

# **FINAL EXAM**

*Comparative Politics*

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## Some words on the research design

## Research design grades are posted

- **Grades are posted** on Blackboard
- **As I've said for weeks, this was a hard assignment:** a good design requires thoughtful, creative, and academically rigorous work.
- **Still, many groups got very high grades** – congrats!
- **As I insisted throughout the semester, in class and in writing, AI was not allowed in this assignment** and your submissions needed to be your own. Some groups got a zero because it was clear in the submission and in the defense that at least part of the design was done with AI.

## Research design next steps

- **If you want to request a revision, you must do so by email and no later than today.**
  - We'd look at the design together and I'd give more details on the weaknesses that subtracted points
  - **Grades can go up but also can go down as a result of a revision**
- **Meetings this afternoon or tomorrow, in person or on Zoom**
- **In general I don't change grades unless I've made a mistake when grading or posting.**

## Reminders on final exam rules

## Final exam rules

- 40% of the grade
- You must pass the final exam (50% or more) to pass the course
- The exam covers the readings + lectures + exercises in sessions 1-29
- Closed book, on paper
- Only closed questions: true/false, multiple choice
- 75 minutes for 45 questions.

## Safeguards to ensure you are all on the same conditions

- You must take the seat assigned to you
- Only the exam and a pen in front of you – no exceptions:  
cases, bottles, coffees etc not allowed
- I wont answer questions about the exam once we start – do your best with what you have in front of you
- You must take the exam on your own with no assistance of any sort other than what's in your brain.
- The following behaviors during the exam would be violations of academic integrity standards and treated accordingly:
  - Checking *anything* other than the exam in front of you
  - Looking at somebody else's exam
  - Communicating with anybody else

# Finishing the exam

- When you are done, raise your hand and we'll collect your exam
- You are not allowed to stand up until you have handed your exam
- Please don't gather outside these rooms – go downstairs

## What to expect after the exam

- I'll post the solutions this afternoon
- I'll post grades on Blackboard (for the exam and overall) tomorrow
- After that, you can request that I email you a copy of your exam – do so by email
- Revisions will be held in January during term time, according to IE rules
- If you want to appeal any questions, let me know by email by tomorrow preferably
- I won't revise grades based on any potential thresholds (pass/fail, distinction, etc). I only revise grades if I've made a mistake in grading.

## Final remarks

- Remember what we talked about in the review session about tips for succeeding in the exam.
- I am certain everybody here can not only pass but get a good grade in this exam
- 75 minutes of focused, honest work... and then you're done with the semester.
- Enjoy your break!