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**GOVERNMENTS OF THE WORLD
POLS 1301**

COURSE DESCRIPTION: At the heart of the question of politics is “Who should govern the sovereign nation-state and how?” We shall, in this course, trace the historical events that produced the idea that the “people” should govern. Then examine the institutional frameworks that were formulated to carry out the business of the “people”. At one level, this is the story about democratic governance. At another level, the course will examine the various forces such as the economy, the military, dominant oppositional ideologies, and religious thought, and the viral world (for example, high tech tools in monitoring government abuses of their own citizens) in shaping democratic governments.

REQUIRED TEXT:

Larry Diamond ; *The Spirit of Democracy: The Struggle to Build Free Societies throughout the World*, Holt, NY, 2009.

Note: There will be additional readings each week to cover the topic for the week,

COURSE OUTLINE

First Week: Introductory Lectures: Theories of the origin of states and governments, sovereignty, classification of political systems, political culture, and structures of modern governments

1. Political culture and the origin of governments
2. Notion of government as what?
3. Who shall govern and how?
4. The threshold of democracy: Athens, Great Britain, United States, and France.

Readings (attached to Syllabus)

Video: “The Struggle for Democracy”; Program 1 - Genesis; The Price of Democracy; Program 2 - “Japan – the Creation of a new Japan

Second Week: Competition for Political Power

1. Personal Rule
2. Racial autocracies
3. Military Rule
4. Ethnic politics and its consequences
5. Corruption and “lootocracy”

Readings (attached to Syllabus)

Video: “The Struggle for Democracy” Program 3, Part 1 “Chiefs and Strong Men, BBC on Nigeria, Rwanda, Mobutu, “Apartheid”, African Nationalism – Davidson, “Cry Freetown,” “The Day of Jubilee-Debt Relief”

Third Week: Religion and Governance

1. “Religious Democracy” What is it?
2. Islamic Societies: the case of Turkey, Iran, and Afghanistan
3. Religious Republic possible?

Readings (attached to Syllabus)

Video: “The Power of Nightmares: The Rise of the Politics of Fear”, “Holy War, Holy Terror”, “Liberation Theology” (Latin America), “Two Israels”, “The Politics of God”

Fourth Week: I. The Future of Liberal Constitutional Governance. Good News – Bad news – crisis and reform

1. Botswana – Republic of South Africa, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Cote d'Ivoire
2. India – Pakistan, Burma, Philippines
3. China – Russia, Eastern Europe (Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, and Rumania)
4. Cuba – Venezuela – Brazil, Chile
5. Winds of Change in the Arab World

Readings (attached to Syllabus)

Video: “South America”, “Bolivia”, “Argentina and Cuba”, “Philippines: Ferdinand Marcos,” “Mao” “Rebellion in the Arab World” and “The Battle for Arab Democracy”, “The Struggle for Democracy Program 3 Khadafi’s, “The Struggle for Democracy Program 9”, “A Soldier’s Duty”, “Fidel and Castro Declassified”,

“Afghan Women”

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING MATRIX

All students are required to write a five-page reflective essay submitted to me by June 17. This essay is worth **25% of total grade**. Selected essays will be read and discussed in class. These essays will be refined and developed to be published in “The Diplomat”. See me for the selection of topic and thesis of your essay (You should consult the handout “How to Write an Essay”).

1. The Mid-Term (to be announced) and Final Exam (to be announced) will be based on “short answers”. Mid-term is worth **25% of total grade**. The final exam is worth **40% each of total grade**.
2. Class participation is highly encouraged and all attempts will be made for each student to contribute in all class discussions. The class will be divided into five groups. Each group will be assigned specific reading assignments to be read and presented in class. Class participation is worth **10% of the total grade**.

FIRST WEEK

Required Reading: Diamond, The Spirit of Democracy, Introduction and Chapters 1-2

Additional Readings:

Francis Fukuyama, “The Primacy of Culture” – Chapter 26

Juan Liuz, “The Perils of Presidentialism” – Chapters 9 and 12

Donald Horowitz, “Comparing Democratic Systems” – Chapter 10

Samuel Huntington, “Democracy’s Third Wave” – Chapter 1

Smitter and Karl, “What Democracy Is and Is Not” – Chapter 4

Quentin Quade, “Democracies-to-be: Getting it Right the First Time”, Freedom at Issue, 113, March-April 1990, pp. 4-8, Chapter 15

Christopher Howard, “The Haves and Have-Lots,” Democracy Journal, Spring 2007, pp. 28-58

Clark G. Reynolds, “Democracy versus the Other: Incompatibilities of the Modern World,” Historically Speaking, April 2002, pp. 15-16.

