

中山大學政治學研究所 九十五學年度上學期 比較政治理論

Theories in Comparative Politics

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上課時間：R 9:10 ~ 12:00

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談話時間：M 14:00 ~ 15:00 或另約

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1 Course Description

本課程學習比較政治研究的範圍及方法，並探討目前以美國為首的政治科學理論建構的方法以及在比較政治上的應用。課程目標是為同學研究比較政治中實務導向的議題（例如制度比較、區域研究等）時有更深厚的理論基礎，使同學在獨立選擇研究途徑及理論工具時，有明確的方向與標竿。本學期課程分三段進行：前段是綜論，探討理論建構的本質與目的。學期中段研討不同的研究途徑。學期後段則著眼民主及民主化理論的建構，並引導同學思考如何讓台灣政治研究與目前比較政治理論研究的潮流進行對話。

2 Course Texts and Readings

The course requires one text book and a pack of journal articles. The content and required readings are subject to change.

Required Texts

- **LZ:** Lichbach, M.I. & Zuckerman, A.S. (Eds.) (1997). *Comparative Politics: Rationality, Culture, and Structure*. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press.
- A pack of journal articles. Supplemental readings are required for doctoral students.

3 Grading Policy

Requirement	% of Grade
Class Participation	20
Reaction Paper 1	10
Reaction Paper 2	10
Reaction Paper 3	20
Research Paper	30
Oral Presentation	10
Total	100

- Class participation (20%): involvement in class discussion will reflect your preparation for the class. Credits are based on your involvement in raising questions, responding to questions, or leading discussion. This class is a seminar; starting at the second week, you will be asked to pick up three weeks to play as a discussion leader. A discussion leader is responsible to summarize the readings, raise related questions, sharing thoughts to the class. As each week may have more than one discussion leader, team work is fine.

- The three reaction papers (10%, 10%, 20%) will show your reflections and critical thinking about the assigned readings for a specific week. You will be asked to choose other 3 weeks to write the papers. Each reaction paper written in Chinese is at least 3 pages long and no longer than 5 pages (12pt, A4, double spaced). Citing self-selected external reading is encouraged. You are also encouraged to write in English and this will be rewarded with 1% to 15% extra points to your final grade. Whatever language you use, your paper will be evaluated based on the logic of thinking and the fluency of your writing, NOT on the comprehensiveness of summary of the readings. Turn in your paper BEFORE the week of choice. For example, if you choose Week 4, turn in your paper before the class of Week 4 starts. Also note that you can be asked to rewrite the paper if your own thoughts is shorter than 1/2 of the whole paper.
- Research paper (30%) is a semester-long project that should address your interest in topics related to this class. Extended reading is required. Your research paper is no longer than 10,000 words or 25 pages in Chinese or 15 pages in English. It should not be lesser than 8,000 words for doctoral students or 5,000 words for master students. It requires at least 5 citations beyond the assigned readings. These extended readings need to be journal articles published in recent 5 years, or book chapters published in recent 10 years. A proposal—including your tentative title and description about why you choose the topic—is due in class on Oct. 19, 2006 and the completed paper is due in class on Jan. 18, 2007. Feel free and be prepared to change or be asked to change your paper title during the semester. Come to discuss with me if have any question about your paper topic.
- The cover page of your paper should include the following information: class name, author's name and student id, paper type (1st, 2nd, or 3rd reaction paper, or research paper), turn-in date, and contact information.
- Oral presentation (10%) shows your ability to present your research paper clearly and to respond questions. Your presentation is no longer than 10 minutes and will be scheduled in one of the final two weeks.

4 Topics & Schedules

1 ▾ [Sep. 21] Introduction to the Class

- Note: Study the syllabus and ask questions about it.

