



## DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

**Course Dates:** Jan 25, 2023–May 11, 2023

**When/where:** MW 3:30–4:45 (TYD 1114)

**Credits:** 3

**Course Number and Title:** GVPT459J (Regime Types: Democracies and Nondemocracies)

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### Course Description

In this course, we will address the following four themes: 1) regime change from a democracy to an autocracy; 2) regime change from an autocracy to a democracy; 3) democracies becoming less democratic; and 4) autocracies becoming less autocratic.

### Learning Outcomes

After successfully completing this course, students should be able to gain sufficient knowledge on the political economy in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

### Required Resources

Reading materials will be uploaded in Canvas no later than 6pm on Wednesday Jan 18.

**Students do not need to purchase any textbook.** The reading list is provided below.

PPT slides will be uploaded in Canvas prior to each lecture. Please review these PPT slides.

### UMD Policies and Resources for Undergraduate Courses

I observe the University of Maryland's course-related policies maintained by the Office of Undergraduate Studies (<https://www.ugst.umd.edu/courserelatedpolicies.html> )

### Final Grade Cutoffs

97-100 A+ / 93-96 A / 90-92 A- / 87-89 B+ / 83-86 B / 80-82 B- / 77-79 C+ / 73-76 C

### Two Paper Assignments: 60% (=2×30%).

1. Students must submit two paper assignments (5–6 pages, double spaced, 12 font) to the assignment board 1) by 6pm on Fri Mar 31 and 2) by 6pm on Sat May 13.

2. The prompt will be provided one week before the due date.

3. Questions may include:

If you were the president in your selected country, which types of private firms would you buy and nationalize? Think of possible dilemmas and rational decision-making. Please think about six types of private firms: (a) firms having novel business projects; (b) firms with large amounts of debts; (c) firms having huge potentials for growth; (d) firms currently working with government officials; (e) firms having CEOs and workers, most of who are currently affiliated with your political party; and (f) firms led by CEOs having past school ties with you. Please select two types and justify your selection.

**Mid-term and Final Exams: 40% (=2×20%).**

1. Students must take the mid-term exam in the classroom at 3:30pm on Wed Mar 15.
2. Students must take the final exam in the classroom at 3:30pm on Wed May 10.
3. Each exam will last for 60 minutes. **Each exam is an open book exam.**
4. 20 multiple choice and T/F questions (=20×0.5) as well as 2 essay questions (=2×5).
  - Students will be allowed to choose 2 out of 4 essay questions.
  - Students should expect to write 2–3 pages (examination-book sized) for each essay.
5. Sample mid-term and final exam questions are provided on Pages 2–3.
6. A review sheet will be posted one week before each exam. The final exam is cumulative.

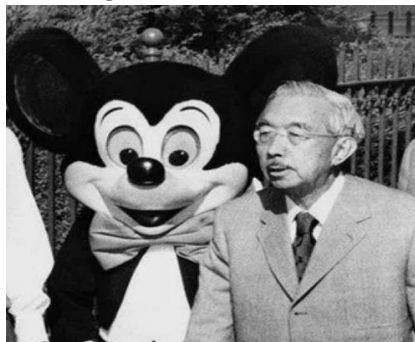
**Sample Mid-term/Final Exam Questions**

1. In the image below, why is she so happy?



- a) Her country won a war against a democratic country which took its territory by force.
- b) Her approval rates rose since she was sympathetic to laborers struggling on low wages.
- c) Mikhail Gorbachev presided over the dissolution of a Soviet Union in 1991.
- d) Her country contributed to the resolution of civil war in Afghanistan in 1979.
- e) None of the above statements is correct.

2. Regarding the image below, which statement is correct?



- a) The development in his country has been hindered by its lack of access to the sea.
- b) He has staged an anti-corruption campaign since he assumed the presidency in Fall 2012.
- c) In 2021, his country was classified by The Economist (2022) as a hybrid regime.
- d) Rapid economic growth in his country has enhanced citizens' political awareness, which contributed to the autocratization in the 1980s.
- e) According to Corruption Perception Level (2021), his country was viewed as less corrupt than Russia.