James Pethokoukis, “The Return of Big Government,” U.S. News and World Report, April 21, 2008, pp. 45-49

David Haven Blake, “The Movie that Tells Us How Politics Really Works in Our Democracy”, November 1, 2007

Jonathan Zimmerman, “Why Gender Still Matters in American Politics,” U.S.A. Today, November 14, 2007

Erich Rauchway, “The Republican and Democratic Parties both have a history of catering to White Racists. The Democrats Stopped. Have Republicans?,” New Republic, November 1, 2007

Allan Lichtman, “Conservative Big Government: Wither American Conservatism”, Roundup: Historians Take, November 19, 2007

David Sirota, “Newsflash: Populism is Popular,” San Francisco Chronicle, April 24, 2009

Steven Conn, “Guess What? The New Deal Worked!,” Roundup: Historians Take, March 30, 2009

Linda Gordon, “The New Deal was a Good Idea, We should try it,” Roundup: Historians Take, May 4, 2009

David Brooks, “Big Spending Conservatives,” NYT, April 21, 2009

A.W. Blumrosen and S.M. Blumrosen, “Why Do the Courts Let Presidents Get Away with War?,” Roundup: Historians Take, March 9, 2009

Phillip Longman, “Think Government Can’t fix the auto industry? Then how did it manage to fix the railroad industry – twice? Washington Monthly, March/April 2009

Nial Ferguson, “This financial crisis does have a conservative solution”, Telegraph (UK), March 24, 2009

“Attach from the Left, - Obama is wrong – the Loyal Opposition of Paul Krugman”, Newsweek, April 6, 2009 (cover story) Evan Thomas, pp. 21-25

Robert B. Toplin, “The Decline (and Fall) of the GOP”, Roundup: Historians Take, May 4, 2009

David Greenberg, “Why Arleen Specter’s defection should terrify the GOP”, Slate, April 29, 2009

Can we say that New Labor has humanized Thatcherism”, James Cronin, “Converging at the Center in Britain”

Raymond Fisman and Edward Miguel, “How Economics can defeat corruption,” Foreign Policy, September/October 2008

George Walden, “Don’t Write off America,” Standpoint, March 2009, pp. 34-35

SECOND WEEK

Required Reading : Diamond, The Spirit of Democracy, Chapter 3, pp. 70-74 and Chapter 11

Additional Readings:

Ali Mazuri, “Who Killed Democracy in Africa?” “Clues of the Past, Concerns of the Future”, Development Policy Management Network Bulletin, Vol. IX, No. 1 (February 2002)

The Global Resurgence – Chapter 10 on Nigeria, Claude Ake, “Rethinking African Democracy”, Chapter 5;

Michael Chege, “Between Africa’s Extremes,” Chapter 3

Rene Lemarchand, “Democratic Republic of the Congo from Failure to Potential Reconstruction” “Majority Rule in South Africa” “How South Africa has changed and unfinished Business of Land Reform”

Don Taylor and Ogom P. Nwosu, "Africa's Duel with Democracy," Africa Watch, 30 October/November 1999 and the rejection of one-man rule in Africa, Mail and Guardian, May 25, 2006

Moses Ochonu, "The Myth and Reality of African Corruption," USA African Dialogue (March 12, 2007), pp 1-8

Carol Pineau, "The Africa You Never See," Washington Post, April 16, 2005

Case Studies, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Rwanda. These Case Studies are in folders. See me, Prof. Ahanotu, for folders.

