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Comparative Political Corruption

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This course is aimed at juniors and seniors majoring in political science who have taken at least two courses in comparative politics. Students should also have some experience with quantitative data analysis. The substantive focus of the course lies with corruption, or the illegal use of public office for private gain. We ask why countries vary in the extent of corruption they experience and with what consequences. Intensive case studies include both underdeveloped and developed settings. Our attention centers on political corruption, but we also examine bureaucratic corruption.

This course includes instruction in data analysis. Using data sets provided by the instructor, students will be asked to analyze data to respond to some important questions about corruption.

Format

This course will be a mix of lecture, discussion, and hands-on computer analysis of data. Classes that focus on data analysis will be held in the Social Science Computer Lab (Public Policy 2035B). These class meetings will run from 2:00-3:50, in order to allow students sufficient time to complete the assigned work. Such class meetings are indicated on the syllabus below.

The computers in the Lab have internet and email access. However, students are not permitted to use their computers during class for these purposes. Students who do so will be penalized. (In addition, your work for the course will suffer.)

Students should have completed the assigned reading prior to class. Lectures will not repeat the readings, but will place them in a larger context and use them to think about important questions. Please write down and bring to class any questions you have regarding specific readings.

Requirements

This course requires students to write three papers and to complete one in-class data assignment. Possible paper topics for the first paper, which will be due after the first month of the quarter, will be made available by the instructor. These papers should be 4-5 pages in length, and will not require any reading beyond that assigned.

Second papers will be data analytic, and will require students to use a dataset provided by the instructor to examine an important question about political corruption. These papers should be 5-6 pages in length, including any graphical presentations of data.

In order to prepare you for this assignment, we will hold class meetings in the Social Science Computer Lab, where you will be introduced to the dataset and to some of the skills required to handle it. These sessions will include an ungraded in-class data assignment. We will work in Stata for the data analysis.

Final papers will be due at the end of the quarter. They should be approximately 10 pages in length. For your final papers, students have two options. You may choose to write on one of a number of assigned topics that will be circulated. Alternatively, you may choose to write an original data analytic paper using the same dataset on Italian corruption supplied by the instructor as was used for the assigned second paper. Topics must be approved by the instructor; please plan on submitting a written version of your topic at the time indicated on the syllabus below. If you choose this option, your papers should be approximately 10 pages in length plus any graphics.

Final course grades will be composed as follows:

First paper	20 percent
Second paper	25 percent
Final paper	40 percent
Class participation	15 percent

The in-class data assignment will not be formally graded, but will be included in your grade for class participation.

Please note that late papers will be penalized (your grade will be reduced by half a grade for every 24 hours). Late final papers cannot be accepted under any circumstances.

Readings

I have ordered three books for this course, all of which are available for purchase at ASUCLA. I have also requested that the books be put on reserve at Powell Library.

Arnold J. Heidenheimer and Michael Johnston, eds., *Political Corruption: Concepts and Contexts* (Transaction Publishers, 2002) (referred to as H&J on the syllabus)

Hernando De Soto, *The Other Path: The Economic Answer to Terrorism* (Basic Books, 1989)

Donatella della Porta and Alberto Vannucci, *Corrupt Exchanges: Actors, Resources, and Mechanisms of Political Corruption* (Aldine, 1999)

Syllabus

Week One, What is corruption and why does it matter?

Jan. 10	No assigned reading
Jan. 12	Carl J. Friedrich, "Corruption Concepts in Historical Perspective," in H&J John A. Gardiner, "Defining Corruption," in H&J Mark Philp, "Conceptualizing Political Corruption," in H&J

Week Two, Does corruption help or hinder economic growth?

Jan. 17	Martin Luther King Day; no class
Jan. 19	Colin Leys, "What is the Problem about Corruption?" in H&J Paolo Mauro, "The Effects of Corruption on Growth and Public Expenditure," in H&J Susan Rose-Ackerman, "When is Corruption Harmful?" in H&J

Week Three, Mapping corruption around the globe

Jan. 24	Pranab Bardhan, "Corruption and Development: A Review of the Issues," in H&J Samuel P. Huntington, "Modernization and Corruption," in H&J Gunnar Myrdal, "Corruption as a Hindrance to Modernization in South Asia," in H&J
Jan. 26	No class; work on first papers

Week Four, Causes and consequences of political corruption

Jan. 31	Joseph S. Nye, "Corruption and Political Development: A Cost-Benefit Analysis," in H&J
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Jean-François Médard, "Corruption in the Neo-Patrimonial States of Sub-Saharan Africa," in H&J

Tim Lodge, "Political Corruption in South Africa: From Apartheid to Multiracial State," in H&J

First papers due in class today (Jan. 31)

- Feb. 2 Simcha B. Werner, "The Development of Political Corruption in Israel," in H&J
- James C. Scott, "Corruption, Machine Politics and Political Change," in H&J
- Eva Etzioni-Halevy, "Exchanging Material Benefits for Political Support: A Comparative Analysis," in H&J

Week Five, Causes and consequences of bureaucratic corruption

Class meetings for the next five weeks will be held in Public Policy 2035B

- Feb. 7 Nathaniel H. Leff, "Economic Development Through Bureaucratic Corruption," in H&J
- William L. Miller, Åse B. Grødeland, and Tatyana Koshechkina, "Bribery and Other Ways of Coping with Officialdom in Post-Communist Eastern Europe," in H&J
- Paul D. Hutchcroft, "The Politics of Privilege: Rents and Corruption in Asia," in H&J
- Feb. 9 No reading; short data assignment due by the end of class time

Week Six, Endemic corruption in an underdeveloped country

- Feb. 14 De Soto, *The Other Path*, chs. 1-4 (pp. 3-127)
- Feb. 16 De Soto, *The Other Path*, chs. 5-6 (pp. 131-199)

Week Seven, Endemic corruption in a developed country

- Feb. 21 President's Day; no class

Feb. 23 Della Porta and Vannucci, *Corrupt Exchanges*, chs. 3-4 (pp. 69-127)

Week Eight, Endemic corruption in a developed country, cont.

Feb. 28 Della Porta and Vannucci, *Corrupt Exchanges*, chs. 5-6 (pp. 129-176)

March 2 Della Porta and Vannucci, *Corrupt Exchanges*, chs. 7-8 (pp. 177-243)

Week Nine, How corrupt is the US?

March 7 Thomas J. Schleisinger and Kenneth J. Meier, "Variations in Corruption among the American States," in H&J

Thomas Burke, "Corruption Concepts and Federal Campaign Finance Law," in H&J

Second (data) papers due in class today (March 7)

March 9 Frank Anechiarico and James B. Jacobs, "Corruption Control in New York and its Discontents," in H&J

Week Ten, When are anti-corruption campaigns successful?

March 14 Erhard Blankenburg, "Judicial Anti-Corruption Initiatives: Latin Europe in a Global Setting," in H&J

Kimberly Ann Elliott, "Corruption as an International Policy Problem," in H&J

Final paper topics to be submitted for approval in class today (March 14)

March 16 Arnold J. Heidenheimer and Holger Moroff, "Controlling Business Payoffs to Foreign Officials: The 1998 OECD Anti-Bribery Convention," in H&J

Final papers due in the instructor's office by 11:00 am Wednesday, March 23