3. Regarding the image below, which statement is correct?



- a) A recent surge in global wheat prices is mostly attributable to the lack of wheat production in his country.
- b) Politically, his country was closely aligned with the United States in the 1960s.
- c) In February 2021, military coups occurred in his country and harmed democratic values.
- d) Citizens support the regime of Mohammad Bin Salman who fostered economic growth.
- e) His country does not hold presidential elections where citizens choose their president.

4. Which statement is correct?

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| i) Unlike the Biden administration, the Trump administration clarified the government's roles in identifying problematic posts on social media. |
| ii) The concept of zero-sum game is directly linked to the concept of issue indivisibility.   |
| iii) Vladimir Putin has been tough on Myanmar's junta headed by Min Aung Hlaing.  |

- a) i, ii                      b) i, iii                      c) ii, iii                      d) i                       e) ii

- 5. (True/False) NATO did not intervene in Syria even when civilians were persecuted by the repressive forces of its president Bashar al-Assad.
- 6. (True/False) After the demise of the Cold War, democracies began to outnumber autocracies.
- 7. (Essay) Conceptually, what is the problem of cherry picking? What are some examples of cherry picking? What can we do in order to avoid the problem of cherry picking?
- 8. (Essay) Please explain why civil war is so common in Afghanistan. When doing so, please also explain the bargaining model and discuss its three main mechanisms.
- 9. (Essay) Why do autocrats sometimes tolerate pro-government protest? Please discuss with reference to at least two specific cases.

**Week 1 (Wed Jan 25)**  
**Do Regime Types Matter?**

- Democracy Index. 2022. "Democracy Index 2021: The China Challenge." *The Economist*.
- Manela, Erez. 2022. "From the Jews of Retreat: Vietnam, Afghanistan, and the Persistence of American Ambition." *Foreign Affairs*.
- Gause III, Gregory. 2011. "Why Middle East Studies Missed the Arab Spring: The Myth of Authoritarian Stability." *Foreign Affairs*.
- Varieties of Democracy. 2022. "Autocratization Changing Nature?" *Democracy Report*.

**Week 2 (Mon Jan 30 and Wed Feb 1)**  
**Foreign Invasions, Elite Coups, and Popular Uprisings**

- Altman, Dan, and Melissa M. Lee. 2023. "Why Territorial Disputes Escalate: The Causes of Conquest Attempts Since 1945." *International Studies Quarterly*.
- Chung, Jae Ho. 2016. "China's Local Governance in Perspective: Instruments of Central Government Control." *The China Journal* 75 (1).
- Frantz, Erica, Andrea Kendall-Taylor, Joseph Wright, and Xu Xu, 2020. "Personalization of Power and Repression in Dictatorships." *The Journal of Politics* 82 (1).
- Mark Felton Productions. 2019. "Hitler in Paris - The Secret 1940 Visit." *Youtube*.

**Week 3 (Mon Feb 6 and Wed Feb 8)**  
**Why Do Some Civil Wars Recur?**

- Howard, Lise Morjé, and Alexandra Stark. 2018. "Why Civil Wars Are Lasting Longer." *Foreign Affairs*.
- Pearlman, Wendy. 2008/09. "Spoiling Inside and out: Internal Political Contestation and the Middle East Peace Process." *International Security* 33 (3).
- Walter, Barbara F. 2009. "Bargaining Failures and Civil War." *Annual Review of Political Science* 12.
- Walter, Barbara F. 2017. "The New New Civil Wars." *Annual Review of Political Science* 20.

**Week 4 (Mon Feb 13 and Wed Feb 15)**  
**Why Do Autocrats Often Tolerate Protests?**

- Davenport, Christian. 2007. "State Repression and Political Order." *Annual Review of Political Science* 10.
- Hassan, Mai, Daniel Mattingly, and Elizabeth R. Nugent. 2022. "Political Control." *Annual Review of Political Science* 25.
- Li, Yao. 2019. "A Zero-Sum Game? Repression and Protest in China." *Government and Opposition* 54 (2).
- Lorentzen, Peter. 2017. "Designing Contentious Politics in Post-1989 China." *Modern China* 43 (5).

