

Course	COMPARATIVE POLITICS 2			
	Type	Semester	ECTS	Code
	(M)	IV	5	
Course lecturer Course assistant Course tutor				
Aim and objectives	<p>"Whereas, in the course 'Comparative Politics 1,' you had the opportunity to acquaint yourself with the fundamental concepts, approaches, and basic theories in the field of comparative politics, as well as an examination and comparison of Western democracies like Germany, France, and the United States. In contrast, the main focus of this course is to analyze and compare policies in less developed and modernized countries. The primary goal is to facilitate students' expansion and refinement of their knowledge in this field, encompassing concepts such as development (in political, economic, and social contexts), underdevelopment, the role of clientelistic and kinship relations in emerging states, and their significance in establishing modern political systems. This course is considered to have an organic and inseparable connection with the course from the previous semester. The primary thrust of the comparative analysis will center on countries such as Nigeria, as well as Latin American nations like Argentina and Brazil. Consequently, the course will delve into classification criteria for different political systems, various forms of governance, political characteristics, the origins and functioning of political systems, approaches to state construction and power control, and the examination of their political identity.</p> <p>Special attention will be devoted to comprehending the reasons behind the construction of the political systems studied in this course and the means of legitimizing these systems, both internally and externally. Furthermore, considerable focus will be placed on the political ideologies that these political systems project on the global stage in response to the challenges posed by globalization in the realm of politics."</p>			
Learning outcomes	<p>Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an improved understanding of the field of comparative politics through research. • Gain a deeper comprehension and broader knowledge of the utility, opportunities, and limitations of conducting research from a comparative perspective. • Grasp the concept of modernization and the factors influencing the outcomes of modernization processes. This includes a better understanding of the determinants of democratization processes and the conditions for economic growth in various regions of the world. Specifically, we will examine the roles of political elites, institutions, and citizens. • Familiarize themselves with the research conducted by renowned scholars in the field of comparative politics. • Demonstrate the ability to apply and discuss the theories covered in the course. 			
Course content	Course plan			Week
	Introduction:			1
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Syllabus elaboration: course content, method, organization and course requirements. 			
	Less modernized states and political development			2
	Kinship and clientelism in the new states			3
	Instability and violence as products of rapid change			4
Underdevelopment and dependency theory			5	
What are hybrid regimes?			6	

	Nigeria: Tribalism and Diversity			7	
	Modernization and Democracy in Latin America: Argentina			8	
	Presentations of seminar papers by students			9	
	Modernization and Democracy in Latin America: Brazil			10	
	Mexico: a democracy in the making			11	
	India – history and political system			12	
	China – history and political system			13	
	Trends and perspectives of a changing world			14	
	Final test			15	
Teaching/learning methods	Activity		Weight (%)		
	1.	Lectures		50%	
	2.	Seminars (research project)		20%	
	3.	exercise		25%	
	4.	Consultations		5%	
	5.	Study visits		n.a.	
Assessment methods	Assessment activities		Number	Week	Weight (%)
	1.	Final exam	1	15	50%
	2.	Mid-term-Exam	1	7/8	40%
	3.	Lectures	1	1-15	5%
	4.	Presentations of scientific/professional articles	1	1-15	5%
Course resources and means of materializations	Means		Number		
	1.	Class (e.g)		1	
	2.	Laboratory (e.g)		n/a	
	3.	Moodle		1	
	4.	Software MATLAB/SPSS/SIMULINK		n/a	
	5.	Projector		1	
ECTS workload	Activity type		Weekly hours	Total workload	
	1.	Lectures	2	30	
	2.	Exercises	1	15	
	3.	Consultations	1	15	
	4.	Research project	n.a.	5	
	5.	Independent study	2	58	
	6.	Exams	2	2	
Literature/References	Core literature:				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayer, Lawrence C. et al. <i>Politikat Krahasuese</i>. Shtëpia Botuese Ora. 2003. • Materiale që do të shpërndahen gjatë javëve nga ligjëruesi i lëndës. • Steven Levitsky, Daniel Ziblatt. <i>Si vdesin demokracitë</i>. Pema. Prishtinë. 2018 • O'Neil, Patrick H., and Karl Fields. <i>Cases in comparative politics</i>. WW Norton & Company, 2015. 				
	Additional literature:				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fukuyama, Francis, <i>Fillesat e Rendit Politik</i>. Instituti i Studimeve Ndërkombëtare (AIIS). Tiranë. 2012. 				

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