2 ▾ [Sep. 28] Theory Construction & the Overview of the Field

- Note: Report the topics you choose for short paper assignments and your choices of the week to be discussion leader.
- LZ, Chapter 1;
- Landman, T. (2003). *Issues and Methods in Comparative Politics: An Introduction*. New York: Routledge. Chapters 1 & 10.

3 ▾ [Oct. 5] The State and Main Issues of Comparative Politics

- Note: Start searching for a topic for your term paper. Turn in your proposal on Oct. 19.
- Laitin, D.D. (2002). Comparative politics: The state of the subdiscipline. In *Political Science: State of the Discipline*. Katznelson, I. & Milner, H.V.(Eds.), 630-659. New York: W.W. Norton.
- Supplemental:
 - LaPalombara, J. (1988). Macrotheories and microapplicaitons in comparative politics: A widening chasm. In *Comparative Politics in the Post-Behavioral Era*. Cantori, L.J. & Andrew H. Ziegler, J.(Eds.) , 23-53. Boulder, Colo.: Lynne Rienner.

4 ▾ [Oct. 12] Methodological Issues in Comparative Politics (I): Overview & Qualitative Approach

- Lijphart, A. (1988). The comparable-cases strategy in comparative research. In *Comparative Politics in the Post-Behavioral Era*. Cantori, L.J. & Andrew H. Ziegler, J.(Eds.) , 54-72. Boulder, Colo.: Lynne Rienner.
- Gerring, J. (2004). What is a case study and what is it good for? *American Political Science Review*, 98 (2) , 341-354.
- Supplemental:
 - Mahoney, J. & Goertz, G. (2004). The possibility principle: Choosing negative cases in comparative research. *American Political Science Review*, 98 (4) , 653-669.

5 ▾ [Oct. 19] Methodological Issues in Comparative Politics (II): Quantitative Approach & Mixed Approach

- Note: The research proposal is due in class. The grading policy and the format of research paper format will be given.
- Adcock, R. & Collier, D. (2001). Measurement validity: A shared standard for qualitative and quantitative research. *American Political Science Review*, 95 (3) , 529-546.
- Dion, D. (1998). Evidence and inference in the comparative case study. *Comparative Politics*, 30 (2) , 127-145.
- Supplemental:
 - Lieberman, E.S. (2005). Nested analysis as a mixed-method strategy for comparative research. *American Political Science Review*, 99 (3) , 435-452.

6 ▾ [Oct. 26] The Approaches to Study Comparative Politics (I): An Overview & Historical/Sociological Approaches

- LZ, Chapters 2, 3, and 4;
- Supplemental:
 - Tan, A.C.; Ho, K.; Kang, K.T. & Yu, T.C. (2000). What if we don't party? Political partisanship in Taiwan and Korea in the 1990s. *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, 35 (1) , 67-84.

7 ▾ [Nov. 2] The Dominant Approaches to Comparative Politics (II): Rationality

- LZ, Chapters 9 and 10;
- Druckman, J.N. (2004). Political preference formation: Competition, deliberation, and the (Ir)relevance of framing effects. *American Political Science Review*, 98 (4) , 671-686.
- Supplemental:
 - Cox, G.W. (1999). The empirical content of rational choice theory: A reply to Green and Shapiro. *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 11 (2) , 147-169.

8 ▾ [Nov. 9] The Dominant Approaches to Comparative Politics (III): Structure

- March, J.G. & Olsen, J.P. (1984). The new institutionalism: Organizational factors in political life. *American Political Science Review*, 78 (3), 734-49.
- Kaiser, A. (1997). Types of democracy: From classical to new institutionalism. *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 9 (4) , 419-444.
- Supplemental:
 - Olsen, J.P. (2001). Garbage cans, new institutionalism, and the study of politics. *American Political Science Review*, 95 (1) , 191-198.

