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### **INST 318: Political Parties in New Democracies**

MWF 1:00-1:50 — Croft 204

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#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This is a seminar on *political parties* in new democracies, focusing on Latin America and Postcommunist Europe. Political parties are essential—even “indispensable”—components of modern democracy. This course explores the (re)emergence of political parties and party systems in new democracies. We will focus both on party systems as a whole (the constellation of political parties in a country) and the individual parties that make up that system.

Our study of political parties in new democracies is divided into three parts:

- 1) A broad overview of the importance of political parties and party systems in democracy, with a focus on their importance in new or emerging democracies.
- 2) A survey of party systems in a variety of new democracies in Postcommunist Europe and Latin America, providing the core comparative framework we will use through the semester.
- 3) Two cases studies drawn from both regions: Poland’s Solidarity and Brazil’s Workers’ Party. Both parties played a key role in opposition to the previous authoritarian regime and were based on similar core constituent base (labor unions). Yet one failed to survive beyond the transition, while the other became a core part of the party system.

The course also prepares students to do quantitative and qualitative political analysis appropriate for a Croft senior thesis in the IGP (International Governance and Politics) concentration. This course focuses on developing skills appropriate for *case study research*. This includes both selecting appropriate cases and strategies to find primary and secondary sources appropriate for in-depth case study research. Throughout the course each student will work on an independent research project: A case study of a political party in a new democracy in Postcommunist Europe or Latin America.

#### **COURSE TEXTBOOKS**

The following books are required for this course:

- Baglione, Lisa A. *Writing A Research Paper in Political Science: A Practical Guide to Inquiry, Structure, and Methods*, 2nd ed. Los Angeles: Sage, 2011.
- Hunter, Wendy. *The Transformation of the Worker’s Party in Brazil, 1989-2009*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010.
- Ost, David. *The Defeat of Solidarity: Anger and Politics in Postcommunist Europe*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2005.
- Webb, Paul and Stephen White, eds. *Party Politics in New Democracies*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Below is a summary of course requirements and their share (in points) of the final grade:

Class Participation	50
Research Project	250
Midterm Exam	100
Final Exam	100
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**Participation.** Because this is an advanced seminar, active, engaging, and meaningful participation is essential. I expect you to complete the readings and assignments *before* class—and to come ready to discuss them. Participation grades are *my* subjective evaluation of your overall performance in class.

**Exams.** This course has two exams, a midterm and a final. Each exam is worth 100 points, and will combine multiple choice, short answer, and short essay questions. I will hand out study guides the week prior to each exam.

**Research Portfolio.** Throughout the semester, you will work on a seminar research paper (12-15 pages) on a case study of a political party in a new democracy. You will select your case study in consultation with me and will work on it throughout the semester. Note that the last two weeks of the semester are dedicated exclusively to work on your research paper, but you should not wait until those weeks then to start on your project.

I will provide additional guidelines throughout the semester, but here is a list of deadlines associated with your seminar research paper:

- **Research Statement**—A one-page statement of a proposed question and the case (political party) you propose to study. Due 9/14.
- **Literature Review**—A short review of the literature on political parties in new democracies. This paper should be 3-4 pages in length and based on the readings from the first part of the semester (additional bibliographic references are encouraged). The purpose of this paper is to *summarize* and *synthesize* what you have learned about the study of political parties in new democracies; this paper will become the literature review of your final seminar research paper. Due 9/28.
- **Prospectus and Research Bibliography**—A short “research proposal” (2-3 pages) for the case study you plan to pursue over the rest of the semester. Unlike the short “research statement,” this one focuses on your project’s research design (a discussion of data sources and how they will be used). Due 10/12.
- **First Draft**—A complete draft of your final seminar research paper, which will be peer reviewed. Due 11/12.
- **Peer Review Report**—A one-page, comprehensive review of two of your peers’ rough drafts. This review will accompany an annotated rough draft, meant to help your peers improve their final paper. Due 11/16.
- **Final Research Paper**—The full research paper is due 11/30 at noon. You will not be able to participate in the final exam review session until you have turned in a final research paper.

### ADDITIONAL ISSUES & CLASS RULES

Please be sure you follow these basic class rules and policies throughout the semester:

**Classroom Behavior.** I do not allow the use of cell phones, laptops, or other electronic devices in class without permission. I also expect you to consistently behave in ways that demonstrate your respect for me and the course, your fellow students, and yourself.

**Missing Assignments.** If you prepare for contingencies (by not starting to work on assignments the night before), you should not miss any assignments. Even if your work is incomplete, submitting what you have accomplished prior to any emergency is better than earning a zero. Extensions will only be granted for extreme circumstances, and at my discretion.

**Communication.** Email is the most common way for students and faculty to communicate outside of class. I try to answer messages promptly, but do not expect emails sent *after 6pm* to be answered until *after 8 am* the following day. Additionally, remember to keep messages professional and respectful (e.g. use salutations, such as “Professor Centellas” or “Dr. Centellas”). Also, check your university email account regularly; I will use that address when sending important messages related to the course.

**Student Disability Services.** If you have a *documented* disability as described by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (P.L. 933-112 Section 504) or the American s with Disabilities Act (ADA) and would like to request academic and/or physical accommodations, please contact Student Disability Services at 234 Martindale Center (662-915-7128). Course requirements will not be waived, but reasonable accommodations may be provided as appropriate. Please consult <http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/sds/> for more information on student disability services.

**Academic Integrity & Plagiarism.** All work submitted under *your* name is assumed to be *your* original work. The penalty for plagiarism and/or cheating in this class ranges from failure of the assignment to failing the course. Additional penalties are also possible. All students should familiarize themselves with the relevant guidelines and procedures in the *M Book*.

