POLS 305: COMPARATIVE GLOBAL POLITICS (3 Credits)

TR 12-1:15pm; Classroom: ARCH 101A; Office Hours: T. 10:30-11:45am.
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COURSE OBJECTIVE: To provide students with a basic understanding of revolutionary and evolutionary change in government structures and policies, political responses to crisis, impacts of globalization on domestic policies, demographic politics, energy politics, Arab-Israeli conflict, the problem of North Korea, and the expected internal effects of China’s rise as a world power. As a conceptual frame of reference, we will compare liberal and illiberal systems. The interplay of politics and economics will be a focus of this course. Our emphasis will be on a country’s internal governance, and relationships with close neighbors, rather than evaluation of its conduct of overall foreign policy.
No textbook is assigned for this course. Readings are articles, and selected chapters from a variety of books. All readings are posted on laulima. Please consult with us if you are having trouble navigating through laulima, or finding the readings for the classes.
Course Grading: Grades will be based on your performance in the following areas:
WEEKLY REFLECTION POSTINGS: Each week (except the final sixteenth week), you will be expected to post an observation to laulima about some aspect you choose of the readings or class material of that week. You must post to the thread created for that week: “Week X Reflections Posting” thread. Ideally, the thread will end up reflecting some interesting conversations among you and your classmates. Meritorious participation will earn you one point each week. You may post at any time during the week. The weekly postings are due by end of day on Sunday at the close of the week. Postings after that for that week will not be credited.
PRE-CLASS READING ASSIGNMENT POSTING: Each student is responsible for selecting one reading (if from a book, one chapter), and posting a summary and analysis to laulima, identified by the reading title. The summary should be approximately 500 words. The analysis should state your supported opinion of the material in approximately 300 words. THE POSTING IS DUE ON LAULIMA ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE WEEK THE READING IS ASSIGNED IN CLASS. You may select a reading assigned for classes meeting between 08/21-23. We will establish an assignment list at our third class meeting. The PCRA is worth 50 points on your final grade.
ATTENDANCE: It is important that you attend class to benefit from the discussions and the material. Each student is responsible for signing the class sign up sheet before leaving each class. Good attendance is worth 10 points on your final grade. One point will be subtracted for every absence beyond three. Habitual good attendance is an easy 10 points on your grade.
CLASS PARTICIPATION: We want to know what you think about the materials assigned, and see some debate among your classmates. Speaking up regularly in class and answer questions online through discussion can earn you up to 10 points on your final grade.

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Along with the 100 maximum points above, there will also be extra-credit opportunities announced by Professor Zhou over the course of the semester.

OBJECTIVES AND STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES
1. Students can demonstrate a basic understanding of contemporary political economy.
   i. Demonstrate an understanding of major issues in selected countries
   ii. Be able to discuss key issues in global politics
   iii. Be able to explain the impacts of the global forces and international critiques

2. Students can demonstrate an understanding of the key literature and issues on economics and politics in selected countries and regimes.
   i. Demonstrate recognition of key literatures, views and debates on global politics
   ii. Be able to develop a critical understanding on key issues

3. Students can develop an in-depth understanding of a selected topic in global politics.
   i. Demonstrate the ability to develop a set of relevant literature on the selected topic.
   ii. Be able to analyze the selected topic with appropriate method.
   iii. Be able to develop a scholarly understanding and argument on the selected topic.

4. Students can develop writing skills in recording, presenting, and analyzing:
   i. visual images
   ii. written materials
   iii. individual understanding and perception

COURSE OUTLINE:
MODULE ONE: COMPARATIVE REVOLUTIONS
Week One: August 21-23
Readings:
R.J. Rummel: American vs. French Revolution
Steve Kreis: The History Guide, Lectures 5-7
Jennifer Cucchise: The Causes and Effects of the Chinese Civil War (pgs. 40-71)
Course Introduction
Concepts as Applied to US/French Revolutions
Guest Speaker: Ph.D candidate, Steve Zierak, : Comparative Revolutions: The American & French Revolutions
Russian, Vietnam, Chinese Revolutions

Video: China A Century of Revolution: China In Revolution 1911 1949
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5e0GjPy4

Week One Reflections Postings due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.
Week Two: August 28-30
Readings: Hasanen & Naruzzaman: The New Egypt
Pew Foundation: The World’s Muslims: Executive Summary, Overview, &
Chapter 4—Women in Society
Cambodia—“The Crimes of Comrade Duch”

Guest Speaker: Prof. Peter H. Hoffenberg will talk about Russia and world history.

Video: BBC Timewatch - Pol Pot: The Journey to the Killing Fields.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iAiDAgLcIbY

Democracy, and Islam#
Week Two Reflections Postings due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.

Week Three: Sept. 4-6
Readings: Brafman & Beckstrom: Starfish and the Spider (Chapters 2, 4, and 9)
Revolutions of the Future? Unorganized Power & Networks*

Video: Rod Beckstrom - The Starfish and the Spider.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wc1ZFTnSSVM

Ever wonder how Bitcoin (and other cryptocurrencies) actually work ... ▶ 26:21
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bBC-nXj3Ng4
Silicon Valley legend on the future of bitcoin and blockchain

Film: Sir John Daniel—Higher Education Doesn’t Do Revolution
Week Three Reflections Postings due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.

MODULE TWO: LIBERALISM AND ILLIBERALISM
Week Four: Sept. 11-13
Readings: Brian Tamanaha: On the Rule of Law (Chapters 3, 5, 9)
Steve Zierak: Reviews of Hillsdale College Constitution 101
Guest Speaker: Ph.D candidate, Steve Zierak; Principles of the Founding vs. Principles of Progressivism/Modern Liberalism.
Film: Sackett v. EPA—How One Couple’s Battle Against the Feds Might
Protect Your Land

Week Four Reflections Postings due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.

