

Political Science 597.02
Problems in the Contemporary World --
Economics and Democratization

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Course Description: The relationship between economics and democratization is one that is often mentioned in the popular media. Will economic trends in China result in democracy? Will new democracies in Latin America, Eastern Europe and Asia be able to endure? Yet despite great deal of attention given to the issue, most people in the general public, the press and even in some major policy think tanks have only a very minimal understanding of how economics affects the prospects for successful democracy. In this class, we will be reading and analyzing many of the “classics” in political science on the relationship between economics and democratization. It might seem a little strange that we will be reading many works from the 1960s and 1970s in a contemporary problems class, but these works set the stage for our understanding of modern political phenomena. Students will use these works as the foundation for analyzing the political climate in a country of their interest.

Assignments and Grading: The grading for this class will mostly be based on two tests and a 10-15 page research paper. There will also be some credit assigned based on classroom participation, but this will only be assigned as bonus credit. However, if class participation and/or attendance becomes a problem, I will reserve the right to give quizzes which will count against the final grade. The anticipated makeup of the final grade will be:

Mid-term Exam	20 pts.
Final Exam	20 pts.
Class Presentation	10 pts.
Final Paper	50 pts.
Class participation	up to 3 pts. (bonus)
Total	<hr/> 100+ pts.

Readings: All readings are available in at least two of three formats. Most of the articles are available online via jstor (www.jstor.org). You can also find the books and articles online via electronic reserve and in the library at the reserve desk. If you have any problems finding any of the readings, please let me know as soon as possible.

The Paper: The final paper will be a 10-15 page original research project. There are a couple of options for you to choose from. Since time is a factor, the first option is a guided case study. Students will choose a country to study in the first week. They will then analyze the way that a particular economic development has effected politics in that country. Students can choose to focus on how a particular economic group or class affects politics, or they can look at how more general political trends have changed the way that policy is conducted. The other option is for the student to design an original study (either quantitative or qualitative) that addresses an issue related to the course topic. Students who choose this option should consult with me on their project idea as soon as possible, and we will work out a plan to pursue that project.

Course Schedule:

Week 1

June 21: Introduction to the Course

June 22: Economic Modernization and its Effects on Society

Lerner, Daniel (1958). *The Passing of Traditional Society: Modernizing the Middle East*. London, UK: Collier-MacMillan Limited. (p. 19-42)

June 23: Understanding Legitimacy

Weber, Max. (1968). "The Types of Legitimate Domination." In *Economy and Society*. G. Roth and K. Wittich (eds.). New York: Bedminster. (ch. 3, p. 212-307 selections)

June 24: Aspects of Modernization

Deutsch, Karl W. (1961). "Social Mobilization and Political Development." *The American Political Science Review* 55(3): 493-514. jstor

June 25: Economic Development and Democracy

Lipset, Seymour Martin. (1960). *Political Man: The Social Bases of Politics*. Garden City, NY: Doubleday. (ch. 2, p.27-63)

Week 2

June 28: Modernization and Political Order

Huntington, Samuel P. (1968). *Political Order in Changing Societies*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press. (ch. 1, p.1-92)

June 29: Modernization and Political Order (cont'd)

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June 30: Economic Development and Authoritarianism

O'Donnell, Guillermo. (1973). *Modernization and Bureaucratic-Authoritarianism: Studies in South American Politics*. Berkeley, CA: Institute of International Studies, University of California. (ch. 2, p. 51-76)

July 1: Endogenous and Exogenous Theories of Modernization

Przeworski, Adam, and Fernando Limongi. (1997). "Modernization: Theories and Facts." *World Politics* 49(2): 155-183. jstor

July 2: Political Regimes and Economic Growth

Przeworski, Adam and Fernando Limongi. (1993). "Political Regimes and Economic Growth." *The Journal of Economic Perspectives* 7(3): 51-69. jstor

Week 3

July 5: no class (HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!!!)

July 6: Marx and Class Analysis

Klosko, George. (1995). *History of Political Theory: An Introduction*, vol. 2. Fort Worth, TX: Harcourt Brace. (ch.10, p.413-460)

July 7: Bourgeoisie and Democracy

Moore, Barrington. (1966). *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy: Lord and Peasant in the Making of the Modern World*. Boston: Beacon Press. (ch. 7, p. 413-432)

July 8: Agrarianism and Authoritarianism

Moore, Barrington. (1966). *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy: Lord and Peasant in the Making of the Modern World*. Boston: Beacon Press. (ch. 8, p.433-452)

July 9: Dominant Classes

Paige, Jeffrey M. (1997). *Coffee and Power: Revolution and the Rise of Democracy in Central America*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. (ch. 1, p. 13-52)

Week 4

July 12: Midterm Exam

July 13: Peasants and Politics

Scott, James C. (1977). *The Moral Economy of the Peasant*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press. (intro and ch. 1, p. 1-34)

July 14: World Systems Theory

Cardoso, Fernando Henrique and Enzo Faletto. (1979). *Dependency and Development in Latin America*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press. (preface, p. vii-xxv).

July 15: Natural Resources and Politics

Ascher, William. (1999). *Why Governments Waste Natural Resources: Policy Failures in Developing Countries*. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins. (ch. 1, p. 1-31)

July 16: Economic Growth and Legitimacy

Epstein, Edward C. (1984). "Legitimacy, Institutionalization, and Opposition in Exclusionary Bureaucratic-Authoritarian Regimes: The Situation in the 1980s." *Comparative Politics* 17(1): 37-54. jstor

Week 5

July 19: International Organizations (The IMF)

Stiglitz, Joseph E. (2002). *Globalization and its Discontents*. New York: W.W. Norton & Company. (ch. 1, p. 3-22)

July 20: Class Presentations

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