

**INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS**  
**PS 204**  
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Course requirements include the following:

In-class writing assignments	10%
Two mid-term examinations	15% each
Paper (3-4 pages)	15%
Constitution exercise	15%
Final exam	30%

Text: Jeffrey Kopstein and Mark Lichbach, *Comparative Politics: Interests, Identities, and Institutions in a Changing Global Order* (available in the bookstore). All other course readings will be available on library reserve, which you must photocopy and bring to class. Materials must be read prior to class.

The mid-term exams will be on October 11 and November 13. The paper is due on November 20.

Please notify me in the first week of class if you have any alternative needs as a result of a medical disability.

**Week 1**

<b>Sept. 25</b>	<b>Introduction</b> Benedict Anderson, <i>Imagined Communities</i> , Ch.1. (In class)
<b>Sept. 27</b>	<b>Britain</b> Kopstein and Lichbach, Introduction and Ch. 1. Thomas Magstadt, "Comparing Political Systems," from <i>Nations and Governments</i> .

**Week 2**

<b>Oct. 2</b>	<b>Britain</b>
<b>Oct. 4</b>	<b>Germany</b> Kopstein and Lichbach, Ch. 3.

**Week 3**

<b>Oct. 9</b>	<b>Germany</b> David Calleo, <i>The German Problem Reconsidered</i> , Ch. 1 & 9. Film: "Triumph of the Will"
<b>Oct. 11</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> mid-term examination</b>

**Week 4**

<b>Oct. 16</b>	<b>Japan</b> Kopstein and Lichbach, Ch. 4.
<b>Oct. 18</b>	<b>Japan</b> Film: "Why We Fight"

**Week 5**

<b>Oct. 23</b>	<b>Writing a Constitution</b> Read constitutions of various countries. Full text of many available on the internet.
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	<b>Oct. 25</b>	<b>Russia</b> Kopstein and Lichbach, Ch. 5. Marx and Engels, "The Communist Manifesto" Film: "People's Century: Red Flag"
<b>Week 6</b>		
	<b>Oct. 30</b>	<b>Russia</b> Carl Friedrich and Zbigniew Brzezinski, "The General Characteristics of Totalitarian Dictatorship," from <i>Totalitarian Dictatorship and Democracy</i> .
	<b>Nov. 1</b>	<b>Writing a Constitution</b>
<b>Week 7</b>		
	<b>Nov. 6</b>	<b>Russia</b> Adam Ulam, "Foreign Threats and Domestic Terror," from <i>A History of Soviet Russia</i> . Stephen White, "Communism and Its Collapse," pp. 66-81.
	<b>Nov. 8</b>	<b>Russia</b> Film: "People's Century: People Power"
<b>Week 8</b>		
	<b>Nov. 13</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> mid-term examination</b>
	<b>Nov. 15</b>	<b>Mexico</b> Kopstein and Lichbach, Ch. 7.
<b>Week 9</b>		
	<b>Nov. 20</b>	<b>Mexico (Paper due)</b> Robert Leiken, "With a Friend Like Fox," <i>Foreign Affairs</i> , Sept/Oct 2001. Film: "Americas" vol. 3.
	<b>Nov. 22</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
<b>Week 10</b>		
	<b>Nov. 27</b>	<b>South Africa</b> Kopstein and Lichbach, Ch. 10.
	<b>Nov. 29</b>	<b>South Africa</b> Nelson Mandela, <i>Long Walk to Freedom</i> , pp. 447-456, 473-498.