

Political Parties in New Democracies

MA course from Democracy and Development Group
SAMPOL

Course description

The course addresses central theoretical aspects of parties and party systems in the developing world. Designed around seven main themes, the seminars will discuss theoretical foundations and follow their application in empirical studies from country cases in Latin America, Asia and Africa. In class discussions, emphasis is placed on methodological foundations and data. The course is organized as follows: Each theme begins with a seminar where the central theories are presented (45 min. lecture) and discussed. In the second seminar we discuss applications of the theories to new democracies in Asia, Latin America and Africa. Students will present and discuss the course material in class.

Course requirements: An essay or home exam.

17.01

Introduction to Topics in the study of political parties in new democracies

Lectures

24.01 (Lise Rakner)

Parties in democratic development

Lecture . The role of parties in democratic development

Reading requirements: (Bértoa, 2016; Stokes, 1999).

31.01

Seminar: Parties in democratic development in Africa, Asia and Latin America

Reading requirements: (Randall, 2007b), (Rakner & Walle, 2009)

Students presenting: Cedric and Joakim

07.02 (Lars Svåsand)

The party organization

Lecture: The party organization

Reading requirements: (Levitsky, 2001; Randall, 2007a)

14.02 (student presentations)

Seminar: Traits of party organization in Africa, Asia, and Latin America

Reading requirements: Chapters 1 (Comparative), Ch. 3 Mexico, Ch. 4 Taiwan, Ch. 11 South Africa in (Friedman & Wrong, 2008)

Students presenting: Rikke and Anja

21.02 (Lise Rakner)

III: *From rebel groups to political parties*

Lecture: From rebel groups to political parties

Reading requirements: (Ishiyama, 2016; Sindre, 2016)

28.02

Seminar: Presentation of essay topics

Everyone prepares an abstract (what is my topic, what is my case, what is my dependent variable and what are my independent variables). Four sentences- minimum!

07.03 (Lars Svåsand)

IV: *Party institutionalization and party system institutionalization*

Lecture: Party institutionalization and party system institutionalization

Reading requirements: (Randall & Svåsand, 2002), (Harmel & Svåsand, 2015; Luna, 2014)

14.03 (Student presentations)

Lecture: Party institutionalization and party system institutionalization. Reading requirements:

Africa: (Kuenzi & Lambright, 2001),

Asia: (Croissant & Volkel, 2012),

Latin America: (Kitschelt, Hawkins, Luna, Rosas, & Zechmeister, 2010): (Chapters: Introduction, Chapter 1 Programmatic party competition, Chapter : Long-term influences structuring Latin American party competition, Chapter 9: Programmatic structuration and democratic performance, Conclusion).

Student presentation: Ann S.

21.03

V: *Nomination of candidates for political office*

Lecture 9: Nomination of candidates

Reading requirements: (Krook, 2010; Rahat & Hazan, 2001)

28.03

Seminar: Nomination of candidates applied to Latin America, Asia and Africa

Reading requirements:

South Africa/Namibia: (Giollabhuí, 2011)

Mexico: (Baldez, 2003)

Taiwan: (Fell, 2006)

Student presentation: Sindre

04.04

VI: *Party finance (including international party assistance)*

Lecture: National and international party assistance.

Reading requirements: (Burnell & Gerrits, 2010; Fisher, 2004; IIDEA, 2014; Svåsand, 2014)

Student presentation: Martin

Seminar: The financing of parties in Latin America, Asia, and Africa

Reading requirements:

Brazil: (Samuels, 2001)

Ghana: (Arthur, 2016)

Malaysia: (Gomez, 2012)

NB19.04 Venue to be announced

VII: The study of political parties: process, methods and data

Guest Lecture: Carl-Henrik Knutsen: Party institutionalization and welfare state development

(The Variety of Democracy project (V-dem) and the study of political parties)

Reading requirements:

Reading material (electronic articles and book chapters)

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- Baldez, L. (2003). Primaries vs. Quotas: Gender and Candidate Nominations in Mexico, 2003. *Latin American Politics and Society*, 49(3), 69-96.
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- Levitsky, S. (2001). Inside the black box: Recent studies of Latin American party organizations. *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 36(2), 92-116.
- Luna, J. P. (2014). Party system institutionalization: Do we need a new concept? *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 49, 403-425.
- Rahat, G., & Hazan, R. Y. (2001). CANDIDATE SELECTION METHODS. An Analytical Framework. *PARTY POLITICS*, 7(3), 297-302.
- Rakner, L., & Walle, N. v. d. (2009). Opposition weakness in Africa. *Journal of democracy*, 20(3), 108-121.

- Randall, V. (2007a). Inner-party democracy and democracy building. In S. Gloppen & L. Rakner (Eds.), *Globalization and democratization: Challenges for political parties* (pp. 43-62). Bergen: Fagbokforlaget.
- Randall, V. (2007b). Political parties and democratic developmental states. *Development Policy Review*, 25(5), 633-652.
- Randall, V., & Svåsand, L. (2002). Party institutionalization in new democracies. *Party Politics*, 8(1), 5-29.
- Samuels, D. (2001). Money, Elections, and Democracy in Brazil. *Latin American Politics and Society*, 43(2), 27-48.
- Sindre, G. M. (2016). Internal party democracy in former rebel parties. *Party Politics*, 22(4), 501-511.
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