PO8056: Varieties of Authoritarianism
Syllabus
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Wednesday 9am-11:00am

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Module Description and Objectives

This graduate seminar provides an overview of how authoritarian regimes are structured and the different strategies that authoritarian leaders use to stay in power. Each week we will discuss a set of “varieties” of authoritarian rule or dynamics of these regimes. Much like democracies come in many shapes and forms, so to do non-democracies. The goal of this module is to introduce you to the richness of styles and approaches that authoritarian leaders use to maintain their authority.

Assessment

Participation (20%)

Response Papers (20%)

Final essay (60%)

CLASS SCHEDULE

1. Autocracy and Autocratic Institutions


Recommended reading: TBD
2. Single-Party and Military Rule


Recommended reading:

3. Dictatorship and Personalism


Recommended reading:

4. Hybrid Regimes and Electoral Authoritarianism


Recommended reading:

5. Regime Change and Regime Cycles

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