



Political Science 136

Comparative Politics in Western Europe

Duke University

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Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 3:30 PM-5:35 PM

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Course Website

Blackboard (<https://courses.duke.edu>). Many of the course readings are available at this site. Please check the site frequently for announcements and information.

Course Overview

The purpose of this course is to familiarize you with the politics of Western Europe, not on a country by country basis, but in a truly comparative way. We will study various aspects of European politics including domestic political and political economic institutions and the process of European integration. For each topic we will compare a range of European countries, but, following the textbook, we will focus on seven countries: France, Italy, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

There are no formal prerequisites but an introductory course in Political Science (PS 91,92,93,or 94) is recommended. The course has a Writing (W) designation. As a consequence, the majority of the graded work will be written assignments.

Course Expectations and Responsibilities

1. Attendance is required, and unexcused absences will adversely affect the participation grade. But attendance is only one component of successful participation. Your primary responsibilities will be to come to class on time and be prepared to engage in discussion and ask questions over the material. There will also be occasional in-class activities such as peer editing. The course follows a seminar/lecture format, and much of the course time will be spent discussing the readings and any relevant current events.
2. Reading the required assignments, about 50-80 pages per session. Your written work for the course needs to demonstrate familiarity with and understanding of the literature by making references to the readings. In addition to the academic literature, you should follow current events in the *Economist*, which is available at the library and, on the Duke network, via Economist.com (http://www.eiu.com/site_info.asp?info_name=corporate_landing_duke_university). We will also discuss current events during class.
3. You will complete two short writing assignments, one during each of the first two sections of class (political institutions and political economy). More detailed instructions for each assignment will be distributed during class, at least one week prior to the due date. Written assignments are due at the beginning of the class session listed in the syllabus, including a hard copy turned in during class and electronic copies emailed to the instructor and the teaching assistant. Late assignments will be penalized one-half letter grade for each 24 hour delay.

4. As a Writing course, paper revisions are an integral component. You will receive an initial grade and then revise and resubmit the paper within one week of its return. I will grade the second draft on the improvement from the first draft and the overall quality.
5. There will be a take-home final exam due by the official final exam time for this course: 29 June from 7-10pm. You will receive a set of study questions covering the course material during the final class session. The exam essay questions will be drawn from this list and there will be several short answer questions as well.

Evaluation

Papers (5 pages, maximum)	
First Draft, First Paper	10%
Second Draft, First Paper	15%
First Draft, Second Paper	10%
Second Draft, Second Paper	15%
Final Exam (cumulative)	30%
Participation	20%

Required Books

Gallagher, Michael, Michael Laver, and Peter Mair. 2005. *Representative Government in Modern Europe*. 4th ed. New York: McGraw-Hill. ISBN: 007297706X (abbreviated GLM)

Lijphart, Arend. 1999. *Patterns of Democracy. Government Forms and Performance in Thirty-Six Countries*. New Haven: Yale University Press. ISBN: 0300078935 (abbreviated L)

McCormick, John. 2005. *Understanding the European Union. A Concise Introduction*. 3rd ed. New York: Palgrave. ISBN: 1403944512 (abbreviated McC)

The remaining readings are either available via e-journals or blackboard, as designated in the syllabus.

Meeting and Assignment Schedule

1. Introduction and Overview (Thursday 5.18)

Introduction to Writing Studio (<http://uwp.aas.duke.edu/wstudio/>)

I. Domestic Political Institutions

2. Parliaments and Presidents (Monday 5.22)

GLM Ch. 2 (pages 24-56)

McC Ch. 2 (pp. 27-51)

L pp. 116-129

Optional: GLM Ch. 1 (pages 1-22)

3. Parliaments and Governments (Tuesday 5.23)

GLM Ch. 3 (pp. 57-85)

GLM Ch. 12 (pp. 381-421)

L Ch. 6 (pp. 90-115)

Optional: L Ch. 11 (pp. 200-215)

4. Electoral Systems (Thursday 5.25)

GLM part of Ch. 11 (pp. 340-380)
L Ch. 8 (143-170)

