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DEMOCRACY AND ITS ALTERNATIVES IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD

This course offers a comparative study of the wave of democratization that swept much of Latin America, Southern Europe, East Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe, and the former Soviet Union during the past three decades. The course will analyze the theoretical literatures on regime change and compare experiences of countries emerging from bureaucratic authoritarianism, military rule, personalistic dictatorships, and state socialism. In addition to dealing with democratization, the course will address the reverse phenomenon, meaning movement from more democratic to more authoritarian regimes, a tendency that has been increasingly evident during the past decade. We will investigate, among other topics: the meaning of democracy and authoritarianism, the factors that facilitate or hinder democratization, the roles of mass movements, the significance of constitutional arrangements, problems of nationalism and ethnic conflict, and the relationship between economic transformation and political regime change.

Requirements consist of two preliminary exams, a final exam, and attendance at all lectures and discussion sections. Grades will be determined roughly as follows: 25 percent for each of the preliminary exams, 30 percent for the final exam, and 20 percent for attendance and participation in discussions and debates.

All course materials are in the assigned books or in articles that are available on the course website. Readings that are on the course website are marked with an asterisk (*) on the syllabus. The following books are recommended for purchase and will also be available on library reserve:

M. Steven Fish, *Democracy Derailed in Russia: The Failure of Open Politics*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2005.

E. Gyimah-Boadi, ed., *Democratic Reform in Africa: The Quality of Progress*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 2004.

Morton H. Halperin, Joseph T. Siegle, and Michael M. Weinstein, *The Democracy Advantage: How Democracies Promote Prosperity and Peace*. New York: Routledge and the Council on Foreign Relations, 2005.

Peter H. Smith, *Democracy in Latin America: Political Change in Comparative Perspective*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2005.

Syllabus

Week 1 (Aug. 29 & 31): Democracy and Democratization in the Developing World

Smith, *Democracy in Latin America*, introduction and ch. 1

E. Gyimah-Boadi, "Africa: The Quality of Political Reform," ch. 1 in *Democratic Reform in Africa*

Week 2 (Sept. 5 & 7): Alternatives to Democracy

Fish, *Democracy Derailed in Russia*, chs. 1-3

Week 3 (Sept. 12 & 14): Culture, Social Structure, and Leadership

Smith, *Democracy in Latin America*, chs. 2 & 11

Fish, *Democracy Derailed in Russia*, ch. 4

Michael Bratton and Robert Mattes, "What 'The People' Say about Reforms," ch. 3 in *Democratic Reform in Africa*

Week 4 (Sept. 19 & 21): Civil Society and Social Movements

Smith, *Democracy in Latin America*, ch. 9

E. Gyimah-Boadi, "Civil Society and Democratic Development," ch. 4 in *Democratic Reform in Africa*

*Elizabeth J. Wood, "An Insurgent Path to Democracy: Popular Mobilization, Economic Interests, and Regime Transition in South Africa and El Salvador," *Comparative Politics Studies* 34, 8 (October 2001): 862-88. **Online** at <http://cps.sagepub.com/cgi/reprint/34/8/862>

*Sunhyuk Kim, "Civil Society in Democratizing Korea," in Samuel S. Kim, ed., *Korea's Democratization* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003): 81-106.

Week 5 (Sept. 26 & 28): Political Parties and Elections

Smith, *Democracy in Latin America*, pp. 176-82 & ch. 7

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28: FIRST MIDTERM EXAM (covers material weeks 1-5)

Week 6 (Oct. 3 & 5): Religion: Focus on Islam

- *Vali Nasr, "The Rise of 'Muslim Democracy'," *Journal of Democracy* 16, 2 (April 2005): 13-27. **Online** at http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/journal_of_democracy/v016/16.2nasr.pdf
- *Anwar Ibrahim, "Universal Values and Muslim Democracy," *Journal of Democracy* 17, 3 (July 2006): 5-12. **Online** at <http://www.journalofdemocracy.org/articles/gratis/Ibrahim-17-3.pdf>
- *M. Steven Fish, "Islam and Authoritarianism," *World Politics* 55, 1 (October 2002): 4-37. **Online** at http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/world_politics/v055/55.1fish.pdf

Week 7 (Oct. 10 & 12): The Military

Smith, *Democracy in Latin America*, ch. 3

- *Wendy Hunter, "Politicians against Soldiers: Contesting the Military in Postauthoritarian Brazil," *Comparative Politics* 27, 4 (July 1995): 425-43.

