

POL422: Comparative Politics of Advanced Industrial Democracies

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Course Description

This is a seminar course that explores various contemporary issues in advanced industrial countries (Japan and west European countries in particular). Topics include political parties, party systems, political culture, ideologies, bureaucracy, interest groups, political economy, policy process, regional integration, and globalization.

Prerequisite: POL 210 or instructor's permission (in exceptional cases)

Required Texts

Since this is an advanced research course there is no set textbook. All of the books listed below are in the main library.

Course Requirements

All students are required to actively participate in the seminars (including making presentations), do the assigned readings, submit short topic papers, conduct supervised research, and write a term paper. There are four sets of specific requirements: (1) assigned reading presentations; (2) three 3-page topic papers; (3) a mid-term research proposal presentation; and (4) a final term paper (20 pages):

- (1) Each class begins with a brief presentation of the assigned readings by a designated presenter.
- (2) Students are required to submit three 3-page topic papers by June 1. No more than one paper may be submitted in a week. A topic paper should contain a brief analysis of the day's topic or a review of assigned reading materials. Students may freely choose their topics, but the papers should be submitted to the instructor *prior to* the relevant class.
- (3) and (4) The deadline for the term paper is noon Wednesday 29 July, office 10-528. Students are required to consult with the instructor on the preparation of their mid-term research proposal presentation and the term paper.

Evaluation

The final grade for the course is determined as follows:

- Presentations and Participation 36%
- Topic Papers 24% (8% per paper)
- Final Term Paper 40%

Note that poor attendance or plagiarism results in an automatic "F" however well you do otherwise.

Course Outline

Introduction (April 13)

Historical and Institutional Overview:

Japan (April 16 and 20)

J.A.A. Stockwin, *Governing Japan* (4th ed.)

Ian Neary, *The State and Politics in Japan*

Jennifer Amyx and Peter Drysdale (eds.), *Japanese Governance: Beyond Japan Inc.*

Britain (April 23 and 27)

Patrick Dunleavy et al. (eds.), *Developments in British Politics* 8

R.M. Punnett, *British Government and Politics*

Dennis Kavanagh, *British Politics: Continuities and Change*

Bill Jones and Dennis Kavanagh, *British Politics Today*

France (April 30 and May 11)

Gregory Flynn (ed.), *Remaking the Hexagon: The New France in the New Europe*

Peter A. Hall, Jack Hayward, and Howard Machin (eds.), *Developments in French Politics* 3

Phillip G. Cerny and Martin A. Schain (eds.), *French Politics and Public Policy*

Philip Thody, *The Fifth French Republic: Presidents, Politics and Personalities*

Germany (May 14 and 18)

Gordon Smith et al (eds.), *Developments in German Politics*

David P. Conradt, *The German Polity*

V.R. Berghahn, *Modern Germany: Society, Economy and Politics in the Twentieth Century*

Italy (May 21 and 25)

Stephen Gundle and Simon Parker (eds.), *The New Italian Republic*

Joseph LaPalombara, *Democracy, Italian Style*

Richard S. Katz and Piero Ignazi (eds.), *Italian Politics: the Year of the Tycoon*

EU (May 28 and June 1)

Neil Nugent, *The Government and Politics of the European Union*

Laura Cram, Desmond Dinan, and Neil Nugent (eds.), *Developments in the European Union*

Alberta Sbragia (ed.), *Euro-politics*

Comparative Issues

Political Parties (June 4 and 8)

Ronald Hrebenar, *Japan's New Party System*

Yves Mény and Andrew Knapp, *Government and Politics in Western Europe*, chaps. 1 and 2.

Peter Mair (ed.), *West European Party System*

Martin Rhodes et al. (eds.), *Developments in West European Politics*, chaps. 8, 13, and 17.

Herbert Kitschelt, *The Radical Right in Western Europe*

Elections (June 11)

Steven R. Reed (ed.), *Japanese Electoral Politics: Creating a New Party System*
Yves Mény and Andrew Knapp, *Government and Politics in Western Europe*, chap. 4.
Martin Rhodes et al. (eds.), *Developments in West European Politics*, chap. 7.
Arend Lijphart, *Electoral Systems and Party Systems*

Interest Groups (June 15)

Aurelia George Mulgan, *The Politics of Agriculture in Japan*, chap. 2.
Yves Mény and Andrew Knapp, *Government and Politics in Western Europe*, chap. 3.
Martin Rhodes et al. (eds.), *Developments in West European Politics*, chap. 9.
Suzanne Berger (ed.), *Organizing Interests in Western Europe*

Legislatures (June 18)

Jean Blondel, *Comparative Legislatures*
Yves Mény and Andrew Knapp, *Government and Politics in Western Europe*, chap. 5.
Philip Norton (ed.), *Parliaments and Governments in Western Europe*
Philip Norton (ed.), *Parliaments and Pressure Groups in Western Europe*
Philip Norton (ed.), *National Parliaments and the European Union*

Executive (June 22 and 25)

Yves Mény and Andrew Knapp, *Government and Politics in Western Europe*, chap. 6.
Martin Rhodes et al. (eds.), *Developments in West European Politics*, chap. 5.
Richard Rose and Ezra N. Suleiman (eds.), *Presidents and Prime Ministers*
Jean Blondel and Ferdinand Muller-Rommel (eds.), *Cabinets in Western Europe*
Edward C. Page and Vincent Wright (eds.), *Bureaucratic Elites in Western European States*

Center-Local Relations (June 29)

Michio Muramatsu, *Local Power in the Japanese State*
Yves Mény and Andrew Knapp, *Government and Politics in Western Europe*, chap. 7.
Martin Rhodes et al. (eds.), *Developments in West European Politics*, chap. 11.
Roger Morgan (ed.), *Regionalism in European Politics*

Constitutions and Judiciary (July 2)

Gleen Hook and Gavan McCormack, *Japan's Contested Constitution*
Yves Mény and Andrew Knapp, *Government and Politics in Western Europe*, chap. 8.
Jack Hayward and Edward C. Page (eds.), *Governing the New Europe*, chap. 10.
Patrick Dunleavy et al. (eds.), *Developments in British Politics* 6, chap. 5.

Political Culture, Ideologies, and Civil Society (July 6 and 9)

Gabriel Almond and Sydney Verba, *The Civic Culture*
Ronald Inglehart, *Culture Shift in Advanced Industrial Society*
Andrew Gamble, *The Free Economy and the Strong State*
Frank Schwartz and Susan Pharr (eds.), *The State of Civil Society in Japan*
Susan Pharr and Robert Putnam (eds.), *Disaffected Democracies*

Political Economy

(1) Postwar Patterns (July 13)

Chalmers Johnson, *MITI and the Japanese Miracle*

Andrew Shonfield, *Modern Capitalism*

Peter A. Hall, *Governing the Economy*

John Zysman, *Governments, Markets, and Growth*

(2) The Move to the Market in the 1980s (July 16)

Vincent Wright (ed.), *Privatization in Western Europe*

Martin Rhodes et al. (eds.), *Developments in West European Politics*, chap. 4.

Paul Pierson, *Dismantling the Welfare State?*

Fritz W. Scharpf, *Crisis and Choice in European Social Democracy*

(3) Globalization (July 20)

Suzanne Berger and Ronald Dore (eds.), *National Diversity and Global Capitalism*

Robert Keohane and Helen Milner (eds.), *Internationalization and Domestic Politics*

Conclusions (July 23)