

International University of Sarajevo
Faculty of Business and Administration
International Relations

IR 422: Democracy and Democratization

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Tuesday: 16:00-17:50 (F3-10)

Wednesday: 11:00-11:50am (F1-26)

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This course is designed to provide students with an understanding of the topics and debatable issues in democracy and democratization in the world, and its relations and importance to the politics in the globalizing world. It examines the reasons, implications, and consequences of democracy and democratization processes in different part of the world with its relation to public sphere in different domains and circles.

COURSE TEXTS

There is no single text. No reader. A number of texts will be assigned to each class as readings to be discussed in class which will take the form of a circle. Students are encouraged to ask critical questions and develop interdisciplinary comparative reflections on the different issues.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Assessment/Evaluation:

Attendance & Participation	10%
Assignments	10%
Mid-term Exam	20%
Term Paper/Essay	15%
Presentation	15%
Final Exam	30%

Class Preparation

Kindly bring to each class:

1. One (or possibly two or even three) quote(s) from the day's reading that, in your opinion, best represents or indicates a central theme or argument. You should be ready to explain why it is you think this quote is central/crucial. A brief justification for your choice should be written out below the quote.
2. At least two questions or critical comments you have about the day's reading. They could challenge the author's argument or raise an issue unexamined by the author or indicate the need for further clarification of some concept or portion of the text being examined. Please be ready to raise these questions or comments in class.

Assignments:

I ask you to choose a **book** [biography and memories are also acceptable], **monograph** or **an article** published in top journals such as *World Politics*, *Foreign Affairs*, *International Organizations*, *International Studies Review*, *Journal of Democracy*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Millennium* etc. related to our course and write an **800-words critical review** of it. 1/3 of it should explain the main argument(s), 2/3 should analyze the arguments. This should be submitted before mid-term exam in hard-copy. I encourage you to discuss and confirm your chosen book, article or monograph with me. **Deadline is 28th of March, 12am!**

Term Paper & Essay: Please choose a topic and formulate **an essay topic based on a question** as early as possible. Comparative papers are encouraged. I highly encourage you to approach me to discuss it. It should be between **2300-2500 words**. **NO MORE, NO LESS**. Your presentation will be based on your essay.

Note on Attendance: Attendance will be taken and absences should **not exceed %20 of total class time**. Those exceed the limits without a medical certificate or any other emergency excuse required **Dean's approval** either to take final exam or to be withdrawn from the course. If, for unavoidable reasons, you are unable to make it to a class on time, you are welcome to join us when you are able. However, you should notify me in advance. Habitual lateness is unacceptable. If you are late or miss a class we miss your contribution and presence. We are a group, and I wish students would have this sense of us being an academic "community".

NOTE ON PLAGIARISM

The discovery of any instance of plagiarism will result in an automatic failure for the course with no opportunity for withdrawal from the course. This will be in addition to the filing of a report on the incident with the Academic Integrity Committee, as mandated by university policy. If you are uncertain about the definition of plagiarism, please ask me before submitting work for this course.

COURSE OUTLINE

1st Week:

28 February: Introduction

Why did you choose to study **Democracy and Democratization**? (What do you want to know and why?)

Why do we always talk about "democracy" in the both western and the non-western world and what is so "important" about it? Is there a possibility for alternative democracies?

29 February: What is Democracy?

Philippine C. Schmitter and Terry Karl, "What Democracy Is ...And Is Not", *Journal of Democracy*, Vol 2, No 3, 1991, pp.75-88.

2nd Week: What Is Not? Illiberal Democracy, Delegative Democracy, Limited and Façade Democracy

6 March & 7 March

Fareed Zakaria, "The Rise of Illiberal Democracy," *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 76, No. 6 (November/December 1997), pp. 22-43.

3rd Week: Transition to Democracy

13 March & 14 March

Dankwart Rustow, "Transitions to Democracy: Toward a Dynamic Model," *Comparative Politics* Vol 2, No 3, 1970, pp. 337-363.

Thomas Carothers, "The End of the Transition Paradigm," *Journal of Democracy*, Vol 13, No 1, 2002, pp. 5-21.

4th Week: Democratizations: Waves of Democracy in Historical Context

20 March & 21 March

Samuel P. Huntington, "Democracy's Third Wave", *Journal of Democracy*, Vol 2, No 2, 1991, pp.3-25.

5th Week: A Fourth Wave of Democracy and Dictatorship after Communism?

27 March & 28 March

Michael McFaul, "The Fourth Wave of Democracy and Dictatorship: Noncooperative Transitions in the Postcommunist World", *World Politics*, Vol54, No2, 2002,pp.212-244.
Movie on Serbian transition?

6th Week: A Fifth Wave of Democratization: Arab Revolution

3 April & 4 April

Reading to be assigned.

Revolution Through Arab Eyes (Al-Jazeera)

YouTube Video-Egyptian Girl calling people to Tahrir

7th Week: 10-11 April – Mid-Term Exam

8th Week: Democracy, Civil Society and Social Media Networks (Twitter, Facebook etc)

17 April & 18 April

Reading to be assigned.

9th Week: Soft Islam, Muslim Democracy and Islamic Democracy

24 April & 25 April

Vali Nasr, "Rise of Muslim Democracy", *Journal of Democracy*, Vol 16, No 2, 2005, pp.13-27.

Alfred Stepan and Graeme B. Robertson, "An 'Arab' More than 'Muslim' Electoral Gap", *Journal of Democracy*, Vol 14, No 3, 2003, pp.30-44.

10th Week: Religion, Democracy and Political Culture

1 May : Labor Day Holiday

2 May:

Alfred Stepan, "Religion, Democracy, and the 'Twin Tolerations.'" *Journal of Democracy* Vol 11, No 4, 2000, pp. 37-57.

Salim Cevik, "Myths and Realities on Islam and Democracy in the Middle East", *Estudios Políticos*, 38, 2011, pp.121-144.

11th Week: Democracy, Islam and Islamism: Turkey, Indonesia, Pakistan

8 May & 9 May

Reading to be assigned.

12th Week: Democracy, Efficiency and Economic Development (China, Russia and India)

15 May & 16 May

Yu Liu and Dingding Chen, "Will China Democratize?," *The Washington Quarterly*, Vol 35, No 1, 2012, pp.41-63.

13th Week: Democracy, Leftist Movements and Anti-Imperialism in Latin America

22 May & 23 May

Reading to be assigned.

14th Week: Colonialism, Self-Confidence, Capacity and State: Democracy in Africa,

29 May & 30 May

Claude Ake, "Rethinking African Democracy", *Journal of Democracy*, Vol 2, No 1, Winter 1991, pp. 32-44.

Daniel Posner and Daniel Young "Institutionalization of Political Power in Africa", *Journal of Democracy*, Vol 18, No 3, July 2007, pp. 126-140.

Film: Tsotsi

15th Week: Revisions and Evolutions

5 June & 6 June

16th Week: Final Exam

NB: ARTICLES ARE AVAILABLE AT PHOTOCOPY CENTER, LEVEL -1.