



**Department of Social and Political Sciences**  
*Seminar Spring 2013*

## **Comparative Political Economy**

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**Mondays 3:00 PM- 5:00 PM, Badia Seminar Room 2**

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### **Description**

This seminar surveys the literature in the comparative political economy of the advanced capitalist countries. To what extent do differences in partisanship or institutional choice create fundamentally different models of democratic capitalism? What is the relative role of institutions, interest groups, and ideas in determining the different arrangements we find in the contemporary world? And which variables are most likely to influence the future direction of policy-making and institutional evolution in the advanced industrial societies? These are the major questions the course addresses.

The course also has a pragmatic goal: to familiarize you with literature that any scholar of political economy must know (the list is in that sense necessary but not sufficient, of course). Many of the course sessions are structured around reading a classic text and some of the pieces that develop the insights associated with these classic texts. By choosing to take this class you are taking on the obligation to do all the reading.

Over the course of the seminar students must submit three 500-word response papers to the readings for a given session and post that paper on the course website the night before class. These response papers are fundamental for the holding of a good discussion of the materials, as is a thorough reading of the assigned readings.

Writing a term paper is encouraged. Your term paper should draw on the literature covered in the course but go well beyond it. The goal of any term paper should be an eventually publishable article. Those who wish to write a term paper should submit it to me by email and in paper copy, with a cc to Xxx.

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### **Introduction**

Peter Hall, "The Role of Interests, Institutions and Ideas in the Political Economy of Industrialized Nations" In Lichbach and Zuckerman ed., *Comparative Politics: Rationality, Culture and Structure* (1997), pp. 174-207.

Peter Hall and David Soskice, eds, 2001, *Varieties of Capitalism*, pp. 1-68.

Pontusson, Jonas, 2005, *Inequality and Prosperity: Social Europe vs Liberal America*, pp. 1-66, pp. 204-219.

January xx

### **Coalitions in Political Economy**

Peter Gourevitch. 1986. *Politics in Hard Times*. Cornell University Press.

Rogowski, Ronald. "Political Cleavages and Changing Exposure to Trade." *The American Political Science Review* 81, no. 4 (1987): 1121-1137

Peter Swenson, 1991. "Bringing Capital Back In or Social Democracy Reconsidered," *World Politics* 43(4), pp. 513-44.

Michael Hiscox. 2001. "Class versus Industry Cleavages: Inter-Industry Factor Mobility and the Politics of Trade." *International Organization* Winter 2001.

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### **Partisan Politics, Unions, and the Welfare State**

Gösta Esping-Andersen. 1990. *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*.

John Stephens, Evelyn Huber and Leonard Ray, "The Welfare State in Hard Times," in Kitschelt *et al.*, *Continuity and Change in Contemporary Capitalism*.

Walter Korpi and Joakim Palme. 2003. "New Politics and Class Politics in the Context of Austerity and Globalization," *APSR*, 97:425-446.

Scruggs, Lyle and Allan, J. "Political Partisanship and Welfare State Reform in Advanced Industrial Societies," *American Journal of Political Science* 48(3), 2004, pp. 493-512.

Isabela Mares, 2003. The Sources of business interest in social insurance: sectoral versus national differences. *World Politics* 55 (January 2003), pp. 229–58.

Jacob S. Hacker, "Privatizing Risk without Privatizing the Welfare State: The Hidden Politics of Social Policy Retrenchment in the United States," *The American Political Science Review*, Vol. 98, No. 2 (May, 2004), pp. 243-260.

January xx

### **Institutionalism and Capitalism**

Peter Katzenstein, *Small States in the World Economy*, (Cornell University Press, 1985).

Hall, Peter and Taylor, Rosemary. (1996). "Political Science and the Three New Institutionalisms," *Political Studies* vol.44: 936-57.

Torben Iversen, 1996, "Power, Flexibility, and the Breakdown of Centralized Wage Bargaining: Denmark and Sweden in Comparative Perspective." *Comparative Politics*.

Peter Hall and Robert Franzese, "Mixed Signals: Central Bank Independence, Coordinated Wage Bargaining, and European Monetary Union," *International Organization* 52: 505-535, 1998.

February xx

### **Ideas in Politics and Policies**

Peter Hall, "Policy Paradigms, Social Learning, and the State," *Comparative Politics* 25:3, 1993.