Optional:

Cox, Gary. 1997. *Making Votes Count*. New York, Cambridge UP, 37-68 (Ch. 3 “On Electoral Systems”) [BLACKBOARD]

Blais, André and Louis Massicotte. 2002. "Electoral Systems." In *Comparing Democracies 2: New Challenges in the Study of Elections and Voting*, eds. Lawrence LeDuc, Richard Niemi, and Pippa Norris. Thousand Oaks, California: Sage, 40-69. [BLACKBOARD]

Institutions Paper (1st Draft) Due 5.29

5. European Party Systems (Monday 5.29)

GLM Ch. 7 (pp. 187-229)

Smith, Gordon. 2003. “The Decline of Party.” In *Governing Europe*, eds. Jack Hayward and Anand Menon. New York: Oxford UP, 179-191. [BLACKBOARD]

Dalton, Russell J. 2005. *Citizen Politics*. 4th ed. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press.
Ch. 7 (pp. 125-147) [BLACKBOARD]

Optional:

L Ch. 5 (pp. 62-89)

GLM Ch. 10 (pp. 307-339)

6. Political Cleavages and Party System Change (Tuesday 5.30)

GLM Chs. 8-9 (pp. 230-306)

Optional:

Dalton Ch. 8 (pp. 148-176) [BLACKBOARD]

Dalton Ch. 9 (pp. 177-200) [BLACKBOARD]

7. Federalism (Thursday 6.1)

GLM Ch. 6 (pp. 154-186)

L Ch. 10 (pp. 185-199)

Institutions Paper (2nd Draft) Due 6.5

8. Political and Economic Effects of Political Institutions (Monday 6.5)

L Ch. 15 & 16 (pp. 258-300)

Hechter, Michael. 2000. “Nationalism and Rationality.” *Studies in Comparative International Development* 35.1 (Spring):3-19. [E-Journal (ABI/INFORM Complete)]

II. Political Economy

9. Politics Inside and Outside Parliament (Tuesday 6.6)

GLM Ch. 13-14 (pp. 422-465)

L Ch. 9 (pp. 171-184)

10. National Political Economic Institutions (Thursday 6.8)

Selections from Kesselman, Mark, Joel Krieger, Christopher S. Allen, Stephen Hellman, David Ost, and George Ross. 2005. *European Politics in Transition*. 5th ed. New York: Houghton Mifflin Company, chapters on Political Economy and Development (pp. 151-170, 234-248, 331-347, and 426-444). [BLACKBOARD]

Political Economy Paper (1st Draft) Due 6.12

11. Cross-National Differences I: Varieties of Capitalism (Monday 6.12)

Hall, Peter A. and David Soskice. 2001. "An Introduction to Varieties of Capitalism." In *Varieties of Capitalism. The Institutional Advantages of Comparative Advantage*, eds. Peter Hall and David Soskice. New York: Oxford UP, 1-68. [BLACKBOARD]

12. Cross-National Differences II: Three Worlds of Welfare (Tuesday 6.13)

Esping-Andersen, Gøsta. 1990. *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton UP, 9-34. [BLACKBOARD]

Ferrera, Maurizio, Anton Hemerijck, and Martin Rhodes. 2003. "Recasting European Welfare States." In *Governing Europe*, eds. Jack Hayward and Anand Menon. New York: Oxford UP, 346-366. [BLACKBOARD]

13. Macro-Economic Performance of Democracies (Thursday 6.15)

Scruggs, Lyle. 2001. "The Politics of Growth Revisited." *Journal of Politics* 63.1 (Feb.): 120-140. [E-JOURNAL (JSTOR)]

Blanchard, Olivier. 2004. *The Economic Future of Europe*. National Bureau of Economic Research, February. Working Paper 10310 <<http://www.nber.org/papers/w10310>>

Optional:

Kitschelt, Herbert and Wolfgang Streeck. 2003. "From Stability to Stagnation: Germany at the Beginning of the Twenty-First Century." *West European Politics* 26.4: 1-34. [E-JOURNAL (Academic Search Elite)]

