

The University of Western Ontario

Political Science 2245E

**INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS
Second Term (Winter 2018): The Politics of the Global South**

Thursdays 10:30 – 12:20, NCB 114

Instructor: Martin Horak

In the second term of POL 2245E, we will explore politics in that vast region of the world that is variously called the “third world”, the “developing world”, or “the Global South”. Comprising a broad variety of societies and political practices, the countries of the South nonetheless share a key formative legacy – the experience of European colonialism. Throughout the course we will draw upon concepts and theories introduced in the first term, but we will also explore the limits of these concepts and theories in the face of political realities in the South. You will come out of this term with a deeper understanding of the differences between Southern and Northern politics, as well as an appreciation for the variety of the political experience in the South itself. You will be able to look beyond the ever-present news headlines about terrorism, poverty and war, and understand how these phenomena have been shaped by the broader historical, institutional, social and economic context of politics in the South.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this term, you will be able to:

- Identify key historical experiences and trends that have characterized the “Global South” as a region.
- Discuss the distinctive features of politics in the Global South, as well as key differences across countries and regions.
- Be able to both apply and critically evaluate Western theories and concepts as they are applied to the study of politics in the Global South.
- Understand key connections between Southern and Northern Politics.

Evaluation

- You will write one 8-10 page research paper, due on OWL on Thursday, March 21st (Week 10). This paper will be worth 40% of your term mark. Guidelines for the paper will be distributed in Week 4 of the course.
- A final exam will take place during the April exam period, and will be worth 35% of your term mark.
- Active, informed participation in tutorial sessions this term counts for 10% of your term mark. See below for details.
- Throughout the term, you will follow current events in your two chosen case countries (see below). You will keep a weekly journal of one-page

entries in which you relate current events in your case countries to themes discussed in the course. Details of this assignment will be discussed in the first class of the term. This will be worth 15% of your term mark.

Course Readings

Green, December and Laura Luehrmann. 2017. *Comparative Politics of the Global South: Linking Concepts and Cases (4th ed.)*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers.

This textbook is *required*, and is available for purchase at the U.W.O. bookstore. All other course readings will be posted on the “Resources” section of the OWL website, unless otherwise noted by the instructor. *It is essential that you keep up with reading for this course.* Lectures will work on the assumption that you have completed the reading.

Tutorials

Tutorial sections and times remain the same as in first term. This term’s tutorials include two structured elements:

1. *Case countries:* Prior to your first tutorial, you will choose two of the eight countries profiled in Chapter 1 of Green and Luehrmann as your ‘adopted country’. You will read relevant sections of the textbook on your case countries as noted in the reading schedule below, and will also follow current events in these countries and keep a journal (see above). You will use your knowledge of these countries to contribute to tutorial discussion.
2. *Discussion questions:* Each week, the instructor will post discussion questions on OWL for the following week’s material. Use these questions to guide your reading, and be prepared to discuss them in the next tutorial.

Instructor and Teaching Assistant Contact

Students are encouraged to bring any questions about course material and assignments to the instructor or to the Teaching Assistant.

Office hours and e-mail contact for Martin Horak are as follows:

Tuesdays, 12:30-2:30 or by appointment, SSC 4223

e-mail: mhorak@uwo.ca

The instructor will also meet with students by appointment at other times if necessary. The TA will set her own office hours, which she will announce in your tutorial.

Course Policies

Submitting assignments: You must submit all written work via the course's OWL site in MS Word format only. Work submitted late will be subject to a penalty of 2% for each day past the deadline, weekends included. Extensions due to illness require a medical certificate. If you foresee problems meeting a deadline due to exceptional circumstances, please consult your TA or the instructor *at least one week before the deadline*.

Electronic devices: In order to create an environment conducive to everyone's learning and free from distractions, please refrain from using phones for texting or any other purposes during classes. The use of laptops and tablets is allowed for course-related activities and note taking only.

E-mail: All Western University students are required to have an @uwo.ca e-mail account. I will only respond to e-mails sent from a Western University account. I will *not* accept assignments by e-mail.

