

POLS 348
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**POLITICAL PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING SOCIETIES:
CHALLENGES OF DEMOCRATIZATION**

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Course Description: Although over the last few years there has been a “world wide democratic” revolution, the strain between the ideal and the reality of democracy is as great if not greater now than at any time in history. A review of the political agendas of countries that claim or strive to be democratic shows that democratic values of equality, freedom, and order do not necessarily happily blend in any regime. Democracy assumes multiple, often times, impaired forms in practice. Democratization is not a linear process but an intricate one that involves contradictory results and challenging choices.

The main purpose of the course is to introduce students to the complexities inherent in the political project of democracy and provide them with the necessary conceptual tools to evaluate the challenges facing democratizing countries. To this end, in this course we will **(i)** assess the strengths and weaknesses of various definitions of democracy and the models of democratization; **(ii)** explore the conditions which promote or generate difficulties for both the emergence and consolidation of democracy and **(iii)** grapple with some of the democratic dilemmas facing a group of countries including Israel, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Colombia, and Nigeria.

Readings: All readings are available online through UIC Library Online Indexes and Databases (Electronic Resources). (If the links provided below do not work, search the [Project Muse](#), [ArticleFirst](#), [JSTOR](#) and [Expanded Academic ASAP](#) databases by author or title of document.)

Course Requirements: This course requires an active contribution by each student. Students are expected to take an inclass exam and write a final research paper. The exam will be designed to help you to critically assess some of the conceptual puzzles about democratization. A list of questions will be provided one week before the exam. The research paper assignment requires you to identify and evaluate current and controversial issues pertaining to democracy in one the above countries. (With the consent of the instructor students can write their research paper on a country not included in this list). Your final research paper (10-15 pages, double-spaced, font size 12, with name and page numbers) should respond to the following questions:

- 1) Why is the issue you have chosen considered controversial?
- 2) What are the country-specific reasons for the occurrence of this problem?
- 3) What are the competing tenets of democracy that underpin this problem?
- 4) How do the models of democratization or democratic consolidation account for the occurrence this controversy?
- 5) By using a comparative perspective that takes other countries' similar or different experiences into account, what are the prospects of democracy in this country?

Your grade for this course will be based on your participation and presentation (**30%**), in class exam (**30%**) and final research paper (**40%**).

Week 1 August 26 Road Map of the course

Week 2 September 2 Ideal and Practice of Democracy

Sen, Amartya Kumar, "Democracy as a Universal Value", *Journal of Democracy*, Volume 10, Number 3, July 1999.

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Austin Ranney; Willmoore Kendall, "Democracy: Confusion and Agreement," *The Western Political Quarterly*, Vol. 4, No. 3. (Sep., 1951), pp. 430-439

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H. B. Mayo, "How Can We Justify Democracy?" *The American Political Science Review*, Vol. 56, No. 3. (Sep., 1962), pp. 555-566.

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Guillermo O'Donnell, "Some Thoughts about New Democracies", Notre Dame University and Stanford Center for Advanced Behavioral Sciences

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Week 3 September 9 Dilemmas of Democratization: Why Not All Good Things Go Together?

Richard Rose; Don Chull Shin, "Democratization Backwards: The Problem of Third-Wave Democracies. (Czech Republic, Russia, South Korea)," *British Journal of Political Science*, Vol.31, Issue 2, April 2001, p331(24).

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Russell Bova, "Democracy and Liberty: the Cultural Connection," *Journal of Democracy*, 8:1, January 1997.

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Week 5 September 16 Illiberal Democracy?

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(2002), 212-244.

http://webproxy.cc.uic.edu:2070/journals/world_politics/v054/54.2mcfaul.html

Diamond, Larry Jay, "Thinking About Hybrid Regimes," *Journal of Democracy*, Volume 13, Number 2, April 2002.

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Week 6 September 23 Vicious Cycles of Inequality or Waves of Democracy?

Ross, Michael Lewin, "Does Oil Hinder Democracy?" *World Politics*, Volume 53, Number 3, April 2001.

http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/world_politics/v053/53.3ross.html

Terry Lynn Karl, "The Vicious Cycle of Inequality in Latin America", *Democratization Seminar*, <http://democracy.stanford.edu/>.

Morton H. Halperin and Kristen Lomasney, "Guaranteeing Democracy: A Review of the Record,"

Journal of Democracy, 9:2, April, 1998, 134-147.

http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/journal_of_democracy/v009/9.2halperin.html

Week 7 September 30 Review

Week 8 October 7 Exam

Week 9 October 14 Presidential Democracy? Azerbaijan



Mehran Kamrava, "State-Building in Azerbaijan: The Search for Consolidation", *The Middle East Journal*, Vol.55, No.2, Spring 2001.

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Svante E. Cornell, "Democratization Falters in Azerbaijan", *Journal of Democracy*, 12.2 (2001), 118-131.

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Tadeusz Swietochowski, "Azerbaijan: the hidden faces of Islam. (Reconsiderations)," *World Policy Journal*, Vol.19, No.3, Fall 2002, p.69(8).

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Stephen Kinzer, "Dreaming in Turkish. (Reflections): (Democracy in Turkey)," *World Policy Journal*, Vol.18, No.3, Fall 2001, p69(12).

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Fuat Keyman, “Double-Faced State: Political Patronage and the Consolidation of Democracy” *Middle Eastern Studies*, v.34, n.4, p.259, 1998.
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Week 10 October 28 Ethnocracy? Israel



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Konzept and Regie, Ruth Beckermann, National Center for Jewish *Film*, 1990.

Eva Etzioni-Halevy, “Civil-military relations and **democracy**: the case of the military-political elites' connection in **Israel**”, *Armed Forces & Society: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, v22 n3, Spring 1996, p401(17).
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Gavison, Ruth; “Jewish and Democratic? A Rejoinder to the "Ethnic Democracy,” *Debate, Israel Studies*, Volume 4, Number 1, Spring 1999.
http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/israel_studies/v004/4.1gavison.html

Raphael Cohen-Almagor, “Cultural Pluralism and the Israeli Nation-Building Ideology,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 27, No. 4, Nov. 1995, pp. 461-484.

<http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0020-7438%28199511%2927%3A4%3C461%3ACPATIN%3E2.0.CO%3B2-P>

Week 11 November 4 Absence or the lack of State? Colombia




Problems of Sovereignty, Americas.

Sánchez, Gonzalo; Avilés, William; “Colombia, Introduction”, *Latin American Perspectives*, Vol. 28, No.1, 2001, p.5-11.


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[Gary Hoskin](#) and [Gabriel Murillo](#), "High Anxiety in the Andes: Colombia's Perpetual Quest for Peace," *Journal of Democracy*, Vol.12, No.2, 2001, p.32-45.

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Week 12 November 11 Challenges for Democracy in Africa  *Democracy in Africa*

Strong Society and Weak State? Nigeria 

 *Not in Our Character*, Ben U. Olisah, [Nigeria] : Nigerian Television Authority.

Or The Africans: A Clash of Cultures.

Ikelegbe, Augustine, "The Perverse Manifestation of Civil Society: Evidence From Nigeria," *The Journal of Modern African Studies*, Vol.39, No..1, 2001.
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Week 12 November 18 Presentations



Week 13 November 25



Week 14 December 2 Presentations



Final Papers Due