



Tárgytematika

EÖTVÖS LORÁND TUDOMÁNYEGYETEM

TÁTK Európai Tanulmányok Tsz
(TÁTK-EU-TANSZ)

2019/20/1

Tárgynév:	Comparative Politics
Tárgykód:	IRB126
Tárgyfelelős neve:	Kopper Ákos
Tárgy követelménye:	Kollokvium (5)
Tárgy heti óraszám:	2/0/0

Oktatás célja:

The aim of the course is to introduce the most relevant topics, theories and findings of contemporary political science, like democracy, democratization, political transitions, and globalizations, among others, and these issues will serve as academic background and basis for further studies in the fields of IR, human rights, and EU studies. In the second half of the semester, based on these theoretical introductions, we will analyze the political system and politics of some important actors of international politics (China, USA, Germany, France, UK).

Tantárgy tartalma:

- 1) Introduction: information about the course, Q&A
- 2) Systems of government and the fragmentation of societies
- 3) Majoritarian and consensus democracies. The politics of pillarization. (Lijphart)
- 4) Democracy: idea and its development (19th-21st centuries)
- 5) Political transition and democratization. Introduction to transition studies
- 6) Democracy: challenges in the 21st century
- 7) Globalization and politics
- 8) Classic parliamentarism: United Kingdom
- 9) American politics I.
- 10) American politics II.
- 11) Chancellor-democracy: Germany
- 12) Semi-presidentialism and the nation-state: France
- 13) The rising power: China

Számonkérési és értékelési rendszere:

Students are expected to pass a so-called complex (written and oral) exam in the exam period. According to university rules, complex exam is the following: the first part is a written test, and serves as the entry for the second, oral part. If the written part fails, the student cannot go to the oral exam, but has to register to a re-take exam.

The requirements for the exam are:

- the **mandatory readings**;
- the materials of **lectures**;
- **4 selected books** from the list of suggested readings. Students are absolutely free to choose 4 books from the



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list, but only 1 can be chosen from the fiction-part, or, in other words, they must select at least 3 non-fiction, academic literature. These books will be discussed at the oral exam.

Kötelező irodalom:

Mandatory readings:

- Powell, J. Bingham – Dalton, Russel J. – Strøm, Karen (eds.): *Comparative Politics Today*. (11th Edition.) Pearson, Harlow, 2015. (selected chapters only)
- Sartori, Giovanni: *Comparative constitutional engineering. An Inquiry into Structures, Incentives and Outcomes*. Palgrave Macmillan, London, 1994. (selected chapters only)

Suggested readings:

Non-Fiction:

- Acemoglu, Daron – Robinson, James A.: *Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity, and Poverty*. Crown Business, 2012.
- Anderson, Benedict: *Imagined Communities. Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism*. Verso, London, New York, 1983.
- Arendt, Hannah: *Eichmann in Jerusalem. A Report on the Banality of Evil*. The Viking Press, New York, 1963.
- Barber, Benjamin: *Jihad vs. McWorld*. Times Books, 1995.
- Beauvoir, Simone de: *The Second Sex*. Vintage Books, New York, 1989. First published: 1952.
- Blair, Tony: *A Journey*. Random House, London, 2010.
- Brzezinski, Zbigniew: *Strategic vision: America and the crisis of global power*. Basic Books, New York, 2012.
- Bush, George W.: *Decision Points*. Crown Publisher, 2010.
- Castells, Manuel – Ince, Martin: *Conversations with Manuel Castells*. Oxford, Polity Press 2003.
- Clinton, Bill: *My Life*. Alfred A. Knopf, New York, 2004.
- Dahl, Robert Alan: *After the Revolution? Authority in a Good Society*. Yale University Press, NY, London, 1990. First published: 1970.
- Dahl, Robert Alan: *On Democracy*. Yale University Press, New Haven, 1998.
- Dahl, Robert Alan: *How democratic is the American constitution?* Yale University Press, New Haven, 2003.
- Dunn, John: *Democracy: The Unfinished Journey, 508 BC to AD 1993*. Oxford University Press, Oxford-New York, 1992.
- Edmonds, David – Eidinow, John: *Bobby Fischer Goes to War: How A Lone American Star Defeated the Soviet Chess Machine*. Ecco, 2004.
- Enloe, Cynthia: *Bananas, Beaches and Bases. Making Feminist Sense of International Politics*. University of California Press, Berkeley, Los Angeles – London, 2014.
- Fukuyama, Francis: *Identity. The Demand for Dignity and the Politics of Resentment*. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2018.
- Habermas, Jürgen: *On the Logic of the Social Sciences*. Polity, 1990.



