

Sabancı University
POLS 503: Comparative Politics: Method, Issues, and Approaches
Spring 2021
(Class hours: M 8:40 – 11:30)

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This course will be administered through synchronous lectures and discussions via the Zoom.

Course grade will be calculated upon students' participation in class discussions (30%), Mid-term Paper (35%), and Final Assignment (35%)

Reading List

1. Idea of Control and Research Design (Weeks 1 - 2)

- i. Giovanni Sartori "Compare Why and How: Comparing, Miscomparing and the Comparative Method" in Mattei Dogan and Ali Kazancıgil (eds.) **Comparing Nations: Concepts, Strategies, Substance** (Oxford, Blackwell: 1994): 14-34.
- ii. Donald T. Campbell and Julian C. Stanley, **Experimental and Quasi Experimental Designs for Research**, (Chicago, Rand McNally, 1973): 4-13.

2. Comparative Politics: An Introduction to Comparative Method (Weeks 3-4)

- i. Erwin K. Scheuch "The Development of Comparative Research," in Else Oyen (ed.) **Comparative Methodology: Theory and Practice in International Social Research** (Sage: 1990): 19-37.
- ii. David Collier, "The Comparative Method: Two Decades of Change," in Rustow and Erickson (eds.) **Comparative Political Dynamics: Global Research Perspectives** (Harper Collins: 1991): 7-31.
- iii. Mark Irving Lichbach, "Thinking and Working in the Midst of Things: Discovery, Explanation, and Evidence in Comparative Politics," in Mark Irving Lichbach and Alan S. Zuckerman, **Comparative Politics: Rationality, Culture and Structure**, (Cambridge, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009): 18 - 71.

3. Comparative Method in Political Science: Fundamentals (Weeks 5 - 6)

- I. Paradigmatic Thinking (Week 5)**: i. Robert T. Holt and John M. Richardson, Jr. "Competing Paradigms in Comparative Politics" in Holt and Turner (ed.) **The Methodology of Comparative Research**. (New York, The Free Press: 1973): 23-71.
- ii. Adam Przeworski and Henry Teune, **The Logic of Comparative Social Inquiry** (New York, J. Wiley: 1970): 17-46.

iii. Arend Lijphart, "The Comparable-Cases Strategy in Comparative Research," **Comparative Political Studies**, vol.8: 2 (July 1975): 158-177.

iv. James Mahoney, "Strategies of Causal Assessment in Comparative Historical Analysis," in James Mahoney and Dietrich Rueschemeyer (eds.), **Comparative Historical Analysis in the Social Sciences**, (Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press, 2003): 337 – 372.

v. Peter A. Hall, "Aligning Ontology and Methodology in Comparative Research," James Mahoney and Dietrich Rueschemeyer (eds.), **Comparative Historical Analysis in the Social Sciences**, (Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press, 2003): 373 – 404.

Dwayne Woods, "The Future of Comparative Politics is its Past," **Chinese Political Science Review**, vol. 1 (2016): 412–424.

II. Quantify or Qualify (Week 6): Gary King, Robert O. Keohane, and Sidney Verba, **Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research**, (Princeton N.J: Princeton Univ. Press, 1994): 3 – 114.

Mahoney, James and Gary Goertz. "A Tale of Two Cultures: Contrasting Quantitative and Qualitative Research." **Political Analysis**, vol. 14 (2006): 227-249.

James Mahoney, "After KKV: The New Methodology of Qualitative Research," **World Politics**, vol. 62, no. 1 (January 2010), 120-47.

Charles C. Ragin, **The Comparative Method: Moving Beyond Qualitative and Quantitative Strategies**, (Berkeley, Los Angeles, London: Univ. of California Press, 1987): 1 – 33.

4. Comparing Whole Systems (Weeks 7 - 8)

i. "Part 2: Comparing Whole Systems: Alternative Paradigms" in Louis J. Cantori, Andrew H. Ziegler, Jr. (eds.) **Comparative Politics in the Post-Behavioral Era** (Boulder, Colo., Lynne Rienner: 1988): 73-158.

ii. Charles C. Ragin, **The Comparative Method: Moving Beyond Qualitative and Quantitative Strategies**, (Berkeley, Los Angeles, London: Univ. of California Press, 1987): 34 – 52.

iii. J. P. Nettl, "The State as a Conceptual Variable" in Louis J. Cantori, Andrew H. Ziegler, Jr. (eds.) **Comparative Politics in the Post-Behavioral Era** (Boulder, Colo., Lynne Rienner: 1988) 303-332. (or see: *World Politics*, vol. 20:4 (July 1968): 559-592.

iv. Joel S. Migdal "Researching the State," in Mark Irving Lichbach and Alan S. Zuckerman (eds.) **Comparative Politics: Rationality, Culture and Structure** (Cambridge, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009) : 162 - 192.

v. Todd Landman, **Issues and Methods in Comparative Politics: An Introduction**, (London, New York, Routledge: 2000): 38-55.

vi. Dietrich Rueschemeyer, "Can One or a Few Cases Yield Theoretical Gains?" in James Mahoney and Dietrich Rueschemeyer (eds.), **Comparative Historical Analysis in the Social Sciences**, (Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press, 2003): 305 – 336.