9 ▾ [Nov. 16] The Dominant Approaches to Comparative Politics (IX): Culture

- Note: Research paper grading policy is released.
- Lockhart, C. (1999). Cultural contributions to explaining institutional form, political change, and rational decisions. *Comparative Political Studies*, 32 (7) , 862-893.
- Johnson, J. (2003). Conceptual problems as obstacles to progress in political science: Four decades of political culture research. *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 15 (1) , 87-115.
- Supplemental:
 - Chang, E.C.C. & Chu, Y.H. (2006). Corruption and trust: Exceptionalism in Asian democracies? *Journal of Politics*, 68 (2) , 259-271.

10 ▾ [Nov. 23] Macro Forms of Government: Parliamentary, Presidential, Semi-Presidential, and Dictatorial

- Protsyk, O. (2003). Troubled semi-presidentialism: Stability of the constitutional system and cabinet in Ukraine. *Europe-Asia Studies*, 55 (7) , 1077-1095.
- Cheibub, J.A. (2006). Presidentialism, electoral identifiability, and budget balances in democratic systems. *American Political Science Review*, 100 (3) , 353-368.

11 ▾ [Nov. 30] Political Economy, Welfare State, and Political Development

- LZ, Chapters 7 & 8;
- Bunce, V. (2001). Democratization and economic reform. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 4 , 43-65.

12 ▾ [Dec. 7] Democratic Theories (I)

- Note: Oral report to the class your research status.
- Cunningham, F. (2002). *Theories of Democracy: A Critical Introduction*. New York: Routledge. Chapters 2, 5 & 10.

13 ▾ [Dec. 14] Democratic Theories (II) & Democratization

- Cunningham, F. (2002). *Theories of Democracy: A Critical Introduction*. New York: Routledge. Chapters 7 & 9
- Bunce, V. (2000). Comparative democratization: Big and bounded generalizations. *Comparative Political Studies*, 33 (6) , 703-734.
- Supplemental:
 - Fish, M.S. & Brooks, R.S. (2004). Does diversity hurt democracy? *Journal of Democracy*, 15 (1) , 154-166.

14 ▾ [Dec. 21] Democratization and Protest

- LZ, Chapter 6;
- Francisco, R.A. (1996). Coercion and protest: An empirical test in two democratic states. *American Journal of Political Science*, 40 (4) , 1179-1204.
- Supplemental:
 - Hegre, H.; Ellingsen, T.; Gates, S. & Gleditsch, N.P. (2001). Toward a democratic civil peace? Democracy, political change, and civil war, 1816-1992. *American Political Science Review*, 95 (1) , 33-48.

15 † [Dec. 28] Electoral Laws, Political Parties, and Their Consequences

- Blais, A.; Massicotte, L. & Dobrzynska, A. (1997). Direct presidential elections: A world summary. *Electoral Studies*, 16 (4) , 441-455.
- Jones, M.P. (1999). Electoral laws and the effective number of candidates in presidential elections. *Journal of Politics*, 61 (1) , 171-184.
- Supplemental:
 - Golder, M. (2006). Presidential coattails and legislative fragmentation. *American Journal of Political Science*, 50 (1) , 34-48.

16 † [Jan. 4, 2007] Comparing Micro-Politics and Voting Behavior

- Note: Your term paper is due in class on Jan. 18.
- LZ, Chapter 5;
- Huckfeldt, R.; Ikeda, K. & Pappi, F.U. (2005). Patterns of disagreement in democratic politics: Comparing Germany, Japan, and the United States. *American Journal of Political Science*, 49 (3) , 497-514.

17 † [Jan. 11] Concluding Remarks & Reevaluate Taiwan Studies in a Global Perspective

- Landman, T. (2003). *Issues and Methods in Comparative Politics: An Introduction*. New York: Routledge. Chapter 11.
- Tong, Y.Q. (2005). Environmental movements in transitional societies: A comparative study of Taiwan and China. *Comparative Politics*, 37 (2) , 167-188.

18 † [Jan. 18] Student presentations

- NOTE: Research paper due in the class. No late submission. No E-mail attachment.