

GVPT 459L
Comparative Political Economy
TuTh 2:00pm - 3:15pm

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Overview:

The goal of this course is to give you an introduction to the relationship between politics and economics. The required books are listed below. You can purchase these at the bookstore or through any online retailer (there are no meaningful changes from edition to edition of which I am aware, so any edition will suffice). The books will also be put on reserve at the library. We will also be reading a variety of academic journal articles. These will be available on ELMS.

Required Books:

- Hays, Jude C. 2008. *Globalization and the New Politics of Embedded Liberalism*. Oxford University Press.
- Rodrik, Dani. 1997. *Has Globalization Gone Too Far?* Washington D.C: Institute for International Economics.
- Rodrik, Dani. 1999. *The New Global Economy and Developing Countries: Making Openness Work*. Overseas Development Council. Washington DC.
- Tufte, Edward R. 1972. *Political Control of the Economy*. Princeton University Press.

Grading & Assignments:

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| • Midterm Exam: | 40% |
| • Final Exam: | 40% |
| • 5 Unannounced Reading Quizzes: | 15% |
| • Participation: | 5% |

Important Dates:

- **Midterm Exam:** Tuesday, March 14
- **Final Exam:** Wednesday, May 17, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Attendance Policies: Familiarize yourself with the university's absence policy available here:

<http://www.umd.edu/catalog/index.cfm/show/content.section/c/27/ss/1584/s/1540>. Note specifically this point from the university's attendance policy: **“Students claiming excused absence must apply in writing and furnish documentary support for their assertion that absence resulted from one of [the allowable] causes.”** If you know that you are to miss an assignment for a religious observance, please inform me at least 24 hours in advance. Absences for university activities must be accompanied by appropriate documentation. Absences due to illnesses: Per the university's policy, “students may be excused from a single lecture, recitation or laboratory session one time per course per semester for a medically necessitated reason. The student should make a reasonable attempt to inform the instructor of his/her illness prior to the class, and present his or her instructor with a self-signed note attesting to the date of his or her illness. This note must include an acknowledgement: (a) that the information provided is true and correct, and (b) that the student understands that providing false information to University officials is a violation of Part 9(h) of the Code of Student Conduct.” For more serious illnesses, a doctor's note is required.

Academic Integrity:

The student-administered Honor Code and Honor Pledge prohibits students from cheating on exams, plagiarizing papers, submitting the same paper for credit in two courses without authorization, buying papers, submitting fraudulent documents and forging signatures. On every examination, paper or other academic exercise not specifically exempted by the instructor, students must write by hand and sign the following pledge: I pledge on my honor that I have not given or received any unauthorized assistance on this examination (or assignment).

Student Resources:

The university is legally obligated to provide appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities. The campus's Disability Support Service (DSS) works with students and faculty to address a variety of issues ranging from learning disabilities and attention deficit hyperactivity disorders to physical and psychological disabilities. To receive accommodations, students must first register with the DSS and have their disabilities documented by DSS. The DSS office then prepares an Accommodation Letter regarding needed accommodations. Students are responsible for presenting this letter to their instructors by the end of the drop/add period.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Assigned readings are due the day of the class under which they are listed on the syllabus. Please have them read when you come to class. Expect five, unannounced reading quizzes.

01/26/17: Introduction

Section 1: Inequality and Redistribution

01/31/17: Inequality Redistribution: The Roles of Regime Type and Economic Development

- Piketty, Thomas and Emmanuel Saez. 2014. "Inequality in the Long Run." *Science*. 344(6186): 838-842.
- Boix, Carles. 2001. "Democracy, Development, and the Public Sector." *American Journal of Political Science*. 45(1): 1-17.

02/02/17: Inequality Redistribution: Democratic Political Institutions

- Tavits, Margit. 2004. "The Size of Government in Majoritarian and Consensus Democracies." *Comparative Political Studies*. 37(3): 340-359.
- Boix, Carles. 1999. "Setting the Rules of the Game. The Choice of Electoral Systems in Advanced Democracies." *American Political Science Review* 93(3): 609-624.