**Week 5 (Mon Feb 20 and Wed Feb 22)**  
**Why Do Democrats Often Repress Protests?**

- Carey, Sabine C., and Anita R. Gohdes. 2021. "Understanding Journalist Killings." *The Journal of Politics* 83 (4).
- Conrad, Courtenay R, Daniel W Hill, Jr, and Will H Moore. 2018. "Torture and the Limits of Democratic Institutions." *The Journal of Peace Research* 55 (1).
- Prior, Markus. 2013. "Media and Political Polarization." *Annual Review of Political Science* 16.

**Week 6 (Mon Feb 27 and Wed Mar 1)**  
**Digital Surveillance vs Internet Shutdowns**

- Gohdes, Anita R. 2018. "Studying the Internet and Violent Conflict." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 35 (1).
- #KeptOn. 2022. "The Return of Digital Authoritarianism."
- Leblang, David and Shanker Satyanath. 2006. "Institutions, Expectations, and Currency Crises." *International Organization* 60 (1).
- Lynch, Marc. 2011. "After Egypt: The Limits and Promise of Online Challenges to the Authoritarian Arab State." *Perspectives on Politics* 9 (2).
- Polyakova, Alina, and Chris Meserole. 2019. *Exporting Digital Authoritarianism: The Russian and Chinese models*. Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution.
- Roberts, Margaret E. 2020. "Resilience to Online Censorship." *Annual Review of Political Science* 23.
- Zeitoff, Thomas. 2017. "How Social Media Is Changing Conflict." *The Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61 (9).

**Week 7 (Mon Mar 6 and Wed Mar 8)**  
**Why Do Some Subordinates Defy Their Bosses' Mandates?**

- CNN. 2016. "North Korean Diplomat Defects." *Youtube*.
- Jaros, Kyle A., and Yeling Tan. 2020. "Provincial Power in a Centralizing China: The Politics of Domestic and International 'Development Space'." *The China Journal* 83 (1).
- Mei, Ciqi, and Margaret M. Pearson. 2014. "Killing a Chicken to Scare the Monkeys? Deterrence Failure and Local Defiance in China." *The China Journal* 72 (2).
- Reuter, Ora John, and David Szakonyi. 2019. "Elite Defection under Autocracy: Evidence from Russia." *American Political Science Review* 113 (2).

**Week 8 (Mon Mar 13 and Wed Mar 15)**

- Mar 13: A review session
- Mar 15: Students must take the mid-term exam in the classroom at 3:30pm.

**Week 9 (Mon Mar 27 and Wed Mar 29)**  
**Why Do Some Autocrats Establish Democratic Institutions?**

- Brancati, Dawn. 2014. "Democratic Authoritarianism: Origins and Effects." *Annual Review of Political Science* 17.
- Geddes, Barbara, Joseph Wright, and Erica Frantz. 2014. "Autocratic Breakdown and Regime Transitions: A New Data Set." *Perspectives on Politics* 12 (2).
- Gerschewski, Johannes. 2013. "The Three Pillars of Stability: Legitimation, Repression, and Co-optation in Autocratic Regimes." *Democratization* 20 (1).

**Week 10 (Mon Apr 3 and Wed Apr 5)**  
**Why Do Some Democrats Tolerate Former Strongmen?**

- Al Jazeera English. 2010. "Life Sentence for Ex-Argentina Leader." *Youtube*.
- AP Archive. 2015. "Hundreds of Supporters of Gen. Augusto Pinochet, Many in Tears." *Youtube*.
- AP Archive. 2016. "President Ford Welcomes Emperor Hirohito - 1975 | Today in History | 2 Oct 16." *Youtube*.
- Biglaiser, Glen. 1999. "Military Regimes, Neoliberal Restructuring, and Economic Development: Reassessing the Chilean Case." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 34.
- New York Daily News. 2015. "Japanese Emperor Hirohito's World War II Surrender." *Youtube*.
- Pion-Berlin, David. 1994. "To Prosecute or to Pardon? Human Rights Decisions in the Latin American Southern Cone." *Human Rights Quarterly* 16 (1).
- Sikkink, Kathryn, and Hun Joon Kim. 2013. "The Justice Cascade: The Origins and Effectiveness of Prosecutions of Human Rights Violations." *Annual Review of Law and Social Science* 9.

