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Political Science 5445, Fall 2013  
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PS5445: Democratization

Course Description

This graduate course offers an introduction to the extensive literature on democratization. The course addresses both domestic and international influences on the cause of democratization, as well as the effects of democratization.

Course Requirements

Final Paper: Students must write an original research project ~ 25 pages in length.

Readings: Required readings are available through e-reserves (password: demos). Recommended readings are also provided each week as a potential resource for further research.

Discussions: Students must lead discussion at least twice in the semester, depending on course enrollment. Students leading each session are expected to draw from some of the recommended readings each week, and to connect the readings to current events or policy discussion.

Grades

Class Participation: 20%  
Class Presentations: 30%  
Research Paper: 50%

Course Calendar

Week 1: Introduction (08-27-2013). No Readings/Discussion

PART 1: WHAT IS DEMOCRACY?

Week 2: Conceptualizations and Measures of Democracy (09-03-2013).


Comparative Political Studies 35 (1): 5-34.


Data and Measures:


Polity IV: http://www.systemicpeace.org/polity/polity4.htm (See: Polity IV Data Series v.2007)

Vanhanen's index of democracy http://www.prio.no/CSCW/Datasets/Governance/Vanhanens-index-of-democracy/

PART II: DOMESTIC FACTORS

Week 3: Elections in Non-Democracies (09-10-2013).


Week 4: Economic Factors (09-17-2013)


**Week 5: Environment /Natural Resources (09-24-2013)**


**Week 6: Democracy's Effect on the Economy (10-01-2013)**


Week 7: Domestic Actors (10-08-2013)


PART III: INTERNATIONAL FACTORS

Week 8: Foreign Aid Assistance/Economic Sanctions (10-15-2013)


**WEEK 9: (10-22-2013) PAPER TOPIC AND OUTLINES DUE. NO CLASS**

Week 10: International Organizations (10-29-2013)


**Week 11: Civil and International War as Cause of Democracy (11-05-2013)**


**Week 12: Democracy’s Effect on Civil and International War (11-12-2013)**


**Week 13-15: Class Presentations (11/19/2010; 11/26/2013 (Thanksgiving Break); 12-03-2013)**

**FINAL PAPER DUE: 12/12/13 (Thursday @ 12pm)**