Week 8 (Oct. 17 & 19): Nationalism and Ethnic Politics

- *M. Steven Fish and Robin S. Brooks, "Does Diversity Hurt Democracy?" *Journal of Democracy* 15, 1 (January 2004): 154-66. **Online** at http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/journal_of_democracy/v015/15.1fish.pdf

Steven Friedman, "South Africa: Building Democracy after Apartheid," ch. 10 in *Democratic Reform in Africa*

- *Donna Lee Van Cott, "Building Inclusive Democracies: Indigenous Peoples and Ethnic Minorities in Latin America," *Democratization* 12, 5 (December 2005): 820-37.

Week 9 (Oct. 24 & 26): The Economy I

Smith, *Democracy in Latin America*, ch. 8

Fish, *Democracy Derailed in Russia*, chs. 5-6

Week 10 (Oct. 31 & Nov. 2): The Economy II

Halperin, Siegle, and Weinstein, *The Democracy Advantage*, chs. 1-2

Nicolas van de Walle, "Economic Reform: Patterns and Constraints," ch. 2 in
Democratic Reform in Africa

Patrick Molutsi, "Botswana: The Path to Democracy and Development," ch. 7 in
Democratic Reform in Africa

Week 11 (Nov. 7 & 9): Constitutional Systems

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7: SECOND MIDTERM EXAM (covers material weeks 6-10)

Smith, *Democracy in Latin America*, ch. 5 & pp. 156-75

Fish, *Democracy Derailed in Russia*, ch. 7

*Francis Fukuyama, Björn Dressel, and Boo-Seung Chang, "Challenge and Change in East Asia: Facing the Perils of Presidentialism?" *Journal of Democracy* 16, 2 (April 2005), pp. 102-16. **Online** at
http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/journal_of_democracy/v016/16.2fukuyama.pdf

Week 12 (Nov. 14 & 16): The International Environment I

Smith, *Democracy in Latin America*, ch. 4

*Donatella della Porta, "Globalizations and Democracy," *Democratization* 12, 5 (December 2005), pp. 668-85.

Larry Diamond, "Promoting Real Reform in Africa," ch. 11 in *Democratic Reform in Africa*

Week 13 (Nov. 21): The International Environment II

Halperin, Siegle, and Weinstein, *The Democracy Advantage*, chs. 4-7

Week 14 (Nov. 28 & 30): Possible Limits of Democratization

Smith, *Democracy in Latin America*, ch. 10

Fish, *Democracy Derailed in Russia*, ch. 8

Adigun Agbaje, "Nigeria: Prospects for the Fourth Republic," ch. 9 in *Democratic Reform in Africa*

*Andrew J. Nathan, "China's Changing of the Guard: Authoritarian Resilience," *Journal of Democracy* 14, 1 (January 2003): 6-17. **Online** at http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/journal_of_democracy/v014/14.1nathan.pdf

*Bruce Gilley, "China's Changing of the Guard: The Limits of Authoritarian Resilience," *Journal of Democracy* 14, 1 (January 2003): 18-26. **Online** at http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/journal_of_democracy/v014/14.1gilley.pdf

Week 15 (Dec. 5 & 7): Reflections and Prospects

*Muhammad Qodari, "Indonesia's Quest for Accountable Governance," *Journal of Democracy* 16, 2 (April 2005): 73-87. **Online** at http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/journal_of_democracy/v016/16.2qodari.pdf

Halperin, Siegle, and Weinstein, *The Democracy Advantage*, ch. 8

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7: FINAL EXAM (cumulative, with emphasis on material weeks 11-15)