Week Five: Sept. 18-20
Readings: Friedrich Hayek: The Fatal Conceit (Chapters 2, 5)
The Road to Serfdom (Chapters 4, 5)
Hernando de Soto: Mystery of Capitalism in the Third World (Chapters 1, 3, 7)
Classical Liberalism: Why Markets Succeed & Government Planning Fails

John Stossel - Will The Shutdown Harm The Economy?
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_0eYb9eX9iA

How Property Documentation Functions as a People’s Source of Capital*
Film: Milton Friedman—The Escape From Collectivism
Week Five Reflections Postings due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.

Week Six: Sept. 25-27
Readings: Steven Rosenfeld: Stalinism in Post Communist Perspective
Yang Jisheng: Tombstone—The Great Chinese Famine (Chapters 11, 12, 14)
Stalinism in the 1930’s
Maoism: Great Leap Forward & Cultural Revolution: Governing by Campaign*
Guest lecture, Prof. Jiang will come to give a lecture on human rights issues in China.

Week Six Reflections Postings due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.
Film: How North Korea Is Using Smartphones as Weapons of Mass Surveillance
Week Seven: Oct. 2-4
Readings: Janos Kornoi: Market Socialism Revisited
Roger Bosher and Yan Huang, Market Socialism Meets the Lost Generation:
Motivational Orientations of Adult Learners in Shanghai.
Michael Boskin: Picking Losers, Killing Winners
Market Socialism
Japanese Industrial Policy*
Film: Pop! Goes the Bubble! The Japanese Economy
Week Seven Reflections Postings due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.

MODULE THREE: ECONOMIC CRISIS & POLITICAL RESPONSE
Week Eight: Oct. 9-11
Readings: Roger Myerson: Political Economics and the Weimar Disaster
Calvin Hoover: Dictator’s March
William Niskanen: Reagonomics
Douglas McWilliams: Thatcherism-20 Years On
Margaret Thatcher, Speech to Supreme Soviet of the USSR

Guest Speaker: Ph.D candidate, Steve Zierak; 2008 US Financial Crisis

Post WWI Germany and Rise of National Socialism
Thatcher and Reagan

Week Eight Reflections Postings due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.

MODULE FOUR: POLITICAL/ECONOMIC TRANSITIONS
Week Nine: Oct. 16-18
The War in Vietnam (Steve)

Readings: Zhou & Gregory: Why China Won & Russia Lost
Zhou & Zierak: Two Models of Economic Development in China

Chinese Capitalisms

Bob Bryan, "China just slammed massive tariffs on $34 billion worth of US goods — here's what will get hit."

Week Nine Reflections Postings due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.

Week Ten: Oct. 23-25 Steve
Readings: Susan Nello: The European Union (Chapters 2, 10)
The European Union#
Monetary Union and Its Discontents#
Film: The European Debt Crisis Visualized

Week Ten Reflections Postings due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.

Week Eleven: Oct. 30th and Nov. 1
Readings: Milada Vachudova: Europe Undivided (Introduction, Chapters 1, 2, 4)
Eastern Europe After 1989
Film: The Czechoslovak Velvet Revolution in Olomouc 1989/1990
Guest Speaker, Zsuzsa Rastegar, a former resident in Eastern Europe (Nov. 1st)

Week Eleven Reflections Postings due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.

MODULE FIVE: CRONY CAPITALISM
Week Twelve: Nov. 8th
Readings: Peter Schweizer: Throw Them All Out (Chapters 2, 5, 9, 10)
Film: Capitalism and Management’s Core Responsibilities
U.S. Crony Capitalism Nov. 13
Panel on Hawaiian Crony Capitalism

Guest Lecturer: Arguments on Both Sides of The Jones Act 11/08

Jones Act

The Rising of Crony Capitalism in America.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YkyZ4rrkhY

Week Twelve Reflections Postings due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.

MODULE SIX: CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL ISSUES
Week Thirteen: Nov. 15
Readings:
- Susan Hainsworth: Sovereignty, Economic Integration, & WTO
- Barry Rubin: Israeli-Palestinian Negotiating Positions
- IEA: World Energy Outlook
- Bill Kovarik: Oil Reserve Fallacy
- Joanne Nova: The Skeptic’s Hand Book
WTO & Economic Integration and African Economic Issues* Nov. 20-22
The Impossible Negotiation#
Energy & Global Warming#
Week Thirteen Reflections Postings are due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.
Guest Speaker: Ph.D candidate, Steve Zierak; The New Demography (add this topic)
2008 Financial Crisis

Video: Globalisation

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLmXI FIY64

MODULE SEVEN: NORTH KOREA, STALINIST RELIC
Week 14, Nov. 27-29
Readings: Andrei Lankov: The Real North Korea (Pgs. 4-49, 67-74, 102-123, 135-142, 146-157, 203-212, 234-242)
Hyper-Stalinist Governance
Survival Problems & Strategies
Film: North Korea Documentary—The Defectors
Week Fifteen Reflections Postings are due no later than midnight Sunday. Late postings will not be credited.
Week Sixteen: US Trade Wars with China (Dec. 4-6)
"The Department of Commerce. “China is a non-market economy”.
https://posts.careerengine.us/p/5b5bbd27092df932ef4b9ec5


Bob Bryan, "China just slammed massive tariffs on $34 billion worth of US goods — here's what will get hit."

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Zhang Lin, "Why the trade war won’t prompt Beijing to dump its US Treasuries."