Mukoma Wa Ngugi, "Troubled African Democracies," USA African Democracies, April 21, 2007

Kwaku Sakyi – Addo, "Time Up for Africa's Military," BBC Accra

Ivor Sarakinsky, "No Growth Without Democracy," Business Day, Johannesburg (February 13, 2004)

Kenneth D. Kaunda, "Democratization Development and the Challenges for Africa," Africa Notes, July/August 2003

Ofeibea Quist-Areton, "Africa's Mighty Royals," BBC (February 17, 2004)

G. Pascell Zachary, "Dancing with Dictators," S F Chronicle Insight, May 26, 2002

Chinedu, A.O.L., "Why The Crooks Become Politicians in Nigeria," Nigerian Muse, February 26, 2008

Nigerian Reader (a) Trying To Secure a Democratic Legacy (b) A Dangerous Democracy (c) The Irony of our Democracy (d) The Tragedy of Obasanjo and his Party" (e) Norris Benedict, "Who rules Nigeria?" London U.K., May 17, 2008

William Minter "Marginalization or Renewal? Africa in the New World Order," Altered States, Chapter 28

Kenneth Roth, "Despots Masquerading as Democrats," Human Rights Watch World Report 2007

Phillippe C. Schmitter, "Exploring the Limits of 'transitology'", Prospects, Vol. 2, No. 1 (March/April 1993)

Xan Rice, "A dictator of genius," Mail and Guardian, May 11, 2008

Ellis Cose, "A Message of Hope from a Pile of Bones – if Rwanda can recover, says Anglican Bishop, others can too", Newsweek, April 13, 2009, 29-31

Patrick J. Patterson, "Taking Africa seriously," Proceedings Managin, Vol. 133/10/1256, October 2007

Greg Mills, "The Boot is now on the other foot, Rwanda's Lessons from both sides of insurgency, RUS I, June 2008

Bernard Lewis, Free At Last?", The Arab World in the Twenty-first Century, "Foreign Affairs, March/April 2009, 77-88

_____, "Adrift on the Nile" – Egypt after Mubarak, Foreign Affairs, March/April 2009, 124-130

Jonathan S. Landay, "Pakistan on Course to become Islamic State, U.S. experts say," April 17, 2009

Iraj Isaac Rahmin, "Unclean in Tehran, Adrift in San Diego: A Memoir," Commentary, March 2009, 39-45

Dexter Roberts, "China's Spiritual Awakening," Business Week, January 21, 2008

Confucius Makes a comeback", The Economist, May 19, 2007.

Joseph Krauss, "Netanyahu takes helm of hawkish new Israeli government," Mail and Guardian, April 1, 2009

Lance Lambertson, "Oil, Debt and God," (on Ken Phillips' American Theocracy), February 14, 2006

An Evangelical Manifesto: A Declaration of Evangelical Identity and Public Commitment (May 7, 2008), Washington, DC by the Evangelical Manifesto Steering Committee

Jon Meacham, "The End of Christian America," Newsweek, April 13, 2009, 34-38

THIRD WEEK

Required Reading: Diamond, The Spirit of Democracy, Chapter 12, "The Resurgency of Democracy"

Additional Readings:

Iliya Harik, "Pluralism in the Arab World", Chapter 23

R.M. Gerecht, "The Birth of Democracy in Iraq", Rosen, ed., The Right War, 2005

Hamid Algar, "The Islamic Republic of Iran" (video/lecture)

"Pakistan: The Taliban Takeover," New Statesman, Vol. 20, No. 961, April 30, 2007, pp. 28-36

"Egypt: Constitutional Autocracy," Washington Post, 2007

"The Battle for Turkey's Soul," The Economist, May 5, 2007, p. 11

Magdi Abdelhadi, "Winds of Change Blow Through Egypt's Politics"

Amir Taheri, "What Do Muslims Think?" The American Interest, Vol. 2, No. 5, May/June 2007, pp 6-17

Mark Bowden, "Playing to the Home Crowd in Iran," NYT, May 5, 2006

"Iran's Complex Political System"

Bernard Lewis, "The Two Changes that Sabotaged Democracy in the Middle East," Foreign Affairs, May/June 2005

Writings on Gaddafi and Libya

Ilan Pappé, "The History of Israel Reconsidered," Roundup: Talking About History, March 3, 2007

Writings on Pakistan and Afghanistan

Butt, Gerald, "Gaddafi's Libya"

Anthony Chase and Amr Hainzawy, ed., Human Rights in the Arab World: Independent Voices (Penguin 2008), pp. 23-24. "Islamism"

Bager Moin, "Questions of Guardianship in Iran," Third World Quarterly, Vol. 10, No.1, January 1988, pp. 191-200

Frederick Kagan: The Iraqi Parliament behaves like a bunch of Politicians", Weekly Standard, November 4, 2007

Daniel Pipes, "Britain's Encounter with Islamic Law," Jerusalem Post, February 13, 2008

Reul March Gerecht, "Birth of Democracy," Weekly Standard, February 14-21, 2005

World Muslim populations and Map of Countries with majority Muslim

Fawaz Gerges, "What Does History Bring to the Study of Jihadism?"

