Overview

This course provides students with an introduction to sub-field of Comparative Politics. The course begins with a historical overview of state formation, in both European and Non-European contexts, and various theoretical approaches to the study of the state. Classical and critical theories of the state will be examined in relation to the origins, structure and role of the modern state and its many manifestations in different regimes such as liberal democratic, social democratic, communist and authoritarian and their accompanying political economy. We subsequently engage comparative analyses of particular case studies.

Requirements

- In-class mid-term examination (30%)
- Essay (35%)
- Final Exam (35%)

Required Text

TBA