

DESCRIPTION AND SYLLABUS

Name of the subject in Hungarian:	Comparative Politics
Name of the subject in English:	Comparative Politics
Credit value of the subject:	3
The code of the subject in the electronic study system:	BN-COMPOL-03-EA
Classification of the subject:	Obligatory
Language of instruction (in case of non-Hungarian courses):	English
Institute or department responsible for the subject:	Institute of Social Sciences and International Studies
Course type and number of contact hours:	Lecture, class per week: 2, class per semester: 0
Mode of study: (Full-time / Part-time):	Full-time training
The semester in which the subject is open for registration:	2022/2023 1st semester
Prerequisite(s):	[Social Studies II. (fulfillment)]

THE PURPOSE OF THE SUBJECT, LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The course will help students to evaluate disparate methodological approaches and use them in various environments and analyses. They will be aware of the differences and details regarding to qualitative and quantitative research, paradigms in political theory and additional types of concept formations in comparative politics.

SUMMARY OF THE CONTENT OF THE SUBJECT

The aim of the course is to make students familiar with the different theories and perspectives of comparative politics.

With the comparative analysis of different governmental systems, by the end of the course students are expected to have a better understanding of the challenges of the political systems of the XXI. century.

All countries are analyzed based on the following paths: History, institutions, civil society, foreign relations and political economy. Constant discussion is an important part of the course, students are expected to express their opinions as well to be able to analyze the relevant publications and recognize what tradition they would choose and why.

STUDENT'S TASKS AND PLANNED LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

The student will learn the basics of Comparative Politics and its methodology. We will discuss theory and practice and its different angles with the students who will learn the political structures of different countries and will be able to compare them based on theory and with other methods.

For a complete class experience students are expected not to miss classes more than three times in the semester. Missing more classes will result as an insufficient pass. Students are expected to notify the professor regarding to any absence beforehand (not counting illness of course).

EVALUATION OF THE SUBJECT:

The evaluation of the subject will be finalized on a 5-grade scale written test. Students will need to actively cooperate in class, share additional thoughts and questions that could generate a conversation regarding to the field under discussion.

With active participation and the final exam, a student can pass the subject with good experience.

Offered grade can be given: No.

OBLIGATORY READING LIST:

- (Juan J. Linz, 2007. "Political Regimes and the Quest for Knowledge" in Geraldo L. Munck and Richard Snyder eds. *Passion, Craft, and Method in Comparative Politics*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 150-209)
- (Philippe C. Schmitter 2001. „Seven (Disputable) Theses Concerning the Future of ‘Transatlanticised’ or ‘Globalised’ Political Science“. *European Political Science*, Vol.1. No. 2. Spring, 23-40.)
- (Henry E. Brady, 2004. "Introduction to Symposium: Two Paths to a Science of Politics" *Perspectives on Politics*, June, Vol. 2. No. 2. 295-300.)
- (Gerardo Munck, 2004. "Tools for Qualitative Research" in Henry E. Brady and David Collier eds. *Rethinking Social Inquiry: Diverse Tools, Shared Standards*. Oxford – New York: Rowman & Littlefield, 105-121.)
- (Arend Lijphart, 1971. "Comparative Politics and Comparative Method" *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 65. No. 3. September, 682-693.)
- (Colin Hay, 2002. "What Is ‘Political’ About Political Science?" in *Political Analysis: A Critical Introduction*. New York: Palgrave, 59-88)
- (Giovanni Sartori, 1991. "Comparing and Miscomparing" *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, Vol. 3. 243-257.)
- (Arend Lijphart, 1995. "The Comparable-cases Strategy in Comparative Research" *Political Studies*, 2, 158-77.)
- (Bear F. Braumoeller, 2003. "Causal Complexity and the Study of Politics" *Political Analysis*, Vol. 11. No. 3. 209-233.)
- (Andrew Bennett and Jeffrey T. Checkel, eds. 2015. *Process Tracing: From Metaphor to Analytic Tool. Strategies for Social Inquiry*. Cambridge?; New York: Cambridge University Press.)
- (Seymour M. Lipset, 1969 [1959], "Some Social Requisites of Democracy: Economic Development and Political Legitimacy" in Charles F. Cnudde and Deane E. Neubauer (eds.), *Empirical Democratic Theory*. Chicago: Markham, 151-192.)
- (Samuel P. Huntington, 1968. *Political Order in Changing Societies*. New Haven: Yale University Press)
- (Pippa Norris, 2011. *Democratic Deficit*. Cambridge University Press. 3-37., 119-141.)
- (Ronald Inglehart, 1997. *Modernization and Postmodernization: Cultural, Economic, and Political Change in 43 Societies*. Princeton: Princeton University Press)
- (Philippe C. Schmitter, 1995. "Transitology: The Science or the Art of Democratization?" in Joseph S. Tulchin ed. *The Consolidation of Democracy in Latin America*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 11-41.)
- (Peter A. Hall & Rosemary C. R. Taylor, 1996. "Political Science and the Three New Institutionalisms" *Political Studies*, Vol. 44. 936-57.)
- (Guillermo O'Donnell, 2007. "Democratization, Political Engagement, and AgendaSetting Research" In Gerardo L. Munck and Richard Snyder: *Passion, Craft, and Method in Comparative Politics*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins U. P. 273-304.)
- (Comparative Politics
Fifth Edition Edited by Daniele Caramani April 2020 ISBN: 9780198820604)
- (McNamara, K. R. (2018) *Authority Under Construction: The European Union in Comparative Political Perspective*. *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies*, 56: 1510– 1525. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jcms.12784>.)
- (Risse-kappen, T. (1996), *Exploring the Nature of the Beast: International Relations Theory and Comparative Policy Analysis Meet the European Union*. *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies*, 34: 53-80. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1468-5965.1996.tb00560.x>)
- (Spanakos, A.P., & Panizza, F. (Eds.). (2015). *Conceptualising Comparative Politics* (1st ed.). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781315759395>)