

POL SCI 219
Democratic Institutions and Electoral Choice

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Friday 4-6:50PM
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The seminar discusses the interplay of political institutions and individual electoral behavior. Empirically it reviews evidence assembled by the first wave of the Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (CSES). The seminar is designed to discuss a series of analyses of this important project of large-scale comparative political research in the context of the general literature of the field. These analyses have been made available to participants (for seminar use only). The general literature is put on reserve; the CSES I data-set is available on the following website. www.umich.edu/~nes/cses

The seminar is structured around the following topics: History and Methodology of the CSES project, Political Participation, Party Orientation, Candidate Orientation, Ideological Orientation, Strategic Voting, and Political Support.

There are two requirements for the seminar: First, participants are expected to read the literature assigned for the weekly sessions, inspect the general literature that goes with a particular topic and participate in the discussion. Second, participants are expected to deliver a critical evaluation of one of the draft chapters orally. The final grade will give equal weight to these two components of the course. There are no written exams.

Themes of seminar sessions

05.01.05 Introduction: The interaction of political structure and political behavior

- (1) Rita Bajarunieni et al. (1996). *The Comparative Study of Electoral Systems. Final Report of the 1995-96 Planning Committee*, (Chapter 1)
- (2) Pippa Norris (2004). *Electoral Engineering. Voting Rules and Political Behavior*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Chapter 1 “Do Rules Matter?” 3-38.

14.01.05 History and Methodology of CSES

- (1) ‘Big Social Science’ in Comparative Politics: The History of Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (Ashley Grosse; chapter 2)
- (2) Methodological Challenges (David Howell and Karen J. Long; chapter 3)

21.01.05 Electoral Participation

- (1) Electoral Systems, Efficacy and Voter Participation (Jeffrey Karp and Susan Banducci; chapter 4)
- (2) Socio-economic Status and Non-voting: A Cross-national Comparative Analysis (Neil Nevitte, André Blais, Elisabeth Gidengil and Richard Nadeau; chapter 5 + chapter5tables.pdf)
- (3) Martin P. Wattenberg (2000). „The Decline of Party Mobilization“. In Russell J. Dalton and Martin P. Wattenberg, eds. *Parties without Partisans*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 64-76.
- (4) André Blais and Agnieszka Dobrzynska (1998). Turnout in Electoral Democracies. *European Journal of Political Research* 33(2):239-261.
- (5) Richard Topf (1995). Electoral Participation. In Hans-Dieter Klingemann and Dieter Fuchs, eds. *Citizens and the State*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 27-51.

28.01.05 Party Orientation

- (1) Expressive vs. Instrumental Voting and Institutional Design (Gabor Toka; chapter 11)
- (2) Multiple Party Identifications (Hermann Schmitt; chapter 6)
- (3) Russell Dalton (2000). "The Decline of Party Identification". In Russell Dalton and Martin Wattenberg, eds. *Parties without Partisans: Political change in advanced industrial democracies*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 19-36.
- (4) Hermann Schmitt and Soeren Holmberg (1995). „Political Parties in Decline.“ In Hans-Dieter Klingemann and Dieter Fuchs, eds. *Citizens and the State*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 95-133.

04.02.05 Candidate Orientation I

- (1) Candidate Recognition in Different Electoral Systems (Soeren Holmberg; chapter 7)
- (2) Economic Voting: Do Institutions Affect the Way Voters Evaluate Incumbents (Yoshitaka Nishizawa; chapter 8 plus [cses0406_economic_voting_fig&tables_final.fh9](#))
- (3) John M. Carey and Matthew S. Shugart (1995). "Incentives to cultivate a personal vote: A rank ordering of electoral formulas." *Electoral Studies* 14(4):417-440.
- (4) Michael S. Lewis-Beck and Martin Paldam (2000). "Economic Voting: An Introduction" *Electoral Studies* 19:113-121.

11.02.05 Candidate Orientation II

- (1) Who Represents Us Best: One Member or Many? (John Curtice and W. Phillips Shively; Chapter 9)
- (2) Pippa Norris (2004). *Electoral Engineering*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Chapter 10 "Constituency Service", 230-246.

18.02.05 Ideological Orientation

Ideological Voting: Left-Right Orientation in a Cross-National Context (Gabriel Badescu and Paul Sum; Chapter 10)

Hans-Dieter Klingemann (1995). "Party Positions and Voter Orientations." In Hans-Dieter Klingemann and Dieter Fuchs, eds. *Citizens and the State*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 183-205.

