

Comparative Politics I

Academic Year: (2020 / 2021)

Review date: 01-08-2020

Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

Coordinating teacher: FERNANDEZ VAZQUEZ, PABLO ALBERTO

Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 4 Semester :

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

Political Analysis I, II and III

OBJECTIVES

Skills related to the development of analytical and critical thinking.
Communication skills and writing skills in carrying out work, case studies and exams.
Public speaking and presentation skills.
Interpersonal skills such as the ability to work in teams or use of the technique of role play.
Knowledge of the methods, theories and some substantive issues in the comparison of political systems.
Ability to link theoretical issues of comparative politics to evidence

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

1. Introduction

- What is comparative politics?
- The substance of comparative politics
- The method of comparative politics
- Evolution of comparative politics

2. Economic development and political regimes

- Introduction
- The Problem
- The seminal study of Lipset: criticisms and new approaches
- Quantitative and qualitative comparisons
- Final remarks

3. Democratization

- Democracies and non-democracies
- Transitions to democracy
- Democratic Consolidation?
- The conditions for democracy
- Revisiting theories of democratization

4. Institutional design and democratic performance

- Introduction
- Debates on institutional design: government systems, party systems and electoral systems
- The quality of democracy

5. Comparative Welfare state

- Introduction
- Types of welfare regimes
- Transformations, crisis and reforms
- Challenges

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Lectures given by the teacher and activities done by students who will apply the knowledge acquired and develop their skills.

The training activities aim to involve students in the learning process. To this end, the teacher will provide basic knowledge and tools needed to strengthen their analytical ability and encourage their critical spirit. In this regard, the reading of selected materials and essays written by students will be fundamental. Likewise, the professor will encourage discussions on current topics, presentations and role play so that students expand their communication and interpersonal skills. This will be complemented by screenings of documentaries / films relating to any matter relevant to the subject. This latter is intended to capture students' interest on issues that sometimes may seem too abstract, without a clear empirical referent.

6 ECTS credits, 150 hours approximately.

Lectures and other activities in class: 42 hours

Study of the subject by students: 56 hours

Preparation of presentations and essays by students: 42 hours

Make-up classes, office hours, hand-in of papers, etc.: 8 hours

Exam: 2 hours

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Final grades will be computed according the following weigths:

Class Participation	10%
Class exercises and take home essay	40%
Final Exam	50%

Final Exam must be passed with a minimum of 50% to pass the course.

% end-of-term-examination:	50
% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):	50

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Boix, C. y S. Stokes (eds)., The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics, Oxford University Press, 2007.
- Boix, C., Democracy and redistribution, Cambridge University Press, 2003.
- Caramani, D. (ed.), Comparative Politics, 4ª ed., Oxford University Press, 2017.
- Castles, Francis G., The future of the welfare state, Oxford University Press, 2004.
- Clark, R., M. Golder y S. Golder, Principles of Comparative Politics, 3rd. edition, CQ Press, 2017.
- Dahl, R., La poliarquía, Tecnos , 1989.
- Del Pino, E. and Mª J. Rubio Lara (eds.) Los estados de bienestar en la encrucijada, 2ª ed., Tecnos, 2016.
- Della Porta, D. y Keating, M. (eds.), Enfoques y metodologías de las ciencias sociales, Akal, 2013.
- Esping-Andersen, G., Los tres grandes retos del estado de bienestar, Ariel, 2010.
- Esping-Andersen, G., Tres mundos del estado de bienestar, Alfons El Magnanim, 1993.
- Grugel, J. y M. L. Bishop Democratization: A Critical Introduction, 2nd edition, Palgrave Macmillan, 2014.
- Haerpfer, C., P. Bernhagen, R. F. Inglehart y C. Welzel, Democratization, Oxford University Press, 2009.
- Haggard, S. y R. R. Kaufman, Development, Democracy, and Welfare States, Princeton University Press, 2008.
- Kesselman, M. Readings in Comparative Politics, 2nd edition, Cengage Learning, 2009.
- Landman, T. and E. Carvalho Issues and Methods in Comparative Politics, 4th ed., Routledge, 2017.
- Lijphart, A., Modelos de democracia: formas de gobierno y resultados en treinta y seis países, Ariel, 2000.
- Linares, S., "Treinta años del debate parlamentarismo-presidencialismo: un balance de las evidencias", Revista Española de Ciencia Política 27: 9-44, 2011.
- Linz, J. J. y A. Valenzuela (comps.), La crisis del presidencialismo. Perspectivas comparativas , Alianza, 1994.
- Lipset, S. M., The Social Requisites of Democracy Revisited, American Sociological Review, 59: 1-22,

1994.

