

Democracy, Dictatorship and the International System

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Tuesdays noon – 1:30 pm

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Course Description: Master-or PhD level seminar. How do different political regimes arise and change? This course will look at the different regime types in the world, their definitions, historical roots and evolution. Some of the main readings in political science on authoritarian regimes and their breakdown will be considered. Explaining authoritarian resilience and fragility will be a part of the course. The role of elections will be discussed. Emphasis is on concepts and arguments, not on memorizing mechanical facts.

Week 1

Chapters from Robert A. Dahl. *Polyarchy: Participation and Opposition*. Yale, New Haven, CT, 1971

Geddes, Barbara. 'Changes in the Causes of Democratization Through Time' in , pp 278-298.

Week 2

Charles Boix. Democracy, development, and the international system. *American Political Science Review*, 105(4):809–28, 2011

Geddes - Changes in Democratization over time

Geddes - Role of Int'l Factors for Collapse of Authoritarian Regimes

Week 3

Milan Svobik. *The Politics of Authoritarian Rule*. Cambridge University, New York, 2012
Chapters 1-2-3

optional: Jennifer Gandhi. *Political Institutions under Dictatorship*. Cambridge University
Press, New York, 2008, Chapter 2

optional: Malesky, Edmund and Schuler, Paul. 2010. Nodding or needling: Analyzing
delegate responsiveness in an authoritarian parliament. *American Political Science
Review*, 104(3):482-502.

Week 4

Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson. *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*.
Cambridge University, New York, 2006, excerpts

Chapter 2 and all pages to page 99 in Chapter 3 from Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, Alastair
Smith, Randolph M. Siverson, and James D. Morrow. *The Logic of Political Survival*.
Massachusetts Institute of Technology Press, Cambridge, 2003

Adam Przeworski, Michael Alvarez, Jose Cheibub, and Fernando Limongi. *Democracy and
Development: Political Institutions and Well-Being in the World, 1950-1990*. Cam-
bridge University Press, New York, 2000, Pp. 3-59.

Week 5

James D. Fearon. Self-enforcing democracy. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 126(4):1661–
1708, 2011

Susan Hyde. The observer effect in international politics: Evidence from a natural experi-
ment. *World Politics*, 60(1):37–63, 2007

Corrupting the Cyber-Commons: Social Media as a Tool of Autocratic Stability by Seva
Gunitsky [LINK](#)

Week 6

Flores Nooruddin Book: pp.1-38

Chapters 1,3 and 5 in Steven Levitsky and Lucan Way. *Competitive Authoritarianism:
Hybrid Regimes After the Cold War*. Cambridge, New York, 2010

optional: Gehlbach Simpser AJPS

Week 7

Timur Kuran. Sparks and prairie fires: A theory of unanticipated political revolution. *Public Choice*, 61:41–47, 1989

Joshua Tucker. Enough! electoral fraud, collective action problems, and Post-Communist colored revolutions. *Perspectives on Politics*, 5(03):535–551, 2007

Karrie Koesel and Valerie Bunce. Diffusion-proofing: Russian and chinese responses to waves of popular mobilizations against authoritarian rulers. *Perspectives on Politics*, 11:753–768, 2013

AUTOMATIC CROWD ANALYSIS FROM VERY HIGH RESOLUTION SATELLITE IMAGES by Beril Sirmacek, Peter Reinartz German Aerospace Center (DLR), Remote Sensing Technology Institute, Germany In: Stilla U et al (Eds) PIA11. International Archives of Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing and Spatial Information Sciences 38 (3/W22) LINK

Week 8

Alan Angell. International support for the chilean opposition, 1973-1989: Political parties and the role of exiles. In Laurence Whitehead, editor, *The International Dimensions of Democratization*, pages 175–226. Oxford University Press, New York, 1996

Van Coufoudakis. The european economic community and the ‘freezing’ of the greek association, 1967-1974. *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 16:114–131, 1977

Milada Vachudova. The leverage of international institutions on democratizing states: Eastern europe and the european union. Robert Shuman Center for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Florence, Italy, 2001. EUI Working Paper

The Effect of Labor Migration on the Diffusion of Democracy: Evidence from a Former Soviet Republic by Toman Barsbai, Hillel Rapoport, Andreas Steinmayr, Christoph Trebesch LINK

Week 9 Propaganda

“Electoral Effects of Biased Media Russian Television in Ukraine” by Leonid Peisakhin and Arturas Rozenas

“The Pathology of Propaganda” (paper on China in ILIAS)

“How the Chinese Government Fabricates Social Media Posts for Strategic Distraction, not Engaged Argument” by Gary King, Jennifer Pan, and Margaret E. Roberts. Forthcoming. *American Political Science Review*, 2017. Copy at [LINK](#)

“Will Democracy Survive Big Data and Artificial Intelligence?” *Scientific American* [LINK](#)

Week 10

Steven Fish. *Are Muslims Distinctive? A Look at the Evidence*. Oxford University Press, New York, NY, 2011, Chapters 2 and 7

Amaney Jamal. *Barriers to Democracy: The Other Side of Social Capital in Palestine and the Arab World*. Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, 2007 pp. 1-49.

Week 11

Kono, Daniel Y./Montinola, Gabriella R. 2009. Does Foreign Aid Support Autocrats, Democrats, or Both? *Journal of Politics* 71(2): 704-718.

Sarr, Mare/Ravetti, Chiara/Swanson, Tim. 2015. Why Give Aid to Resource-Rich Autocrats? *The Graduate Institute Geneva Research Paper* 39: 1-32 [LINK](#)

“Dealing with Tyranny: International Sanctions and the Survival of Authoritarian Rulers” *ISQ* 2010, Abel Escrib-Folch, Joseph Wright [LINK](#)

Paper MS (ILIAS): “International Isolation and Regional Inequality: Evidence from Sanctions on North Korea”

Week 12

G. John Ikenberry. America’s liberal grand strategy: Democracy and national security in the post-war era. In Michael Cox, G. John Ikenberry, and Takashi Inoguchi, editors, *American Democracy Promotion: Impulses, Strategies, and Impacts*, pages 103–126. Oxford University, New York, 2000

Christian von Soest. Democracy prevention: The international collaboration of authoritarian regimes. *European Journal of Political Research*, pages –, 2015. doi: 10.1111/1475-6765.12100

Bubeck Marinov 2017 Process or Candidate? The International Community and the Demand for Electoral Integrity [LINK](#)