Pepper Culpepper, "The Politics of Common Knowledge," *International Organization*, January 2008.

Blyth, Mark "The Transformation of the Swedish Model," *World Politics*, 2001

Geoffrey Garrett and Barry Weingast, "Ideas, Interests, and Institutions: Constructing the European Community's Internal Market," in Goldstein, J. and Keohane, R. (eds.) (1993): *Ideas and Foreign Policy: Beliefs, Institutions, and Political Change*, Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

February xx

### **Fiscal Policy and Political Institutions**

Franzese, Robert (2002): 'Electoral and Partisan Cycles in Economic Policies and Outcomes' *Annual Review of Political Science*, Vol. 5, pp. 369-421.

William Clark and Mark Hallerberg, "Mobile Capital, Domestic Institutions, and Electorally-Induced Monetary and Fiscal Policy," *American Political Science Review*. 94,2 (June 2000): 323-346.

Carles Boix, "Partisan Governments, the International Economy and Macroeconomic Policies in OECD Countries." *World Politics*, vol. 53 (October, 2000), pp. 38-73.

Rodden, Jonathan 2002, "The Dilemma of Fiscal Federalism: Grants and Fiscal Performance around the World," *American Journal of Political Science*, vol. 46, no.3: 670-687.

February xx

### **Long Term Growth and Its Origins**

Acemoglu, Daron, Simon Johnson, and James A. Robinson (2005). "Institutions as a Fundamental Cause of Long-Run Growth." *Handbook of Economic Growth*.

North, Douglass C. And Barry R. Weingast, 1989. "Constitutions and Commitment: The Evolution of Institutional Governing Public Choice in Seventeenth-Century England," *The Journal of Economic History* 49, (December): 803-832.

David Stasavage. 2002. "Credible Commitment in Early Modern Europe: North and Weingast Revisited," *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization* 18(1): 155-186.

February xx

### **Capitalism and Business Power**

Charles Lindblom, *Politics and Markets*, 1977, Basic Books, pp. 170-214 (Private Enterprise and Democracy).

Peter Bachrach and Morton Baratz, "Two Faces of Power," *American Political Science Review*, Volume 56, Issue 4 (Dec., 1962), 947-952.

Pepper Culpepper, *Quiet Politics and Business Power*, 2010, CUP

Jacob Hacker and Paul Pierson, "Business Power and Social Policy: Employers and the Formation of the American Welfare State," *Politics and Society* 30:2, June 2002.

Peter Swenson, "Varieties of Capitalist Interests" *Studies in American Political Development*, 18, Spring 2004.

March x

**Inequality**

Pontusson, Jonas and Lane Kenworthy, 'Rising Inequality and the Politics of Redistribution in Affluent Countries', *Perspectives on Politics*, 2005.

Scheve, Kenneth and David Stasavage. "Institutions, Partisanship, and Inequality in the Long Run," *World Politics*, 2009.

David Rueda, "Left Government, Policy, and Corporatism: Explaining the Influence of Partisanship on Inequality," *World Politics* 60:3, April 2008.

Beramendi, Pablo and Christopher J. Anderson, "Inequality and Democratic Representation: the Road Travelled and the Path Ahead," in Beramendi, Pablo and Christopher Anderson, *Democracy, Inequality, and Representation*, pp. 387-416.

Kaufman, Robert R. 2009. "The Political Effects of Inequality in Latin America: Some Inconvenient Facts." *Comparative Politics* vol. 41(3), pp. 359-379.

March xx

**Liberalization, Institutional Change and Politics**

Simmons, Beth and Zachary Elkins (2004). "The Globalization of Liberalization: Policy Diffusion in the International Political Economy." *American Political Science Review* 98: 171-190.

Kurt Weyland 2008, "Toward a New Theory of Institutional Change," *World Politics* 60(2).

Wolfgang Streeck and Kathleen Thelen, *Beyond Continuity*, chapter 1, pp. 1-39.

Bruno Palier and Kathleen Thelen, "Institutionalizing Dualism: Complementarities and Change in France and Germany," *Politics & Society*, March 2010, 38(1), 119-148.

Kathleen Thelen, "Varieties of Capitalism: Retrospective and Prospective," Forthcoming in *Annual Review of Political Science*, 2012.