**Week 11 (Mon Apr 10 and Wed Apr 12)**  
**Why Do Former Strongmen's Daughters Gain Popular Support in Some Democracies?**

- Al Jazeera English. 2011. "Interview: Keiko Fujimori, Peruvian Presidential Candidate." *Youtube*.
- Burt, Jo-Marie. 2006. "'Quien habla es terrorista': The Political Use of Fear in Fujimori's Peru." *Latin American Research Review* 41 (3).
- Hong, Ji Yeon, Sunkyoung Park, and Hyunjoo Yang. 2023. "In Strongman We Trust: The Political Legacy of the New Village Movement in South Korea." *American Journal of Political Science*.
- Jo, Eun A. 2023. "Memory, Institutions, and the Domestic Politics of South Korean–Japanese Relations." *International Organization*.
- Shin, Soon-ok. 2020. "The Rise and Fall of Park Geun-hye: The Perils of South Korea's Weak Party System" *The Pacific Review* 33 (1).

**Week 12 (Mon Apr 17 and Wed Apr 19)**  
**Do Democracies Enjoy More Economic Growth Than Autocracies?**

- Elkjær, Mads Andreas, and Torben Iversen. 2023. "The Democratic State and Redistribution: Whose Interests Are Served?." *American Political Science Review*.
- Gerring, John, Carl Henrik Knutsen, and Jonas Berge. 2022. "Does Democracy Matter?." *Annual Review of Political Science* 25.
- Nathan, Andrew J. 2020. "The Puzzle of Authoritarian Legitimacy." *Journal of Democracy* 31 (1).
- Przeworski, Adam, and Fernando Limongi. 1993. "Political Regimes and Economic Growth." *The Journal of Economic Perspectives* 7 (3).

**Week 13 (Mon Apr 24 and Wed Apr 26)**  
**Why Do Autocrats Spend Money for Citizens?**

- Dietrich, Simone. 2016. "Donor Political Economies and the Pursuit of Aid Effectiveness." *International Organization* 70 (1).
- Diwan, Ishac, Philip Keefer, and Marc Schiffbauer. 2020. "Pyramid Capitalism: Cronyism, Regulation, and Firm Productivity in Egypt." *Review of International Organizations* 15.
- Jensen, Nathan M., and Edmund Malesky. 2018. *Incentives to Pander: How Politicians Use Corporate Welfare for Political Gain*. New York: Cambridge University Press. Chapters 1, 2, and 3.
- Lee, Youngjoon. 2022. "Strategic Fiscal Spending: Evidence from China." *Governance*.

**Week 14 (Mon May 1 and Wed May 3)**  
**Privatization and Deprivatization**

- Economics Explained. 2019. "The Economic Failure of Venezuela." *Youtube*.
- Malesky, Edmund, and Jonathan London. 2014. "The Political Economy of Development in China and Vietnam." *Annual Review of Political Science* 17.
- Pearson, Margaret, Meg Rithmire, and Kellee S. Tsai. 2022. "China's Party-State Capitalism and International Backlash: From Interdependence to Insecurity." *International Security* 47 (2).
- Tihanyi, Laszlo, Ruth V. Aguilera, Pursey Heugens, Marc van Essen, Steve Sauerwald, Patricio Duran, and Roxana Turturea. 2019. "State Ownership and Political Connections." *The Journal of Management* 45 (6).
- Weiss, Jessica C., and Jeremy L. Wallace. 2021. "Domestic Politics, China's Rise, and the Future of the Liberal International Order." *International Organization* 75 (2).

**Week 15 (Mon May 8 and Wed May 10)**

- May 8: A review session
- May 10: Students must take the final exam in the classroom at 3:30pm.