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- Habermas, Jürgen: *The Postnational Constellation – Political Essays*. MIT Press, 2001.
- Habermas, Jürgen: *The Crisis of the European Union. A Response*. Polity Press, 2013.
- Halberstam, David: *The Powers That Be*. Open Road Media 2012. First published: 1979.
- Hamilton, Alexander – Jay, John – Madison, James: *The Federalist*. (Smith, Goldwin ed.) New York, The Colonial Press, 1901. ([PDF format available on-line](#)) First published as a book in 1788.
- Havel, Vaclav: *The Power of the Powerless. (With and Introduction by Timothy Snyder)* Penguin Vintage Classics, 2018. (Or any other edition)
- Hooper, Charlotte: *Manly States. Masculinities, International Relations, and Gender Politics*. Columbia University Press, New York, 2001.
- Hobsbawm, Eric J.: *The Age of Extremes – The Short Twentieth Century, 1914-1991*. Abacus, 1995.
- Huntington, Samuel P.: *The Third Wave. Democratization in the Late Twentieth Century*. University of Oklahoma Press, Norman and London, 1991.
- Huntington, Samuel P.: *The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order*. Simon Schuster, New York, 1997.
- Judt, Tony: *Ill fares the land*. Penguin Books, 2010.
- Kagan, Robert: *Of Paradise and Power. America and Europe in the New World Order*. Vintage Books, New York, 2004.
- Kagan, Robert: *The Return of History and the End of Dreams*. Alfred A. Knopf, New York, 2008.
- Kapuściński, Ryszard: *The Emperor: Downfall of an Autocrat*. Vintage, 1989.
- Kapuściński, Ryszard: *Shah of Shahs*. Vintage, 1995. (Or any other edition)
- Kissinger, Henry – Ferguson, Niall – Li, David Daokui – Zakaria, Fareed: *Does the 21st Century Belong to China? The Munk debate on China*. Edited by Rudyard Griffiths and Patrick Lucian. Aurea Foundation, Toronto, 2011.
- Kissinger, Henry: *On China*. Penguin Press, 2011.
- Kissinger, Henry: *World Order*. Penguin Books, 2014.
- Kymlicka, Will: *Multicultural Citizenship. A Liberal Theory of Minority Rights*. Oxford University Press, 1995.
- Laclau, Ernesto: *On Populist Reason*. Verso, London, 2005.
- Leonard, Mark: *What Does China Think?* PublicAffairs, New York, 2007.
- Levitzky, Steven – Ziblatt, Daniel: *How Democracies Die. What History Reveals about Our Future*. Crown Publisher, 2018.
- Lijphart, Arend: *The Politics of Accommodation. Pluralism and Democracy in the Netherlands*. University of California Press, Berkeley, 1968.
- Lijphart, Arend: *Democracies: Patterns of Majoritarian & Consensus Government in Twenty-one Countries*. Yale University Press, New Haven, 1984.
- Lukacs, John: *1945: Year Zero*. Doubleday, New York, 1978.
- Machiavelli, Niccolò: *The Prince*. CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2014.
- De Mesquita, Bruce Bueno – Smith, Alastair: *The Dictator's Handbook. Why Bad Behavior Is Almost Always Good Politics*. Public Affairs, New York, 2011.
- Nolte, Ernst: *Three Faces of Fascism: Action Française, Italian Fascism, National Socialism*. Henry Holt & Company, Inc. 1966.



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- Pateman, Carole: *Participation and democratic theory*. Cambridge University Press, 1970.
- Pateman, Carole: *The Sexual Contract*. Stanford University Press, 1988.
- Popper, Karl R.: *The Open Society and Its Enemies*. Published in two volumes: *The Spell of Plato* and *The High Tide of Prophecy: Hegel, Marx, and the Aftermath*. Routledge, London, 1945. One volume edition: Princeton University Press, 2013.
- Putnam, Robert: *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*. Simon & Schuster, 2000.
- Reich, Robert B.: *Supercapitalism: The Transformation of Business, Democracy, and Everyday Life*. Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., New York, 2007.
- Rodrik, Dani: *The Globalization Paradox: Democracy and the Future of the World Economy*. W. W. Norton & Company, New York-London, 2012.
- Samer: *The Raqqa Diaries: Escape from Islamic State*. Interlink Pub Group, 2017.
- Schedler, Andreas: *The politics of uncertainty. Sustaining and Subverting Electoral Authoritarianism*. Oxford University Press, 2013.
- Schlosser, Eric: *Fast Food Nation. The Dark Side of the All-American Meal*. Houghton Mifflin, 2001.
- Schmitter, Philippe C.: *How to Democratize the European Union... and Why Bother?* Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2000.
- Skocpol, Theda – Williamson, Vanessa: *The Tea Part and the Remaking of Republican Conservatism*. Oxford University Press, 2012.
- Snyder, Timothy: *Black Earth. The Holocaust as History and Warning*. Tim Duggan Books, 2015.
- Snyder, Timothy: *On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century*. Penguin, 2017.
- Snyder, Timothy: *The Road to Unfreedom: Russia, Europe, America*. Tim Duggan Books, 2018.
- Stanley, Jason: *How Fascism Works. The Politics of Us and Them*. Random House, 2018.
- Stiglitz, Joseph: *Globalization and Its Discontents*. Penguin Books, 2015.
- Surowiecki, James: *The Wisdom of Crowds*. Anchor Books, 2005.
- Takasi, Inoguchi: *Japanese politics*. Columbia University Press, 2005.
- Weatherford, Jack McIver: *Tribes on the Hill*. Rawson-Wade, New York, 1981.
- Woolf, Virginia: *A Room of One's Own*. Hogarth Press, London 1929.
- Urbinati, Nadia: *Democracy disfigured. Opinion, truth and the people*. Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 2014.
- Zakaria, Fareed: *The Post-American World*. W. W. Norton & Company, 2008.

Fiction:

- Greene, Graham: *The Quiet American*. Heinemann, 1955.
- Hemingway, Ernest: *A Farewell to Arms*. Scribner, 1929.
- Jones, James: *From Here to Eternity*. Scribner's, 1951
- Littell, Jonathan: *The Kindly Ones*. HarperCollins, 2009.
- Llosa, Mario Vargas: *The Feast of the Goat*. Picador, 2001.
- Kennedy, Stetson: *I rode with the Ku Klux Klan*. Hamilton & Co., 1958.
- Koestler, Arthur: *Darkness at noon*. Macmillan, 1940.



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- Naipaul, V. S.: *A Bend in the River*. Alfred A. Knopf Inc., 1979.
- Pasternak, Boris: *Doctor Zhivago*. Pantheon, 1958.
- Spiró György: *Captivity*. Restless Books, 2016.
- Steinbeck, John: *Once there was a War*. Viking Pres, 1958.
- Solzhenitsyn, Aleksandr: *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*. Dutton, New York, 1963. (or any other translation.)