This is a seminar course. I expect the students to participate fully in the class. Each of you will write 7 (you can do all 9 and choose the best 7 for your grade) reflections on the readings (70 percent of your final grade). All class readings are available on Course Spaces or in the Library. You will hand in your reflections on the readings for each week at the beginning of that week’s class.

Readings for each assignment are marked in the course outlines (bold, italics and are numbered). The expectations for your reflections on readings are: a minimum length of 6 typed pages (double-spaced) and a maximum length of 10 typed pages (double-spaced). You will provide a theoretical contextualization for the readings, create a central argument based on the readings for the week relating them to the week’s topic, discuss major points raised in each reading (the main thesis of each author, the arguments pursued to substantiate the thesis), refer to the divergences and convergences of the arguments as presented in the readings, and an evaluation of the readings by engaging with other theoretical material discussed in the seminar. I do not want you to cite any outside sources but engage with the readings as assigned for this course. All papers must be consistently cited in any standard social science method. No additional research is required. You must submit every assignment at the beginning of the class; once discussion has begun, assignments will no longer be accepted and it will receive a grade of zero. In short, no late assignments will be accepted. Please no excuses!

This is a seminar course; therefore participation is an essential component of the class. I will be asking each of you to introduce the readings for the week. However, all of you should come prepared to discuss the readings.

Twenty percent of your grade is based on a take-home final exam, which will be distributed during the final class on April 1, 2020. Please submit your take-home exam to the course drop box near the Political Science department’s reception desk before the deadline of 4:00 PM on April 8, 2020.
Grading Breakdown

Reflection on Readings: 70%
Class Participation: 10%
Take Home Exam: 20%

University of Victoria Grading System

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Complete overview of University of Victoria’s undergraduate grading system: http://web.uvic.ca/calendar2013/FACS/UnIn/UARE/Grad.html

Accessibility

Students with diverse learning styles and needs are welcome in this course. In particular, if you have a disability/health consideration that may require accommodations, please feel free to approach me and/or the Resource Centre for Students with a Disability (RCSD) as soon as possible. The RCSD staff are available by appointment to assess specific needs, provide referrals and arrange appropriate accommodations http://rcsd.uvic.ca/. The sooner you let them know your needs the quicker they can assist you in achieving your learning goals in this course.
Policy on Inclusivity and Diversity

The University of Victoria is committed to promoting, providing and protecting a positive, supportive and safe learning and working environment for all its members.

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is intellectual honesty and responsibility for academic work that you submit individual or group work. It involves commitment to the values of honesty, trust, and responsibility. I expect that students will respect these ethical values in all activities related to learning, teaching, research, and service. Therefore, plagiarism and other acts against academic integrity are serious academic offences.

The responsibility of the institution

Instructors and academic units have the responsibility to ensure that standards of academic honesty are met. By doing so, the institution recognizes students for their hard work and assures them that other students do not have an unfair advantage through cheating on essays, exams, and projects.

The responsibility of the student

Plagiarism sometimes occurs due to a misunderstanding regarding the rules of academic integrity, but it is the responsibility of the student to know them. If you are unsure about the standards for citations or for referencing your sources, ask your instructor. Depending on the severity of the case, penalties include a warning, a failing grade, a record on the student’s transcript, or a suspension.

It is your responsibility to understand the University’s policy on academic integrity: http://web.uvic.ca/calendar2017-09/undergrad/info/regulations/academic-integrity.html

Useful information from the University on plagiarism and tips on how to avoid it: http://library.uvic.ca/instruction/cite/documents/avoiding_plagiarism.pdf

Course Experience Survey (CES)

I value your feedback on this course. Towards the end of term, as in all other courses at UVic, you will have the opportunity to complete an anonymous survey regarding your learning experience (CES). The survey is vital to providing feedback to me regarding the course and my teaching, as well as to help the
department improve the overall program for students in the future. The survey is accessed via MyPage and can be done on your laptop, tablet, or mobile device. I will remind you and provide you with more detailed information nearer the time but please be thinking about this important activity during the course.

Class Schedule and Readings:

Week 1: January 8

- **Introduction, Course Survey, and the Study of Comparative Politics**
  - **Recommended**
    - Dipesh Chakrabarty, “*Provincializing Europe*” – Read Chapter 1 “Postcoloniality and the Artifice of History”.

- **Required**
  - **Explaining Development, Modernization and Change – Theoretical Debates/Economic Development and Democracy**

Week 2: January 15

- **Required**
  - **Development, Modernization and Change – Critiques - Economic Development and Democracy and Dependency Theory; Developmental State**
development”. GeoJournal, Vol. 46, No. 4, Geopolitics: its different faces, its renewed popularity, pp. 255-265


Week 3: January 22

• ASSIGNMENT #1 DUE (Huntington 1965; Huntington 1987; Weiner; Skocpol)


• Discussion of the Assignment 1
• Explaining: Dependency and Neo-Dependency Theory

Week 4: January 29

• ASSIGNMENT #2 DUE (Valenzuela & Valenzuela; Caporaso; Marshal; Wong)


• Discussion of Assignment 2
• Explaining: State vs Society Centred models, State Autonomy literature

**Required**


**Week 5: February 5 No Class**

Drop Assignment #3 in my Drop Box by Friday

• **ASSIGNMENT #3 DUE** (Krasner; Immergut; Hall and Taylor)


**Week 6: February 12**

• Discussion of Assignment 3

• Explaining Democracy; Democracy and Diversity: Managing, Accommodating or Recognizing?

**Required**


Week 7 Reading Break Feb 19

Week 8: February 26

• ASSIGNMENT #4 DUE (Parekh; Young)

• Discussion on Assignment 4
• Pluralism and Accommodation of Diversity – Federalism and Consociationalism

  Required


Week 9: March 4

• ASSIGNMENT #5 DUE (McGarry and O’Laery; Tremblay; Lijphart)
• Discussion on Assignment 5
• Cultural Diversity and Multiculturalism

**Required**


**Week 10: March 11**

• **ASSIGNMENT #6 DUE** (Kymlicka; Barry; Banting)


• Discussion of Assignment 6
• Explaining Nationalism, Resistance, Nationalism and Religion

**Required**


**Week 11: March 18**
• **ASSIGNMENT #7 DUE** (Spohn; Vinthagen; Pandey)


• **Discussion of Assignment 7**
• **Explaining Social Capital and Democracy**

• **Required**


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**Week 12: March 25**

• **ASSIGNMENT #8 DUE** (Putnam; Rudolph; Gunitsky)


• **Discussion of Assignment 8**
• **Modernization – Sketching the Development and Modernization Debate ; the present status of the theory; Explaining Post Development**

**Required**

Week 13: April 1

- **ASSIGNMENT #9 DUE** (Evans; Pieterse)


✓ Discussion of Assignment
✓ Putting it altogether: Think back to the first, introductory class, particularly to Uday Chandra reading.
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Your thoughts on the theoretical approaches to the State-societal relations and change?

- **TAKE HOME FINAL DISTRIBUTED**

**TAKE HOME FINAL EXAM DUE BY 4:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8**

PLEASE RETURN YOUR FINAL EXAM TO THE COURSE DROP BOX NEAR THE POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT’S RECEPTION DESK