

International Studies 415a
Democracy in World Politics
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Monday 3:30-5:20 pm
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What does the future hold for democracy across the globe? This seminar focuses on the challenges to, and possibilities for, democracy in the 21st century. During the fall semester of this yearlong course, the students will read and discuss the classic and contemporary literature on democracy. These readings will cover such topics as democracy and distribution; the prospects for democracy in Latin America, China, Africa, and the Middle East; and democracy and US national security.

In the spring semester, the class will become a workshop focused on student projects. By Monday October 27, each student should notify the instructor of his or her project and submit a three page prospectus for approval. At the end of the fall semester a 5-8 page memo on research progress will be due. A draft paper will be due at the beginning of the spring semester. In addition to presenting their own papers, each student will be required to act as a discussant on two other papers and to send two page written reports to the authors of six papers.

Grading:

For the fall semester students will either receive a grade of satisfactory or unsatisfactory. Students who receive grades of satisfactory will be allowed to take the course in the spring semester. The grade the student earns in the spring will then retroactively replace the grade of satisfactory for the fall semester.

Paper:	60%
Class Participation:	20%
Commenting (Discussant/Written reports):	20%

Key:

L = On sale at Labyrinth Books, York Street
O = Available online at <https://classesv2.yale.edu/portal>
B = On reserve at Bass Library

*The reading materials that will be used in the spring term will be put on reserve at the library and/or uploaded to the classes server in December.

COURSE SYLLABUS AND SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Monday, September 8

Introduction and housekeeping session.

Monday, September 15

Democracy's diffusion inevitable?

Required:

- Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America* pp 1-60; 99-111; 196-276; 429-436; 441-449; 503-516; 520-529; 667-670 (L, B)
- Robert Kaplan, "Was Democracy Just a Moment" (O).

Monday, September 22

20th Century democratic theory: Schumpeter and his critics.

Required:

- Joseph Schumpeter, *Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy*, chs. 21-22. (O)
- Ian Shapiro, *State of Democratic Theory*, chs 1-3 (L, B).

Monday, September 29

Democracy and development.

Required:

- Adam Przeworski, et. al, *Democracy and Development: Political Institutions and Well-Being in the World, 1950-1990* Chs 1, 3, 4 (L, B).
- Carles Boix and Susan Stokes, "Endogenous Democratization". *World Politics* 55 (July 2003), 517-49.
- Acemoglu, Johnson, Robinson and Yared, "Reevaluating the Modernization Hypothesis". 2007.
- Adam Przeworski, "Economic Development and Transitions to Democracy". Unpublished paper. 2004.
- Adam Przeworski, "Comments on AJRY". 2007.

Monday, October 6

Methods

Required:

- Green and Shapiro, *Pathologies of Rational Choice*, 1996, Chapters 1-3 and 5 confirm with Ian. (L, B)
- Green and Shapiro, Revisiting the Pathologies of Rational Choice: Reply to Our Critics, in Ian Shapiro *Flight from Reality*, 2005. (O)

Monday, October 13

Democracy's past and future in Latin America. Visiting Professor: Susan Stokes (Yale University).

Required:

- Susan Stokes, "Political Clientelism". In *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*. Oxford University Press, 2007.

- Susan Stokes, “Globalization and the Rise of the Left in Latin America”. Unpublished paper.

Monday, October 20

Transitions to democracy. Prospects for democracy in the Middle East. Visiting Professor Ellen Lust-Okar (Yale University).

Required:

- Eva Bellin (Comparative Politics, 2004) “The Robustness of Authoritarianism in the Middle East” (O)
- Mathew Longo and Ellen Lust-Okar, Working paper “The power of Arms: Hamas, the Palestinian elections and prospects for democracy” (O)
- “Problems and Prospects for Democratic Settlements: South Africa as a Model for the Middle East and Northern Ireland?” Jung, Lust-Okar and Shapiro. (O)
- “Democratic Innovation: A South African Perspective on Schumpeterianism”. In Shapiro *Democracy’s Place*. (O)

Monday, October 27

Democracy and Arms Negotiations: The Case of North Korea.

Required:

- Glenn Kessler, *The Confidante. Condoleezza Rice and the Creation of the Bush Legacy*. New York: St. Martin’s Press. Chapter 3 and Conclusion. (O)
- Mike Chinoy, *Melt Down. Inside Story of the North Korean Nuclear Crisis*. New York: St. Martin’s Press. Chapters 13-20 and Postscript. (O)

Monday, November 3

Student Prospectus

Monday November 10

Comparative judicial politics. Visiting Professor: Frances Rosenbluth (Yale University).

Required:

- Lon Fuller, 1949. “The Case of the Speluncean Explorers”. *Harvard Law Review* 62, 4. (O)
- Segal and Spaeth, *The Supreme Court and the Attitudinal Model Revisited*, chapter 3. (O)

Monday, November 17

Student Prospectus

Monday, December 1

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