Academic integrity: To protect and uphold academic integrity in the class, it is the responsibility of each student to be able to demonstrate the originality of his or her work. At a minimum, for every assignment, the sources of all information and ideas must be properly referenced using a standard academic referencing style such as Chicago, APA, or MLA. Failure to properly reference the ideas of others in an assignment will result in academic penalties as required by university policy:
<http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academicpolicies/appeals/scholasticdisciplineundergrad.pdf>.

If you are unclear about what constitutes plagiarism or how to reference sources, please visit the Writing Support Centre <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/writing/> or review information at: <http://www.lib.uwo.ca/tutorials/plagiarism/>

Help with writing: Learning to express ideas clearly is a central goal of the university experience. If academic writing does not come easily to you, you are strongly encouraged to make use of the Writing Support Centre: <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/writing/>

Accommodations on medical grounds: Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed participation components and/or assignments must apply to the Academic Counseling office of their home Faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department. Please refer to the Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness <https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm> and download a Student Medical Certificate (SMC): <https://studentservices.uwo.ca/> under the Medical Documentation heading.

COURSE OUTLINE AND READING SCHEDULE

Notes:

- *The assigned readings are best read in the order listed below.*
- *Readings from the textbook are marked with an asterisk (*). All other readings will be posted on the OWL site unless otherwise noted.*
- *Readings are subject to change if the instructor finds it necessary.*

Week 1 (Jan. 10): What is “The Global South”?

* Green and Luehrmann, Chapter 1.

Week 2 (Jan. 17): Comparative Politics and the South: Different Approaches

Huntington, Samuel. 2006. “The Clash of Civilizations?” In Mark Kesselman and Joel Krieger, eds. *Readings in Comparative Politics*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, pp. 18-32.

Randall, Vicky. 2014. “Analytical Approaches to the Study of Politics in the Developing World”. In Peter Burnell and Vicky Randall, eds. *Politics in the Developing World*, 4th ed. New York: Oxford University Press, pp.13-27.

Week 3 (Jan. 24): Colonialism and Decolonization

* Green and Luehrmann, Chapter 3 and pp. 59-64.

Landes, David S. 1999. “Empire and After”. In *The Wealth and Poverty of Nations*. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, pp. 422-439.

Anderson, Benedict. 1991. Selection from “The Last Wave”. In *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism*, revised edition. London: Verso, pp. 113-135.

Week 4 (Jan. 31): Postcolonial States and Regimes

* Green and Luehrmann, pp. 65-68.

Clapham, Christopher. 1985. “The Third World State”. In *Third World Politics: An Introduction*. Madison, Wisconsin: University of Wisconsin Press, pp. 39-60.

* Green and Luehrmann, pp. 203-216; and read sections on your case countries in Chapter 5.

Week 5 (Feb. 7): Society and State

* Green and Luehrmann, pp. 216-239.

MacGaffey, Janet. 1991. "Issues and Methods in the Study of African Economies". In *The Real Economy of Zaire*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, pp. 7-25.

Berman, Sheri. 2003. "Islamism, Revolution, and Civil Society". *Perspectives on Politics* 1(2): 257-272.

* Green and Luehrmann: Read sections on your case countries in Chapter 10.

Week 6 (Feb. 14): Political Violence

* Green and Luehrmann, Chapter 11.

Reno, William. 2017. "Fictional States & Atomized Public Spheres: A Non-Western Approach to Fragility". *Daedalus* 146(4): 139-151.

* Green and Luehrmann: Read sections on your case countries in Chapter 12.

Week 7 (Feb. 28): Environmental Change and Violent Conflict

Homer-Dixon, Thomas, Jeffrey H. Boutwell and George W. Rathjens. 1993. "Environmental Change and Violent Conflict". *Scientific American* (February), pp. 38-45.

Jon Barnett and W. Neil Adger. 2007. "Climate change, human security and violent conflict". *Political Geography* 26 (6): 639-655.

Week 8 (Mar. 7): Democratization

* Green and Luehrmann, Chapter 13.