Edwin Madunagu, "Comparing Notes with Turkey," The Guardian, May 31, 2000
 "How Democratic is the Middle East," BBC
 Neve Bordon, "Why Hamas Won," "Religious Democracy and the American Government," see the Collective Reading Folder
 "Religion and State Relations" in Ahanotu's writings and readings
 "The Role of Faith," in Howard Fineman, The Thirteen American Arguments (Random House 2008), pp. 56-74
 As'ad Abwkhilil, "A Viable Partnership: Islam, Democracy and the Arab World," Altered States, Bennis and Moushaback, ed., Chapter 21
 Yvonne Yazbeck Haddad, The 'New Enemy'? Islam and Islamists After the Cold War," Altered States, Chapter 7.

FOURTH WEEK

Required Reading: Diamond, The Spirit of Democracy, Chapter 3, pp. 56-70; pp. 74-87; Chapters 5, 9, 10, 13, 14, and 15

Additional Readings:

Readings on Botswana Exceptionism in Africa and ANC Governance in South Africa – an appraisal
 Readings and Writings on Cuba "End of an Era" (copy)
 "Patterns of Democratization in Latin America" (copy); read Chapter 7, O'Donnel, "Delegative Democracies"
 "Oil Madness: Boom Times for Venezuela and Its Autocratic President" (copy)
 Jacques deLisle, "Fifteen Years After Tiananmen: Persistence, Memory and Change in China", Foreign Policy Research Institute, Wednesday, June 9, 2004
 Keith Hand, "Can Citizens Vitalize China's Constitution?", Far Eastern Economic Review, Vol. 170, No. 4, May 2007, pp 15-19 and Terrill's "The Mao Legacy"
 Readings on "Russia's New Boss" – Medvedev and Kendall's "Will Power Shift from the Kremlin?"
 See also Foglesong's "Russia – Again America's 'Dark Twin'"; Tony Wood, "Putin's New Order," New Left Review, 44, March/April 2007
 James Mann, The China Fantasy: Why Capitalism will not bring Democracy to China (Penguin Books 2008), pp. 105-112.
 Fred Weir, "Defining Eras: The Collapse of the Soviet Union," Altered States, Chapter 15
 Law Wing-Sang, "Post-Cold War China: The New Realities," Altered States, Chapter 38
 Medea Benjamin, "On Its Own: Cuba in the Post-Cold War Era," Altered States, Chapter 39
 Subrata K. Mitra, India: Dynastic Rule or the Democratisation of Power" in Third World Quarterly, Vol. 10, No. 1, January 1988, pp. 129 – 159 and Gail Omvedt, "India's Movements for Democracy," Race and Class, 31 (2) 1989, pp. 37-46 and Newsweek, "The New India", March 6, 2006
 Jonathan Mirsky, "How We Got China Wrong – The Myth of Mao's China", The New York Review of Books, May 30, 1991, pp. 19-27
 "The People's Republic [China] in the Grip of Popular Capitalism," The Economist, April 28, 2007
 Nicholas Kristof, "Keeping Faith in China," New York Times, May 25, 2006
 Diana Duarte and Evelyn Sallah, "Another Africa is Possible," The World Social Forum, March 20, 2007
 "This Land is Anti-Capitalist Land," The Economist, April 2007
 Alexander Starr, "Oil Madness: Boom Times for Venezuela and Its Autocratic President"
 "Africa's Duel with Democracy. What has changed? And what are the guarantees for the democratic process this time?" African Watch, October/November 1999
 "Putin's Version of What Has Happened to Russia Since 2000", (address on February 8, 2008)
 "Putin: The Bottom Line: An Independent Expert's Report (English translation by Dave Essel, 2008)
 "Twelve Suggestions for Dealing with the Tibetan Situation," by some Chinese intellectuals, The New York Review of Books, May 15, 2008, p. 62.
 Michael Shifter, "A new Path for Latin America," Current History, February 2008
 Andrew Hurrell, Lulu's Brazil: A Rising Power but going where?", Current History, February 2008
 Martin Walker, "India's Path to Greatness", The Wilson Quarterly, Summer 2006
 "The long March to be a Super Power," The Economist, August 4, 2007
 Dialogue, "A trillion wasted dollars? D. Moyo, R. Dowden and D. Johnson, Standpoint, March 2009, 26-31 and E. Alpsten, "Dreams of their Children – The rise of Kenya's Middle Class offers the country hope for the future despite corruption, pp. 32-33, Standpoint
 Read the concise and eloquent report monograph, "Putin: The Bottom Line: An Independent Expert Report (English translation by Dave Essel 2008)
 Tony Wood, "Putin's New Order" – New Left Review, Vol. 44, pp. 53-68
 Kellee S. Tsai, China's Complicit Capitalists," Far East Economic Review, January/February 2008
 Rowan Callick, "The China Model, The American, November/December 2007
 Harold James, "The Making of a Mess: Who broke Global Finance and Who Should Pay for it" – The Rise of the Chinese Model?, Foreign Affairs, January/February 2009, pp. 162-168