Dieter Fuchs and Hans-Dieter Klingemann (1990). "The Left-Right Schema." In M. Kent Jennings, Jan van Deth et al., *Continuities in Political Action: A Longitudinal Study of Political Orientations in Three Western Democracies*. Berlin: deGruyter, 203-234.

25.02.05 Strategic Voting

Comparative Politics of Strategic Voting: A Hierarchy of Electoral Systems (Thomas Gschwend; chapter 13)

Thomas Gschwend (2004). *Strategic Voting in Mixed Electoral Systems*. Wiesbaden: Statistisches Bundesamt. Chapter 2 "A Framework for the Study of Strategic Voting." 14-26; Chapter 3 "A Theory of Strategic Voting in a Mixed Electoral System." 27-46.

Gary W. Cox (1999). "Electoral Rules and Electoral Coordination." *American Review of Political Science* 2:145-161.

04.03.05 Political Support

(1) *Institutional Variation and Political Support* (Ola Listhaug, Bernt Aardal and Ingunn Opheim Ellis; Chapter 14)

(2) *Satisfaction with Democracy in Old and New Democracies* (Jacques Thomassen and Henk van der Kolk; Chapter 15)

(3) Russell J. Dalton (2004). "The Challenge to Democracy" In Russell J. Dalton, ed. *Democratic Challenges Democratic Choices. The Erosion of Political Support in Advanced Industrial Democracies*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1-18.

(4) Hans-Dieter Klingemann (1999). "Mapping Political Support in the 1990s: A Global Analysis". In Pippa Norris, ed. *Critical Citizens*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 31-56.

11.03.05 Conclusions

General Readings

Christopher J. Anderson. 1995. *Blaming the Government: Citizen and the Economy in Five European Democracies*. Armonk N.Y.: Sharpe.

Vernon Bogdanor, ed. 1985. *Representatives of the People?* Aldershot: Gower.

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Russell J. Dalton and Martin P. Wattenberg, eds. 2000. *Parties Without Partisans: Political Change in Advanced Industrial Democracies*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Anthony Downs. 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. New York: Harper and Row.

Lawrence LeDuc, Richard G. Niemi, and Pippa Norris, eds. 1996. *Comparing Democracies: Elections and Voting in Global Perspective*. Thousand Oaks: Sage.

Maurice Duverger. 1954. *Political Parties*. New York: Wiley.

Bernard Grofman and Arend Lijphart, eds. 1986. *Electoral Laws and Their Political Consequences*. New York: Agathon.

Thomas Gschwend. 2004. *Strategic Voting in Mixed Electoral Systems*. Wiesbaden: Statistisches Bundesamt (Statistik und Wissenschaft, vol 2; ISBN: 3-8246-0731-X)

Hans-Dieter Klingemann and Dieter Fuchs, eds. 1995. *Citizens and the State*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Arend Lijphart. 1994. *Electoral Systems and Party Systems: A Study of Twenty-Seven Democracies, 1945-1990*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Richard S. Katz. 1980. *A Theory of Parties and Electoral Systems*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press.

Arend Lijphart and Bernard Grofman, eds. 1984. *Choosing an Electoral System: Issues and Alternatives*. New York: Praeger.

Seymour M. Lipset and Stein Rokkan, eds. 1967. *Party Systems and Voter Alignments: Cross National Perspectives*. New York: Free Press.

Pippa Norris. 2004. *Electoral Engineering. Voting Rules and Political Behavior*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Pippa Norris, ed. 1999. *Critical Citizens. Global Support of Democratic Governance*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

G. Bingham Powell, Jr. 2000. *Elections as Instruments of Democracy: Majority and Proportional Visions*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Douglas Rae. 1971. *The Political Consequences of Electoral Laws*. New Haven: Harvard University Press.

Giovanni Sartori. 1994. *Comparative Constitutional Engineering: An Inquiry into Structures, Incentives and Outcomes*. New York: University Press.

Giovanni Sartori. 1976. *Parties and Party Systems: A Framework for Analysis*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Matthew Soberg Shugart and Martin P. Wattenberg, eds. 2001. *Mixed-Member Electoral Systems: The Best of Both Worlds?* Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Matthew Soberg Shugart and John M. Carey. 1992. *Presidents and Assemblies: Constitutional Design and Electoral Dynamics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Rein Taagepera and Matthew Soberg Shugart. 1989. *Seats and Votes: The Effects and Determinants of Electoral Systems*. New Haven: Yale University Press.