Levitsky, S. 2018. "Democratic Survival and Weakness". *Journal of Democracy* 29(4): 102-113.

* Green and Luehrmann: Read sections on your case countries in Chapter 15.

Week 9 (Mar. 14): Development: Concepts and Theories

* Green and Luehrmann, pp. 109-122.

Thomas, Alan. 2000. "Meanings and Views of Development". In Tim Allen and Alan Thomas, eds. *Poverty and Development into the 21st Century*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 23-48.

Evans, Peter. 1989. "Predatory, Developmental and Other Apparatuses: A Comparative Political Economy Perspective on the Third World State". *Sociological Forum* 4(4), pp. 561-587.

Week 10 (Mar. 21): Globalization and Neoliberalism

* Green and Luehrmann, pp. 122-145, pp. 153-174.

Rodrik, Dani. 2015. "The Globalization Paradox: Democracy and the Future of the World Economy". In J Timmons Roberts, Amy Bellone Hite, and Nitsan Chorev, eds. *The Globalization and Development Reader*, pp.417-439.

* Green and Luehrmann: Read sections on your case countries in Chapter 8.

Week 11 (Mar. 28): Urbanization, Development, and Politics

Cohen, Barney. 2006. "Urbanization in developing countries: Current trends, future projections, and key challenges for sustainability". *Technology in Society* 28 (1-2), pp. 63-80.

Sassen, Saskia. 1994. "Place and Production in the World Economy". In Richard T LeGates and Frederic Stout, eds. *The City Reader*. London: Routledge, pp. 299-304.

Roy, Ananya. 2005. "Urban Informality: Toward an Epistemology of Planning". *Journal of the American Planning Association* 71(2): pp.147-158.

Week 12 (Apr. 4): Reconfigurations and Emerging Realities

Carmody, Pdraig and Peter Kragelund. 2006 "Who Is in Charge - State Power and Agency in Sino-African Relations," *Cornell International Law Journal* 49(1): p. 1-24.

We will also spend part of the final class reviewing material from the whole term.

**APPENDIX TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINES
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Prerequisite checking - the student's responsibility

"Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites."

Essay course requirements

With the exception of 1000-level courses, most courses in the Department of Political Science are essay courses. Total written assignments (excluding examinations) will be at least 3,000 words in Politics 1020E, at least 5,000 words in a full course numbered 2000 or above, and at least 2,500 words in a half course numbered 2000 or above.

Use of Personal Response Systems ("Clickers")

"Personal Response Systems ("clickers") may be used in some classes. If clickers are to be used in a class, it is the responsibility of the student to ensure that the device is activated and functional. Students must see their instructor if they have any concerns about whether the clicker is malfunctioning.

Students must use only their own clicker. If clicker records are used to compute a portion of the course grade:

- the use of somebody else's clicker in class constitutes a scholastic offence,
- the possession of a clicker belonging to another student will be interpreted as an attempt to commit a scholastic offence."

Security and Confidentiality of Student Work (refer to current *Western Academic Calendar* (<http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/>))

"**Submitting or Returning Student Assignments, Tests and Exams** - All student assignments, tests and exams will be handled in a secure and confidential manner. Particularly in this respect, leaving student work unattended in public areas for pickup is not permitted."

Duplication of work

Undergraduate students who submit similar assignments on closely related topics in two different courses must obtain the consent of both instructors prior to the submission of the assignment. If prior approval is not obtained, each instructor reserves the right not to accept the assignment.

Grade adjustments

In order to ensure that comparable standards are applied in political science courses, the Department may require instructors to adjust final marks to conform to Departmental guidelines.

Academic Offences

"Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

Submission of Course Requirements

ESSAYS, ASSIGNMENTS, TAKE-HOME EXAMS MUST BE SUBMITTED ACCORDING TO PROCEDURES SPECIFIED BY YOUR INSTRUCTOR (I.E., IN CLASS, DURING OFFICE HOURS, TA'S OFFICE HOURS) OR UNDER THE INSTRUCTOR'S OFFICE DOOR.

