

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

- Boix, Charles and M. W. Svolik. 2013. “The foundations of limited authoritarian government: Institutions, commitment, and power-sharing in dictatorships.” *The Journal of Politics*, 75(02): 300-316.
- Gandhi, Jennifer, and Adam Przeworski. 2007. “Authoritarian Institutions and the Survival of Autocrats.” *Comparative Political Studies* 40(11): 1279-301.
- Truex, R. (2014). “The returns to office in a “rubber stamp” parliament.” *American Political Science Review*, 108(2):235–251.
- Wright, J. (2008). “Do authoritarian institutions constrain? How legislatures affect economic growth and investment.” *American Journal of Political Science*, 52(2): 322–343.

Recommended reading: TBD

2. Single-Party and Military Rule

- Geddes, Frantz, and Wright. “Military rule.” *Annual Review of Political Science*, 17, 147-162.
- Magaloni, Beatriz. 2008. “Credible Power-Sharing and the Longevity of Authoritarian Rule.” *Comparative Political Studies* 41(4): 715-741.
- Svobik, Milan. 2012. *The Politics of Authoritarian Rule*. New York: Cambridge. Chapter 6.
- Smith, Benjamin. 2005. “The Life of the Party: The Origins of Regime Breakdown and Persistence Under Single party Rule” *World Politics* 57(3).

Recommended reading:

- Bueno de Mesquita, B., Smith, A., Siverson, R. M., and Morrow, J. D. (2005). *The Logic of Political Survival*. Cambridge: MIT Press chapter 2.

3. Dictatorship and Personalism

- Brownlee, Jason. 2007. “Hereditary Succession in Modern Autocracies.” *World Politics* 59(04): 595–628.
- Kendall-Taylor, Andrea, and Erica Frantz. 2016. “When Dictators Die.” *Journal of Democracy* 27 (4): 159–71.
- Powell, Jonathan. 2012. “Determinants of the Attempting and Outcome of Coups d’Etat. 2012. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 56(6).
- Brownlee, Jason. 2007. “Hereditary Succession in Modern Autocracies,” *World Politics* 59(4): 595-638.
- Menaldo, Victor. 2012. “The Middle East and North Africa’s Resilient Monarchs” *Journal of Politics*. 74.3.

Recommended reading:

- Frantz, E., & Kendall-Taylor, A. (2014). “A dictator’s toolkit: Understanding how co-optation affects repression in autocracies.” *Journal of Peace Research*, 51(3): 332-346.
- Mancur Olson, “Democracy, Dictatorship, and Development,” *American Political Science Review* 87,3 (1993)
- Svobik, Milan. 2012. *The Politics of Authoritarian Rule*. New York: Cambridge. Chapter 5.

4. Hybrid Regimes and Electoral Authoritarianism

- Levitsky, S., and L.A. Way. 2002. “The Rise of Competitive Authoritarianism.” *Journal of Democracy* 13(2): 51-65.
- Schedler, Andreas. 2002. “The Menu of Manipulation.” *Journal of Democracy* 13 (2): 36–50.
- Magaloni, Beatriz. 2010. “The Game of Electoral Fraud and the Ousting of Authoritarian Rule.” *American Journal of Political Science* 54 (3): 751–65.

- Hale, Henry. 2010. “Eurasian Politics as Hybrid Regimes: The Case of Putin’s Russia,” *Journal of Eurasian Studies* 1(1).
- Blaydes, Lisa. 2008. “Authoritarian Elections and Elite Management: Theory and Evidence from Egypt.” Working Paper.

Recommended reading:

- Harvey, Cole J. 2016. “Changes in the Menu of Manipulation: Electoral Fraud, Ballot Stuffing, and Voter Pressure in the 2011 Russian Election.” *Electoral Studies* 41 (March): 105–17.
- Frye, Timothy, Ora John Reuter, and David Szakonyi. 2014. “Political Machines at Work: Voter Mobilization and Electoral Subversion in the Workplace” *World Politics*.
- Enikolopov, Ruben, Vasily Korovkin, Maria Petrova, Konstantin Sonin, and Alexei Zakharov. 2013 “Field Experiment Estimate of Electoral Fraud in Russian Parliamentary Elections.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 110(2).
- Diamond, Larry. 2002. “Thinking about Hybrid Regimes.” *Journal of Democracy* 13: 21-35
- Magaloni, B. (2006). *Voting for autocracy: Hegemonic party survival and its demise in Mexico*. (Introduction: pp 1-42).
- Zakaria, Fareed. 1997. “The Rise of Illiberal Democracy.” *Foreign Affairs* 76: 22-41.

5. Regime Change and Regime Cycles

- Bunce, Valerie, and Sharon Wolchik. 2010. “Defeating Dictators: Electoral Change and Stability in Competitive Authoritarian Regimes.” *World Politics* 62(1): 43–86.
- Kim, N. K., & Kroeger, A. M. (2018). “Regime and leader instability under two forms of military rule.” *Comparative Political Studies*, 51(1): 3-37.
- Barbara Geddes. 1999. “What Do We Know about Democratization after Twenty Years?” *Annual Review of Political Science* 2: 115-44.
- Hale, Henry. 2005. “Regime Cycles: Democracy, Autocracy, and Revolution in Post-Soviet Eurasia.” *World Politics*. 58(1): 133-165.

Recommended reading:

- Roberts, T. L. (2015). “The durability of presidential and parliament-based dictatorships.” *Comparative Political Studies*, 48(7): 915-948.
- Brett Allen Casper and Scott A. Tyson, “Popular Protest and Elite Coordination in a Coup d’état,” *The Journal of Politics* 76, no. 2 (April 2014): 548-564.