Political Economy Paper (2nd Draft) Due 6.19

III. European Union

14. Origins of the European Union (Monday 6.19)

McC Ch. 1 (pp. 1-26)

McC Ch. 3 (pp. 52-78)

Selections from Nelsen, Brent F. and Alexander Stubb, eds. 2003. *The European Union. Readings on the Theory and Practice of European Integration*. 3rd ed. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers. [BLACKBOARD]

-Winston S. Churchill. "The Tragedy of Europe." (pp. 7-12)

-Jean Monnet. "A Ferment of Change." (pp. 19-26)

-Margaret Thatcher. "A Family of Nations." (pp. 49-54)

-Jacques Delors. "A Necessary Union." (pp. 55-64)

Optional:

Selections from Nelsen, Brent F. and Alexander Stubb, eds. 2003. *The European Union. Readings on the Theory and Practice of European Integration*. 3rd ed. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers. [BLACKBOARD]

-Ernst B. Haas. "The Uniting of Europe." (pp. 145-149)

-Stanley Hoffman. "Obstinate or Obsolete? The Fate of the Nation-State and the Case of Western Europe." (pp. 163-177)

-Bela Balassa. "The Theory of Economic Integration." (pp. 179-191)

-Andrew Moravcsik. "The Choice for Europe." (pp. 239-253)

Treaty Texts, especially preambles <http://europa.eu.int/abc/treaties_en.htm>

15. EU Institutions (Tuesday 6.20)

McC Ch. 4 (pp. 79-107)

McC Ch. 7 (pp. 157-180)

Tsoukalis, Loukas. 2003. "Monetary Policy and the Euro." In *Governing Europe*, eds. Jack Hayward and Anand Menon. New York: Oxford UP, 330-345. [BLACKBOARD]

Optional:

GLM Ch. 5 (pp. 115-142)

16. Beyond Free Trade, or EU's Effect on Member States (Thursday 6.22)

McC Ch. 5 (pp. 108-130)

McC Ch. 8 & 9 (pp. 181-232)

Optional:

Ray, Leonard. 2004. "Don't Rock the Boat: Expectations, Fears and Opposition to EU-level Policy-Making." In *European Integration and Political Conflict*, eds. Gary Marks and Marco Steenbergen. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 51-61. [BLACKBOARD]

Hooghe, Liesbet, Gary Marks, and Carole J. Wilson. 2004. "Does Left-Right Structure Party Positions on European Integration?" In *European Integration and Political Conflict*, eds. Gary Marks and Marco Steenbergen. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 120-140. [BLACKBOARD]

Brinegar, Adam and Seth Jolly. 2005. "Location, Location, Location: National Contextual Factors and Public Support for European Integration." *European Union Politics* 6.2: 155-180. <<http://eup.sagepub.com/cgi/reprint/6/2/155>>

17. Democratic Deficit, a Constitution, and the Future of the EU (Monday 6.26)

McC Ch. 6 (pp. 131-156)

McC "Conclusions" (pp. 233-236)

Fischer, Joschka, Jacques Chirac, Tony Blair, and Paavo Lipponen. 2003. "Reflections on a Constitution for Europe." In *The European Union*, eds. Brent F. Nelsen and Alexander Stubb. 3rd ed. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 69-88. [BLACKBOARD]

Moravcsik, Andrew et al. 2005. "Europe Without Illusions." *Prospect* 112 (July). [BLACKBOARD]

Optional:

GLM part of Ch. 5 (pp. 143-153)

Moravcsik, Andrew. 2002. "In Defence of the 'Democratic Deficit': Reassessing Legitimacy in the European Union." *Journal of Common Market Studies* 40.4: 603-624. [E-JOURNAL (SYNERGY)]

European Parliament Delegation to the European Convention. 2004. "Summary of the Constitution adopted by the European Council in Brussels on 17/18 June 2004." <<http://www.europarl.eu.int/europe2004/textes/2004-07-25-sum-const-en.pdf>>

"Overview on the European Constitution." Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Constitution

Final Exam (Thursday 29 June from 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM)