

# **CONCLUSIONS AND REVIEW SESSION FOR THE FINAL EXAM**

*Comparative Politics*

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## DIGITAL EXAMS - RULES FOR STUDENTS

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*As a student, when I submit this exam, I confirm that I have read and followed the rules. I understand that any violation of these rules will be considered objective evidence of an infraction of the University's academic standards that will be sanctioned according to the IE Code of Ethical Conduct.*

**When taking a digital exam in your computer, you agree to comply with the following rules:**

1. Bring to the exam an **ID** card with a photo so that you can be identified. The exam must be taken in the **assigned classroom**.
2. **Switch off all your mobile phones, smartwatches, headphones, or any other devices** and place them in the indicated area of the classroom. (\*Calculators are only allowed if authorized by the professor).
3. **Close and sign out everything on your computer/tablet**, including all programs, apps, webs, browsers, tabs, documents, Whatsapp (and/or equivalent tools) etc. Double-check that no applications are running in the background. Note that WhatsApp app needs uninstalling not to be detected (it can be reinstalled after the exam.) To be sure, check the Activity Monitor (Mac) or the Task Manager/Administrador de tareas (Windows). Failure to close these items once the exam has begun will be considered an objective **academic breach of these conditions** and will be sanctioned accordingly.

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4. Ensure that you are **connected to IE WIFI** using your **IE credentials** and refrain from using your own personal account, mobile data or VPN.

Ensure that all channels enabling communication or the exchange of files, including Bluetooth and AirDrop, are disabled.

5. Before the start of the exam, **sign out of Blackboard to avoid any expired sessions** that may cause technical issues during the exam. Then, start a new Blackboard session with your IE credentials.

6. Lack of **activation** of the proctoring system, intentionally or not, will invalidate the exam. In this case, the exam will be graded with 0.0 (fail).

7. Do not cover or excessively dim the brightness of your **screen**, nor use private screen filters in your laptop that prevent the invigilator from clearly seeing it.

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8. Acknowledge that it is **absolutely forbidden** to:

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- Open or use any application that allows remote access e.g. TeamViewer, Anydesk, etc.
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- Uninstall the proctoring system used before the exam ends, or submit the exam after closing the proctoring system.
- Engage in any other actions that could be considered cheating.

9. During the exam, the professor/invigilator may ask you to **show your desktop for verification**. If any irregular behaviour is detected, you will be reported to Program Management. Your exam may be invalidated, and you may be asked to leave the room.

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12. Instituto de Empresa, S.L. and IE Universidad (together, "IE"), as data controllers, may supervise the electronic devices from which you connect to the IE WIFI network during the exam, to verify your connection to it and that you take the exam in a fair and honest manner and in compliance with the IE Code of Ethical Conduct at all times. IE will only be aware of the webpages that you visit and the applications that you use during the exam, without access in any case to the content shared in them. We remind you that you can exercise the corresponding rights set out in Articles 15 to 22 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 as appropriate at any time. More information can be found at <https://www.ie.edu/ie-ethics-code>

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