THE MAIN OFFICE DOES NOT DATE-STAMP OR ACCEPT ANY OF THE ABOVE.

Attendance Regulations for Examinations

EXAMINATIONS/ATTENDANCE (Sen. Min. Feb.4/49, May 23/58, S.94, S.3538, S.3632, S.04-097) A student is entitled to be examined in courses in which registration is maintained, subject to the following limitations: 1) A student may be debarred from writing the final examination for failure to maintain satisfactory academic standing throughout the year. 2) Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class or laboratory periods in any course will be reported to the Dean of the Faculty offering the course (after due warning has been given). On the recommendation of the Department concerned, and with the permission of the Dean of that Faculty, the student will be debarred from taking the regular examination in the course. The Dean of the Faculty offering the course will communicate that decision to the Dean of the Faculty of registration.

Medical Policy, Late Assignments, etc.

Students registered in Social Science should refer to

http://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/procedures/having_problems/index.html for information on Medical Policy, Term Tests, Final Examinations, Late Assignments, Short Absences, Extended Absences, Documentation and other Academic Concerns. Non-Social Science students should refer to their home faculty's academic counselling office.

University Policy on Cheating and Academic Misconduct

Plagiarism: Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence." (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar).

Plagiarism Checking: "All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>)."

Multiple-choice tests/exams: "Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating."

Note: Information excerpted and quoted above are Senate regulations from the Handbook of Scholarship and Academic Policy. http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/academic_policies/index.html

PLAGIARISM*

In writing scholarly papers, you must keep firmly in mind the need to avoid plagiarism. Plagiarism is the unacknowledged borrowing of another writer's words or ideas. Different forms of writing require different types of acknowledgement. The following rules pertain to the acknowledgements necessary in academic papers.

A. In using another writer's words, you must both place the words in quotation marks and acknowledge that the words are those of another writer.

You are plagiarizing if you use a sequence of words, a sentence or a paragraph taken from other writers without acknowledging them to be theirs. Acknowledgement is indicated either by (1) mentioning the author and work from which the words are borrowed in the text of your paper; or by (2) placing a footnote number at the end of the quotation in your text, and including a correspondingly numbered footnote at the bottom of the page (or in a separate reference section at the end of your essay). This footnote should indicate author, title of the work, place and date of publication, and page number.

Method (2) given above is usually preferable for academic essays because it provides the reader with more information about your sources and leaves your text uncluttered with parenthetical and tangential references. In either case words taken from another author must be enclosed in quotation marks or set off from your text by single spacing and indentation in such a way that they cannot be mistaken for your own words. Note that you cannot avoid indicating quotation simply by changing a word or phrase in a sentence or paragraph which is not your own.

B. In adopting other writers' ideas, you must acknowledge that they are theirs.

You are plagiarizing if you adopt, summarize, or paraphrase other writers' trains of argument, ideas or sequences of ideas without acknowledging their authorship according to the method of acknowledgement given in 'A' above. Since the words are your own, they need not be enclosed in quotation marks. Be certain, however, that the words you use are entirely your own; where you must use words or phrases from your source, these should be enclosed in quotation marks, as in 'A' above.

Clearly, it is possible for you to formulate arguments or ideas independently of another writer who has expounded the same ideas, and whom you have not read. Where you got your ideas is the important consideration here. Do not be afraid to present an argument or idea without acknowledgement to another writer, if you have arrived at it entirely independently. Acknowledge it if you have derived it from a source outside your own thinking on the subject.

In short, use of acknowledgements and, when necessary, quotation marks is necessary to distinguish clearly between what is yours and what is not. Since the rules have been explained to you, if you fail to make this distinction your instructor very likely will do so for you, and they will be forced to regard your omission as intentional literary theft. Plagiarism is a serious offence which may result in a student's receiving an 'F' in a course or, in extreme cases in their suspension from the University.

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SUPPORT SERVICES

The Registrar's office can be accessed for Student Support Services at <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca>

Student Support Services (including the services provided by the USC listed here) can be reached at:
<http://westernusc.ca/services/>

Student Development Services can be reached at: <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/>

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western
<http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.