“Is Socialism for the twenty-first century looking more and more like political suicide in the making?”, Javier Corrales, “For Chevez, still more Discontent”
 Luke Harding, “To be a journalist in Russia is suicide,” Mail and Guardian, December 1, 2008
 “Six Myths about Indian elections”, BBC, April 16, 2009
 “Bolivia faces long reform struggle,” BBC, March 16, 2009
 “Millions of Indians go to the polls,; BBC, March 16, 2009
 Martin Plaut, “How ANC came to split,” BBC, April 16, 2009
 William Anthony Hay, “Can Democracy Be Imposed from the Outside?”, Foreign Policy Research Institute, April 28, 2006
 Ruan Zongze, “Don’t Link Darfur Issue to the Beijing Olympics,” China Daily, Tuesday, April 24, 2007
 Hany Besada, “The Daunting Task of Peer Review in Africa,” Mail and Guardian, November 15, 2006
 Robert S. Browne, “The IMF and the World Bank in the New World Order,” Altered States, Chapter 10
 H. Watson, Economic Globalization: NAFTA and Its Consequences, Altered States, Chapter 11
 Leslie S. Lebl, “Fixing Germany wasn’t Easy Either”. See the remaking of Japan and Iraq in this context
 For OPEC and Energy, see Terry Taminien, Lives Per Gallon: The True Cost of our Oil Addiction – Oil: A Blessing or a Curse for Governments? See the role of diamond in this context
 Paul Reynolds, “African Union replaces dictators club,” BBC World; Africa, July 8, 2002
 Hans-Gert Poettering, “Europe as a Global Player: A Parliamentary Perspective,” Harvard International Review, Spring 2007, pp. 26-29 and EU Treaty Proposals
 Steve Schifferes, “Can globalization be tamed? BBC, February 24, 2004
 Tokunbo Oloruntola, “Fireworks over December Commonwealth Summit,” Daily Independent, September 11, 2003
 See U.N. mediation and the crisis in (Burma) -- Myanmar – Military Dictatorship
 See South African Development Conference (SADC) and African Union (AU) and the crisis in Zimbabwe and Kofi Annan in Kenya
 Robert Reich, “How Capitalism Is Killing Democracy,” Foreign Policy, September/October 2007
 Anthony Bikim, The Link between Economic Freedom and Human Rights,” Heritage Foundation, Web Memo 1650, September 28, 2007
 Thad Williamson, “Rethinking American Capitalism,” Tikkum, March/April 2009, pp. 41-44.
 George Vradenburg, “A Post-Capitalist World?”, Tikkum, March/April 2009, p. 8
 John Bolton, “The Coming War on Sovereignty,” Commentary, March 2009, pp. 23-26
 Nasir Jeffry, “Can Pakistan deliver on U.S. strategy demands?”, Mail and Guardian, March 28, 2008
 Timeline: “Global Credit Crunch,” BBC, March 9, 2009
 “Profile: Arab League,” BBC, March 30, 2009
 Shuaib, “Arab World: Between Monarchy and Democracy”, Punch, March 11, 2011
 Vicken Cheterian, “The Arab Revolt: Roots and Perspectives”, GCSP, February 2011