Mid-term Examination: Week 7 (Monday, April 5, 2021).

5. Comparing Similar and Dissimilar Systems (Weeks 9 - 10)

- i. Adam Przeworski and Henry Teune, **The Logic of Comparative Social Inquiry** (New York, J. Wiley: 1970): 47 – 134.
- ii. Mattei Dogan and Dominique Pelassy, **How to Compare Nations: Strategies in Comparative Politics** (Chatham, N. J.: Chatham House Pub.: 1990) 111-177.
- iii. Henry Teune, "Comparing Countries: Lessons Learned" in Else Oyen (ed.) **Comparative Methodology: Theory and Practice in International Social Research** (Sage: 1990) 38-62.
- iv. Charles C. Ragin, **The Comparative Method: Moving Beyond Qualitative and Quantitative Strategies**, (Berkeley, Los Angeles, London: Univ. of California Press, 1987): 53 – 84.

6. Comparing Political Performance: Policy and Development (Weeks 11 - 12)

- i. Ronald H. Chilcote, **Theories of Comparative Politics: The Search for a Paradigm Reconsidered**, (2nd Ed.) (Boulder, San Francisco, Oxford: Westview, 1994): 215-283.
- ii. Samuel P. Huntington "The Change to Change" in Louis J. Cantori, Andrew H. Ziegler, Jr. (eds.) **Comparative Politics in the Post-Behavioral Era** (Boulder, Colo., Lynne Rienner: 1988) 355- 384.
- iii. Joel S. Migdal "Studying the Politics of Development and Change: The State of the Art" in Louis J. Cantori, Andrew H. Ziegler, Jr. (eds.) **Comparative Politics in the Post-Behavioral Era** (Boulder, Colo., Lynne Rienner: 1988) 385- 416.
- iv. Howard J. Wiarda, "Toward a Nonethnocentric Theory of Development: Alternative Conceptions from the Third World" in Howard J. Wiarda (ed.) **New Directions in Comparative Politics** (Boulder, San Francisco, Oxford, Westview Press: 1991) 131-153.
- v. John D. Martz, "Bureaucratic-Authoritarianism, Transitions to Democracy, and the Political Culture Dimension," Howard J. Wiarda (ed.) **New Directions in Comparative Politics** (Boulder, San Francisco, Oxford, Westview Press: 1991) 199-217.
- vi. Lawrence S. Graham, "Public Policy and Administration in Comparative Perspective," Howard J. Wiarda (ed.) **New Directions in Comparative Politics** (Boulder, San Francisco, Oxford, Westview Press: 1991) 170-198.

7. Research Techniques and Comparative Politics (Weeks 13 - 14)

- i. Timothy C. Lim, **Doing Comparative Politics: An Introduction to Approaches and Issues**, (Boulder Colorado: Lynne Reinner, 2006): 265 – 290.
- ii. Frederick W. Frey, "Cross-Cultural Survey Research in Political Science," in Holt and Turner (ed.) **The Methodology of Comparative Research**. (New York, The Free Press: 1973) 175-294.
- iii. Dell Hymes, "Linguistic Aspects of Comparative Political Research," in Holt and Turner (ed.) **The Methodology of Comparative Research**. (New York, The Free Press: 1973) 295-341.

iv. Giovanni Sartori, "Guidelines for Concept Analysis," David Collier and John Gerring (eds.), **Concepts and Method in Social Science: The Tradition of Giovanni Sartori**, (Abingdon, Oxon, New York: Routledge, 2009): 97 – 150.

v. Rudolf Andorka, "Use of Time Series in International Comparisons," in Else Oyen (ed.) **Comparative Methodology: Theory and Practice in International Social Research** (Sage: 1990) 203-223.

vi. Ralph H. Turner, "A Comparative Content Analysis of Biographies," in Else Oyen (ed.) **Comparative Methodology: Theory and Practice in International Social Research** (Sage: 1990) 134-150.

Final Paper Assignment is to be made on May 12, 2021, which will be due on May 26, 2021.