International Relations 599:
Global Democracy

Fall 2005

When: Tu 5:00-7:45 pm
Where: VKC 104
Office Hours: Tu 3:00-5:00
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1. Course Description
   This seminar explores efforts to generate and test theories of democratization and
democracy. Some of the key works that have shaped the field will be read and various
new lines of research will be explored. Much of what we will read reflects this literature’s
focus on Europe, Latin America, and post-Soviet Eurasia. Emphasis will be put on the
core theoretical and methodological aspects of this literature and less so on the historical
facts they discuss.

2. Requirements
   i) Three analytical essays (each essay is worth 15% of the final grade). These
      short essays (7 double-spaced pages) on the readings for one week will be due, at the
      latest, by Tuesday at noon in my mailbox in VKC 330. I will ask that at least one student
      write an essay each week.
   ii) Class participation (10% of the final grade) on the basis of the required
       readings, each and every week.
   iii) A research paper (45% of the final grade).

   The following required books can be purchased at the university bookstore.
   Europe and South America* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1999).
   Arend Lijphart, *Patterns of Democracy. Government Forms and Performance in Thirty-
   Juan Linz and Alfred Stepan, *Problems of Democratic Transition and Consolidation:
   Southern Europe, South America and Post-Communist Europe* (Baltimore: The Johns
   Tentative Conclusions about Uncertain Democracies* (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins
   University Press, 1986).
   Adam Przeworski, Michael E. Alvarez, José Antonio Cheibub and Fernando Limongi,
   *Democracy and Development: Political Institutions and Well-Being in the World, 1950-

   I have posted the articles for which I have electronic copies on the USC
   blackboard. To access them, go to totale.usc.edu log in with your username and
   password, go to IR 599, and then go to Course Documents and click on the Course
   Documents folder. The readings are in folders organized by the number of each meeting.
   For those of you who can not access the blackboard, I can send the documents by email.
I. Introduction

Meeting 1. An Overview of the History of Democracy


Meeting 2. What is Democracy?


II. Democratization, mainly Europe and Latin America

Meeting 3. Process Models: Actors and Regimes


Meeting 4. Democratization II. Old Regimes and the State

Meeting 5. Democratization III. Revisiting Economic Modernization


Meeting 6. Democratization IV. Revisiting Capitalism and Class


Meeting 7. Synthesizing Research on Democratization


Valerie Bunce, “Comparative Democratization: Big and Bounded Generalizations,” Comparative Political Studies Vol. 33, Nº 6-7 (August-September 2000): 703-34.


### III. New Cases and Questions

**Meeting 8. Democratization in the Middle East and North Africa**


**Meeting 9. Identities and Federalism**


**Meeting 10. The Institutions and Performance of Democracy**


**Meeting 11. Globalization, the International Arena and Democracy Beyond the Nation State**


**IV. Evolving Conceptions and New Trends**

**Meeting 12. Electoral Authoritarianism and the Quality of Democracy**


**Meeting 13. Democracy, Human Rights and Development**


**Meeting 14. Democracy Promotion**

