

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE
Department of Sociology

Sociology 25: Democracy and Democratization

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MWF 9-10 am

The road to democratization in most countries in recent years has been marked by large-scale social movements. This course will begin with an examination of various theories of democracy and democratization. It will specifically analyze the role of economic development, capitalism, class, ideology, and religion in the democratization process. In the second half of the term, we study the political upheavals and developments in Iran and the Philippines. The two countries experienced large-scale insurgencies in the 1970s and the 1980s that gave rise to very different political structures and institutions. The contrasting outcomes of the conflicts in the countries provide useful ground for applying and examining alternative theories of democratization.

Any student with a documented disability needing academic adjustments or accommodations is requested to speak with the professor by the end of the second week of the term. All discussions will remain confidential, although the Academic Skills Center may be consulted to verify the documentation of the disability.

- Parsa, Misagh. *Social Origins of the Iranian Revolution*. Rutgers University Press. 1989.

Reserve readings:

- Abrahamian, Ervand, *Iran Between Two Revolutions*. Princeton University Press. 1982.
- Abrahamian, Ervand. "The 1953 Coup in Iran," in *Science and Society*, Vo. 65, No. 2, Summer 2001.
- APSA Task Force, "American Democracy in an Age of Rising Inequality," *Perspectives on Politics*, Vo. 2, No. 4, December 2004.
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- Aurora Javate de Dios, et al, *Dictatorship and Revolution* (Manila, Philippines: Conspectus, Inc., 1988).

- Chehabi, H. E. "The Political Regime of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Comparative Perspective," in *Government and Opposition*, Vol. 36, January 2001.
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- Collier, Ruth. *Paths Toward Democracy: The Working Class and Elite in Western Europe and South America*. Cambridge University Press. 1999.
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- Diamond, Larry, "Can the Whole World Become Democratic? Democracy, Development and International Policies." <http://repositories.cdlib.org/csd/03-05>
- Friedman, Milton, *Capitalism and Freedom*. The University of Chicago Press. 1962.
- Dahl, Robert, "Why All Democratic Countries Have Mixed Economies," in *Democratic Community*, 1993.
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- Geddes, Barbara, "What Do We Know About Democratization After Twenty Years?" in *Annual Review of Political Science*, 2:114-44, 1999.
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- Gheissari, Ali and Vali Nasr, *Democracy in Iran: History and the Quest for Liberty*. Oxford University Press. 2006.
- Huntington, Samuel, *The Third Wave: Democratization in the Late Twentieth Century*. Oklahoma University Press. 1991.
- Huntington, Samuel, "Will More Countries Become Democratic," in *Political Science Quarterly*, Summer 1984.
- Jacobsen, Thorkild, "Primitive Democracy in Ancient Mesopotamia," in *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, Vol 2, no. 3, July 1943.
- Lipset, Seymour Martin, "Some Social Requisites of Democracy: Economic Development and Political Legitimacy," *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 53, No. 1 (Mar., 1959), pp. 69-105.
- Lipset, Seymour Martin, *Political Man: the Social Bases of Politics*, Anchor Books. 1963.
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- Mann, Michael, *Fascists*. Cambridge University Press. 2004.
- Moore, Barrington. *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy: Landlord and Peasant in the Making of the Modern World*. Beacon Press, 1966.
- Muller, Edward. "Economic Determinants of Democracy." *American Sociological Review*, Vol. 60 (3), pp.966-982.
- Przeworski, Adam and Fernando Limongi, "Modernization: Theories and Facts," *World Politics*, Vol. 49, No. 2, (1997) 155-183.
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- Rueschemeyer, Stephens and Stephens, *Capitalist Development and Democracy*,

- University of Chicago Press, 1992.
- Sen, Amartya, "Democracy as Universal Value," *Journal of Democracy* 10.3 (1999) 3-17.
- Thompson, Mark. *The Anti-Marcos Struggle*. Yale University Press. 1995.
- Yashar, Deborah. *Demanding Democracy*. Stanford University Press. 1997.

Course Requirements:

- 1) Two take-home exams (length ranging from 15 to 25 pages)
- 2) Class attendance and participation (Missing more than three classes will impact the grade).

SCHEDULE

WEEK 1-2

Jun. 18-27

Introduction and Definition of Democracy

Sen, "Democracy as Universal . . .
 Sen, "Democracy Isn't Western," Wall Street Journal, March 24, 2006
 U.N. Wire, "Losing Faith in Democracy: A Warning From Latin America," April 26, 2004
 Kristof, "In a Courageous Village, Ballots Bring Bullets," NY Times, April 10, 2007).
<http://select.nytimes.com/2007/04/10/opinion/10kristof.html?scp=1&sq=In+a+Courageous+Village%2C+Ballots+Bring+Bullets&st=nyt>
 Polgreen, "Africa's Crisis of Democracy," NY Times, April 23, 2007

Recommended reading:

Jacobsen, "Primitive Democracy in Ancient Mesopotamia."

Films:

Campaign Spending
 The Search for Political and Religious Links

WEEKS 3-6

Jun. 30-Jul. 18

Theories of Democracy and Democratization

Friedman, Chapter 1
 Cohen, "An Unexpected Odd Couple . . . NY Times, June 14, 2007.
 Dahl, "Why All...
 APSA Task Force
 Lipset, pp 27-53
 Przeworski, Adam and Fernando Limongi
 Moore, Ch. 7-8

Mann, Ch 1 and 10
Rueschemeyer, Ch. 1-3
Collier, Ch. 1 and 5
Huntington, "Will More...
Yashar, Ch. 1 and 6
Geddes, What Do ...
Diamond, Can the Whole World
Muller, Economic Determinants of Democracy

Recommended reading:
Huntington, Ch. 1-4 and 6

****First Take Home Exam - Date to be announced****

WEEKS 6-8

Jul. 21-Aug. 8

Iran: Revolution and Failure of Democratization:

Abrahamian, "The 1953 Coup in Iran"
Parsa, Social Origins of the, read the entire book
Abrahamian, Chapters 4 and 5
Chehabi, The Political Regime....
Gheissari, Ch. 1 and 6

Recommended Readings:
Kadivar, "Political Rights of People in Islam"
Eshkevari, "The Freedom of Thought and Religion in Islam"

Films:

The Revolution, Live From Tehran, ABC News
Iran: A Revolution Betrayed, BBC

WEEKS 9-10

Aug. 11-20

Philippines: Revolution and Democratization:

Aurora Javate - de Dios, et al Ch. 1-6
Thompson, Ch. 1-3 and 7-9

Films:

To Sing Our Own Song
Imelda: Power, Myth, Illusion

****Final Take Home Exam - Date to be announced****