### ADDITIONAL READINGS

The following additional REQUIRED readings are available online via Blackboard:

Caramani, Daniele. “Party Systems.” In *Comparative Politics*, 2nd ed., edited by Daniele Caramani, 237-258. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011.

Daalder, Hans. “The Rise of Parties in Western Democracies.” In *Political Parties and Democracy*, edited by Larry Diamond and Richard Gunther, 40-51. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2001.

Katz, Richard S. “Political Parties.” In *Comparative Politics*, 2nd ed., edited by Daniele Caramani, 219-236. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011.

Lawson, Kay and Peter H. Merkl. “Political Parties in the Twenty-First Century.” In *When Parties Prosper: The Uses of Electoral Success*, edited by Kay Lawson and Peter H. Merkl, 1-6. Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2007.

Lipset, Seymour M. “The Indispensability of Political Parties,” *Journal of Democracy* 11 no. 1 (2000): 48-55.

Schmitter, Philippe C. “Parties Are Not What They Once Were.” In *Political Parties and Democracy*, edited by Larry Diamond and Richard Gunther, 67-89. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2001.

**COURSE SCHEDULE**

<b><i>Political Parties and Party Systems</i></b>		
Week 1	8/20	Introduction: Hand out syllabus and go over course requirements
	8/22	*Katz, “Political Parties”
	8/24	*Caramani, “Party Systems”
Week 2	8/27	*Lipset, “The Indispensability of Political Parties” *Daalder, “The Rise of Parties in Western Democracies”
	8/29	*Schmitter, “Parties Are Not What They Used Once Were” *Lawson & Merkl, “Political Parties in the Twenty-First Century”
	8/31	<i>Party Politics in New Democracies</i> , Chapter 1: “Conceptualizing the Institutionalization and Performance of Political Parties in New Democracies”
<b><i>Political Parties in Postcommunist Europe</i></b>		
Week 3	9/03	<b><i>Labor Day Holiday—No Class</i></b>
	9/05	<i>Party Politics in New Democracies</i> , Chapter 2: “Russia’s Client Party System”
	9/07	<i>Party Politics in New Democracies</i> , Chapter 3: “Political Parties in Ukraine”
Week 4	9/10	<i>Party Politics in New Democracies</i> , Chapter 4: “Poland: Party System by Default”
	9/12	<i>Party Politics in New Democracies</i> , Chapter 5: “Building Party Government: Political Parties in the Czech and Slovak Republics”
	9/14	<i>Party Politics in New Democracies</i> , Chapter 6: “The Only Game in Town: Party Politics in Hungary” <b>Research statement due</b>
<b><i>Political Parties in Latin America</i></b>		
Week 5	9/17	<i>Party Politics in New Democracies</i> , Chapter 7: “Parties and Governability in Brazil”
	9/19	<i>Party Politics in New Democracies</i> , Chapter 8: “The Struggle for Democratic Party Politics in Argentina”
	9/21	<i>Party Politics in New Democracies</i> , Chapter 9: “Strong Parties in a Struggling Party System: Mexico in the Democratic Era”
Week 6	9/24	<i>Party Politics in New Democracies</i> , Chapter 10: “The Durability of the Party System in Chile”
	9/26	<i>Party Politics in New Democracies</i> , Chapter 11: “Political Parties in Costa Rica”
	9/28	<i>Party Politics in New Democracies</i> , Chapter 12: “Political Parties in New Democracies: Trajectories of Development and Implications for Democracy” <b>Literature review due</b>

Week 7	10/01 10/03	<b>Midterm Exam Parts I &amp; II</b>
	10/05	<i>Writing A Research Paper in Political Science</i> , Chapters 1-2
<b>Research Writing in Political Science</b>		
Week 8	10/08	<i>Writing A Research Paper in Political Science</i> , Chapters 3-4
	10/10	<i>Writing A Research Paper in Political Science</i> , Chapters 5 & 7
	10/12	<i>Writing A Research Paper in Political Science</i> , Chapter 6 <b>Prospectus and research bibliography due</b>
<b>Case Study: Poland's Solidarity</b>		
Week 9	10/15	<i>The Defeat of Solidarity</i> , Introduction & Chapter 1
	10/17	<i>The Defeat of Solidarity</i> , Chapter 2
	10/19	<i>The Defeat of Solidarity</i> , Chapter 3
Week 10	10/22	<i>The Defeat of Solidarity</i> , Chapters 4-5
	10/24	<i>The Defeat of Solidarity</i> , Chapter 6
	10/26	<i>The Defeat of Solidarity</i> , Chapter 7
<b>Case Study: Brazil's Workers' Party</b>		
Week 11	10/29	<i>The Transformation of the Workers' Party</i> , Chapters 1-2
	10/31	<i>The Transformation of the Workers' Party</i> , Chapter 3
	11/02	<i>The Transformation of the Workers' Party</i> , Chapter 4
Week 12	11/05	<i>The Transformation of the Workers' Party</i> , Chapter 5
	11/07	<i>The Transformation of the Workers' Party</i> , Chapter 6
	11/09	<i>The Transformation of the Workers' Party</i> , Chapter 7
<b>Independent Research Projects</b>		
Week 13	11/12	<i>Writing A Research Paper in Political Science</i> , Chapter 8 First draft due
	11/14	<i>Writing A Research Paper in Political Science</i> , Chapter 9
	11/16	<b>Peer review comments due</b>
Week 14	11/26 11/28	No class—Work on your research project independently
	11/30	<b>Final research reports due</b>