02/07/17: Inequality Redistribution: The Role of Political Parties and Party Systems Part 1

- Bawn, Kathleen and Frances Rosenbluth. 2006. "Short Versus Long Coalitions: Electoral Accountability and the Size of the Public Sector." *The American Journal of Political Science*. 50(2): 251-265.
- Hicken, Allen, Ken Kollman, and Joel W. Simmons. 2015. "Party System Nationalization and the Provision of Public Health Services." *Political Science Research and Methods*. 4(3): 573-594.

02/09/17: Inequality Redistribution: The Role of Political Parties and Party Systems Part 2

- Esping-Andersen, Gosta. 1985. "Social Democracy in Theory and Practice." In Gosta Esping-Andersen *Politics Against Markets: The Social Democratic Road to Power*. Princeton University Press.
- Huber, Evelyne, Charles Ragin, and John D. Stephens. 1993. "Social Democracy, Christian Democracy, Constitutional Structure, and the Welfare State." *American Journal of Sociology*. 99(3): 711-749.

02/14/17: Inequality Redistribution: The Role of Ethnic Fragmentation

- Easterly, William and Ross Levine. 1997. "Africa's Growth Tragedy: Policies and Ethnic Divisions." *Quarterly Journal of Economics*. 112 1203-1250.
- Gilens, Martin. 1996. "Race Coding" and White Opposition to Welfare." *American Political Science Review*. 90(3): 593-604.
- Posner, Daniel. 2004. "The Political Salience of Cultural Difference: Why Chewas and Tumbukas are Allies in Zambia and Adversaries in Malawi." *American Political Science Review*. 98(4): 529-545

02/16/17: Inequality Redistribution: Public Attitudes About Redistribution

- De La O, Ana L. and Jonathan A. Rodden. 2008. "Does Religion Distract the Poor? Income and Issue Voting Around the World." *Comparative Political Studies*. 41(4-5): 437-478.

- Haggard, Stephan, Robert R. Kaufman, and James D. Long. 2013. "Income, Occupation, and Preferences for Redistribution in the Developing World." *Studies in Comparative International Development*. 48(2): 113-140.

02/21/17: Inequality Redistribution: The Consequences of Income Inequality

- Alesina, Alberto and Roberto Perotti. 1996. "Income Distribution, Political Instability, and Investment." *European Economic Review*. 40: 1203-1228
- Solt, Frederick. 2008. "Economic Inequality and Democratic Political Engagement." *American Journal of Political Science*. 52(1): 48-60.

Section 3: Economic Integration

02/23/17: Background

- Bordo, Michael D. 2002. "Globalization in Historical Perspective." *Business Economics*. January: 20-29.

02/28/17: Political Cleavages Over Free Trade Part I

- Rogowski, Ronald. 1987. "Political Cleavages and Changing Exposure to Trade." *American Political Science Review*. 81(4): p.1121-38.
- Hiscox, Michael J. 2001. "Class versus Industry Cleavages: Inter-Industry Factor Mobility and the Politics of Trade." *International Organization*. 55(1): 1-46.

03/02/17: Political Cleavages Over Free Trade Part II

- Rodrik, Dani. 1997. *Has Globalization Gone Too Far?* Washington D.C: Institute for International Economics. Chs 1 - 5

03/07/17: The Politics of Protectionism

- McGillivray, Fiona. 1997. "Party Discipline as a Determinant of the Endogenous Formation of Tariffs." *American Journal of Political Science*. 41(2): 584-607.
- Ehrlich, Sean. 2007. "Access to Protection: Domestic Institutions and Trade Policy in Democracies." *International Organization*. 61: 571-605.

03/09/17: Embedded Liberalism or Race to the Bottom?

- Rodrik, Dani. 1998. "Why Do More Open Economies Have Bigger Governments?" *Journal of Political Economy*. 106(5): 997-1032.
- Rudra, Nita. 2003. "Globalization and the Decline of the Welfare State in Less-Developed Countries." *International Organization*. 56(2): 411-445.

03/14/17: MIDTERM EXAM

03/16/17: Can Openness Work for Developing Countries?

