Comparative Politics And Government

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Course Description / Objectives

This course is to introduce undergraduate students key methodological and theoretical discussions that underpin comparative politics research. After completing this course, students should be better familiarized with academic debates about some of the principal issues in comparative politics, such as how to compare countries, what are concepts of political development, political culture, civil society, causes for democracy/democratization, political violence and terrorism, and so forth. This course will also explore some of the major variations in domestic politics across the world, reviewing chief explanations for these differences.

- Students should be able to apply the comparative analysis framework presented in the lectures and textbooks to any country in the world;
- Students should be able to judge the relative merit of specific policy initiatives based on the experiences of other countries;
- Student should develop analytical skills to compare any two or more countries with regard to their political culture, political institutions, political developments, democratic and non-democratic systems, and civil societies in an increasingly globalized context;
- Students should appreciate the nature and direction of change(s) in the contemporary world within and between states.

Grades

Your grades in this course will be allocated in the following ways:

-- Class Attendance, Participation, and Oral Presentation(s) 20%
-- Mid-term Exam 40%
-- Final Exam 40%
Textbooks


彭懷恩，《比較政府各論》（台北：風雲論壇，2011）

Syllabus

Week 1 (9/19) **Course Introduction**

Week 2 (9/26) Introduction, Ch.1

Introduction: Comparative Politics and Democracy, Ch.1

Week 3 (10/3) New Directions in Comparative Politics, Ch.2

Week 4 (10/10) **National Holiday**

Week 5 (10/17) Democracy and Democratization in Historical Perspective, Ch.2

Week 6 (10/24) Political Development, Ch.3

Economics and Political Development, Ch.3

Week 7 (10/31) Political Development Revisited—and Its Alternatives, Ch.7

Week 8 (11/7) Political Culture and Comparative Politics, Ch.4

Political Culture and Ethnopolitics, Ch.4

Week 9 (11/14) **Film Time / Speech**

Week 10 (11/21) **Mid-term Exam**

Week 11 (11/28) Corporatism and Comparative Politics, Ch.5

Social Structure and Politics, Ch.5

Week 12 (12/5) Comparative Democracy and Democratization, Ch.8

Democratization and the Global Environment, Ch.6

Week 13 (12/12) 英國政府與政治，第一章

Week 14 (12/19) 美國政府與政治，第二章

Week 15 (12/26) 法國政府與政治，第三章

Week 16 (1/2) 德國政府與政治，第四章

Week 17 (1/9) **Final Exam**

Week 18 (1/16) **Course Review**