- Mainwaring, S. y M. S. Shugart (comps.), *Presidencialismo y democracia en América Latina*, Paidós, 2002.
- Mantilla Baca, S. y G. Munck (eds.), *La calidad de la democracia: perspectivas desde América Latina*, CELAEP, 2013.
- Marsh, D. y D. Stoker (eds.), *Theory and Methods in Political Science*, 3ª ed., Palgrave Macmillan, 2010.
- Morlino, L. *Comparison. A Methodological Introduction for the Social Sciences*, Barbara Budrich Publishers, 2018.
- Morlino, L., *Introducción a la investigación comparada*, Alianza, 2010.
- Morlino, L., *Democracias y democratizaciones*, Centro de Investigaciones Sociológicas, 2009.
- Newton, K. y J. W. Van Deth, *Foundations of Comparative Politics*, Cambridge University Press, 2005.
- Newton, K. y J. W. Van Deth, *Foundations of Comparative Politics*, 3rd edition, Cambridge University Press, 2016.
- Nohlen, D., "Presidencialismo versus parlamentarismo: Dos enfoques contrapuestos", *Revista de Estudios Políticos*, 99: 161-173, 1998.
- O'Neil, P. H. and R. Rogowski (eds.) *Essential Readings in Comparative Politics*, 5th edition, W. W. Norton & Company, 2012.
- O'Neil, P., *Essentials of Comparative Politics*, Fifth Edition, W. W. Norton & Company, 2015.
- Pierson, P., "The new politics of the welfare state", *World Politics* 48, pp. 143-79, 1996.
- Rueschemeyer, D., Stephens, E. H. y Stephens, J. D., *Capitalist Development and Democracy*, University of Chicago Press, 1992.
- Sartori, G. y L. Morlino (eds.), *La comparación en ciencias sociales*, Alianza, 1994.
- Sartori, G., *Cómo hacer política*, Taurus, 2011.
- Sartori, G., *Ingeniería constitucional comparada*, FCE, 1994.
- Sodaro, M.J. *Comparative politics. A global introduction*, 3rd ed., McGrawHill, 2008.
- Szmolka, I. y de Cueto, C., *Objeto y método de la Política Comparada*, Universidad de Granada, 2011.
- Teorell, J., *Determinants of Democratization. Explaining Regime Change in the World, 1972-2006*, Cambridge University Press, 2010.
- Wiarda, H.J. *New directions in comparative politics*, 3rd ed., Westview Press, 2002.
- Zakaria, F., "The rise of illiberal democracy", *Foreign Affairs*, nov./dic. pp. 22-43, 1997.

ADDITIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Acemoglu, Daron y J. Robinson, *Why Nations Fail*, Crown Publishing Group, 2012.
- Acemoglu, Daron y J. Robinson, *Economic origins of dictatorship and democracy*, Cambridge University Press, 2009.
- Almond, G.A. y G.B. Powell (h), *Política comparada*, Paidós, 1972.
- Blondel, J. (ed.), *El gobierno: estudios comparados*, Alianza, 1981.
- Boix, C., "The roots of democracy", *Policy Review* 135: 3-21., 2006.
- Huntington, S.P., *La tercera ola: la democratización a finales del siglo XX*, Paidós, 1994.
- Levitsky, S. y Way, L. A., *Competitive Authoritarianism. Hybrid Regimes after the Cold War.*, Cambridge University Press., 2010.
- Lijphart, A. (ed.), *Parliamentary versus presidential government*, Oxford University Press, 1992.
- Lijphart, A., *Sistemas electorales y sistemas de partidos*, Centro de Estudios Constitucionales, 1995.
- Linz, J.J., *Obras escogidas, vol.4: Democracias: quiebras, transiciones y retos*, Centro de Estudios Políticos y Constitucionales, 2009.
- Maravall, J.M., *Los resultados de la democracia*, Alianza, 1995.
- Morlino, L., *Changes for Democracy: Actors, Structures and Processes*, Oxford University Press, 2012.
- Nohlen, D., *Sistemas electorales y sistemas de partidos*, FCE, 2004.
- O'Donnell, G. y P. Schmitter, *Transiciones desde un gobierno autoritario: conclusiones tentativas sobre las democracias inciertas*, Paidós, 1986.
- Przeworski, A. y F. Limongi. 1997. "Modernization: theories and facts", *World Politics* 49: 155-183..
- Przeworski, A., M. E. Alvarez, J. A. Cheibub y F. Limongi, *Democracy and development: political institutions and well-being in the world, 1950-1990*, Cambridge University Press, 2000.
- Sartori, G. *Cómo hacer ciencia política*, Taurus, 2011.
- Sartori, G., *Elementos de teoría política*, Alianza, 2005.

- Schedler, A., The politics of uncertainty, Oxford University Press, 2013.