Political Science 744
Democratic Transitions

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Course Description

What do they know of England who only England know? – Rudyard Kipling
Officials come to their positions of power in ways that vary over time and space. Comparativists have, historically, focused their attentions on democracies and on transitions from non-democratic regimes to democratic ones. This seminar aims to have a different, broader focus: the politics of non-democratic regimes and regime transitions of all kinds, with an emphasis on empirical analysis.

Course Requirements

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Participation & Attendance – The course is a seminar and so your attendance and active participation in the discussion is required. Each student will be asked to take the lead in discussing the week’s reading once through the quarter.

Response papers – Each student is responsible for writing 3 response papers during the quarter. Response papers synthesize the readings of the week. The brief two to three page pieces are shared with the class and instructor by noon on Monday before our session.

Research Prospectus – By the end of the quarter, students are expected to turn in a research prospectus. The nature of the prospectus is described in the Week 1 piece by Roeder and in course discussions. All students should send me: (1) an idea by week 4, (2) an abstract and outline by week 6, (3) a list of data sources by week 8.

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It is the responsibility of the Committee on Academic Misconduct to investigate or establish procedures for the investigation of all reported cases of student academic misconduct. For more information, see the Code of Student Conduct (studentaffairs.osu.edu/resource_csc.asp).

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needs. The Office for Disability Services is located in 150 Pomerene Hall, 1760 Neil Avenue; telephone 292-3307, TDD 292-0901; http://www.ods.ohio-state.edu/.

Schedule of Readings
Available on carmen.osu.edu and/or with links below.
* designates recommended, not required readings.

Week 01 – Introduction
Jan. 3

Week 02 – Measurement of Democracy
Jan. 10


Week 03 – Authoritarian Regimes Types
Jan. 17

Week 04 – Development and Democracy
Jan. 24


Week 05 – Transitions I
Jan. 31


Week 06 – Transitions II
Feb. 7
**Week 07 – Regime Survival – Control and Violence**
Feb. 14


**Week 08 – Regimes and Redistribution**
Feb. 21


**Week 09 – Elections in Non-Democracies**
Feb. 28


**Week 10 – Prospectus Presentations**
Mar. 6

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