- Rodrik, Dani. 1999. *The New Global Economy and Developing Countries: Making Openness Work*. Chs. 1, 2, 4, 6

03/21/17: SPRING BREAK

03/23/17: SPRING BREAK

03/28/17: Can Openness Work for Rich Countries?

- Hays, TBA

03/30/17: Attitudes Toward Immigration

- Mayda, Anna Maria. 2006. "Who Is Against Immigration? A Cross-Country Investigation of Individual Attitudes Towards Immigrants." *Review of Economics and Statistics*. 88(3): 510-530.

- Burns, Peter and James G. Gimpel. 2000. "Economic Security, Prejudicial Stereotypes, and Public Opinion on Immigration Policy." *Political Science Quarterly*. 115(2): 201-225
- McDaniel, Eric L., Irfan Nooruddin, and Allyson F. Shortle. 2011. "Divine Boundaries: How Religion Shapes Citizens' Attitudes Towards Immigrants." *American Politics Research* 39 (1): 205- 233.

04/04/17: Is Globalization the Problem? Or is Something Else Going On?

- Lawrence, Robert Z. and Lawrence Edwards. 2012. "Shattering the Myths About U.S. Trade Policy." *Harvard Business Review*. March(2012): <https://hbr.org/2012/03/shattering-the-myths-about-us-trade-policy>
- DeLong, J. Bradford. 2017. "NAFTA and Other Trade Deals Have Not Guttled American Manufacturing – Period." *Vox*. Web: <http://www.vox.com/the-big-idea/2017/1/24/14363148/trade-deals-nafta-wto-china-job-loss-trump>
- Rowthorn, Robert and Ramana Ramaswamy. 1999, "Growth, Trade, and Deindustrialization." *IMF Staff Papers*. 46(1): 18-41

Section 4: Wages, Inflation, and Unemployment: "Static" and Cyclical Perspectives

04/06/17: Wages, Inflation, and Unemployment Part I: The Role of Organized Labor

- Calmfors, Lars, John Driffill. 1988. "Bargaining Structure, Corporatism, and Macroeconomic Performance." *Economic Policy*. 3(6): 13-61.

04/11/17: Wages, Inflation, and Unemployment Part II: The Role of Central Banks

- Alesina, Alberto and Lawrence H. Summers. 1993. "Central Bank Independence and Macroeconomic Performance: Some Comparative Evidence." *Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking*. 25(2): 151-162.

04/13/17: Are Voters Fool?

- Achen, Christopher H. and Larry M. Bartels. 2004. "Blind Retrospection: Electoral Responses to Drought, Flu, and Shark Attacks." Unpublished manuscript.
- MacKuen, Michael B., Robert S. Erikson, and James A. Stimson. 1992. "Peasants or Bankers? The American Electorate and the U.S. Economy." *The American Political Science Review*. 86(3): 597-611.

04/18/17: Opportunistic Political Business Cycles

- Tufte, Edward R. 1978. *Political Control of the Economy*. Chs. 1-4

04/20/17: Partisan Business Cycles

- Hibbs, Douglas Jr. 1977. "Political Parties and Macroeconomic Policy." *The American Political Science Review*. 71(4): 1467-1487.

04/25/17: Political Business Cycles in Open Economies

- No reading

04/27/17: The Political Economy of Gender Part I: The Economic Origins of Gender Roles

- Alesina, Alberto, Paola Giuliano, and Nathan Nunn. 2013. "On the Origins of Gender Roles: Women and the Plough." *Quarterly Journal of Economics*. 128(2): 469-530.
- Iversen, Torben and Frances Rosenbluth. 2006. "The Political Economy of Gender: Explaining Cross-National Variation in the Gender Division of Labor and the Gender Voting Gap." *American Journal of Political Science*. 50(1): 1-19.

05/02/17: The Political Economy of Gender Part II: The Case of Corruption

- Dollar, David, Raymond Fisman, and Roberta Gatti. 2002. "Are Women Really the 'Fairer Sex'? Corruption and Women in Government." *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*. 46: 423-429.
- Simmons, Joel W. 2017. "Statistical Discrimination in the Corruption Labor Market."

05/04/17: TBA

05/09/17: TBA

05/17/17: **Final Exam**, 10:30 – 12:30