

Seminar in Comparative Politics (Honors Room)
PLCP 490

Fall 2006 (T. 9:00-12:00)

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Requirements

A weekly seminar paper (due 48 hours before seminar); Students' presentations in class on a rotational basis; Absolute necessity of reading the assigned material and of going beyond it; Absolute necessity of participating in discussion.

Office Hours: M. 10:30-12:00 & T. 12:30-14:00 and by Appointment. Do not hesitate, however, to call upon me at other times.

Required Books

- 1) Charles Lindblom, *Inquiry and Change*.
- 2) Adam Przeworski, Michael Alvarez, Jose Cheibub, Fernando Limongi, *Democracy and Development*.
- 3) Richard Peet, Elaine Hartwick, *Theories of Development*.
- 4) John Sanbonmatsu, *The Postmodern Prince*.
- 5) James C. Scott, *Domination and the Arts of Resistance*.
- 6) Ronald Inglehart and Christian Welzel, *Modernization, Cultural Change, and Democracy*.
- 7) David Harvey, *A Brief History of Neoliberalism*.
- 8) Bent Flyvbjerg, *Making Social Science Matter*.
- 9) Jagdish Bhagwati, *In Defense of Globalization*.

- 10) Jonas Pontusson, *Inequality and Prosperity*.
- 11) Mahmood Mamdani, *Good Muslim, Bad Muslim*.
- 12) Jose Nun, *Democracy*.
- 13) Nancy Bermeo, *Ordinary People in Extraordinary Times*.

Planned Schedule

August 29: Introductory and Organizational Meeting.

I) Politics and Social Inquiry

September 5: The Limitations of Social Research—Charles Lindblom, *Inquiry and Change*.

September 12: Toward a Relevant Social Science—Bent Flyvbjerg, *Making Social Science Matter*.

September 19: Postmodernism and the Crisis of the Left—John Sanbonmatsu, *The Postmodern Prince*.

September 26: Understanding Development—Richard Peet, Elaine Hartwick, *Theories of Development*.

II) Resistance, Authoritarianism, and the Making of Democracies

October 3: Putting up with Exploitation—James C. Scott, *Domination and the Arts of Resistance*.

October 10: The Democratic Fabric—Jose Nun, *Democracy*.

October 17: Democratic Collapse—Nancy Bermeo, *Ordinary People in Extraordinary Times*.

October 24: Sustaining Democracy—Adam Przeworski, Michael Alvarez, Jose Cheibub, Fernando Limongi, *Democracy and Development*.

October 31: Culture and Democracy—Ronald Inglehart and Christian Welzel, Modernization, Cultural Change, and Democracy.

November 7: Types of Liberal Democracies—Jonas Pontusson, Inequality and Prosperity.

III) Globalization, Empire, and Politics

November 14: The Virtues of Globalization—Jagdish Bhagwati, In Defense of Globalization.

November 28: Globalization and Imperialism—David Harvey, A Brief History of Neoliberalism.

December 5: Global Perversities—Mahmood Mamdani, Good Muslim, Bad Muslim.
