLU-approved ADA accommodations should be made in writing prior to the first class session in any term (or as soon thereafter as possible).

#### **In-Person Class Attendance and Participation**

The health and well-being of SLU's students, staff, and faculty are critical concerns, as is the quality of our learning environments. Accordingly, the following University policy statements on in-person class attendance are designed to preserve and advance the collective health and well-being of our institutional constituencies and to create the conditions in which all students have the opportunity to learn and successfully complete their courses.

1. Students who exhibit any [potential COVID-19 symptoms](#) (those that cannot be attributed to some other medical condition the students are known to have, such as allergies, asthma, etc.) shall absent themselves from any in-person class attendance or in-person participation in any class-related activity until they have been evaluated by a qualified medical official. Students should contact the [University Student Health Center](#) for immediate assistance.
2. Students (whether exhibiting any of potential COVID-19 symptoms or not, and regardless of how they feel) who are under either an isolation or quarantine directive issued by a qualified health official must absent themselves from all in-person course activities per the stipulations of the isolation or quarantine directive.
3. Students are responsible for notifying their instructor of an absence as far in advance as possible; when advance notification is not possible, students are responsible for notifying each instructor as soon after the absence as possible. Consistent with the [University Attendance Policy](#), students also are responsible for all material covered in class and must work with the instructor to complete any required work. In situations where students must be absent for an extended period of time due to COVID-19 isolation or quarantine, they also must work with the instructor to determine the best way to maintain progress in the course as they are able based on their health situation.
4. Consistent with the [University Attendance Policy](#), students may be asked to provide medical documentation when a medical condition impacts a student's ability to attend and/or participate in class for an extended period of time.
5. As a temporary amendment to the current [University Attendance Policy](#), all absences due to illness or an isolation/quarantine directive issued by a qualified health official, or due to an adverse reaction to a COVID-19 vaccine, shall be considered "Authorized" absences.