

History 6302.501 - Democratization Syllabus Template

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Welcome! This course will compare the phenomenon of industrialization in five regions. We will consider and compare first the creation of the conditions conducive to industrialization in each region. To this end, we will begin with a comparison of western Europe and east Asia. Thereafter, we will consider how each industrial society evolved and maintained itself, looking specifically at the state-economy relationship, the creation of an industrial culture, and the relationship of workers to employers and managers. We will at the end consider some of the implications of these histories for the current industrializers.

Obviously, this is not a comprehensive course on industrialization. The number of themes in the subject is such that it cannot help but be a bit of a grab bag. I have focused more on institutional changes. There is not as much regarding issues of (for example) environment and energy at one end, or issues of urbanization, gender and ethnicity at the other.

The reading load is ambitious. You are not expected to memorize every word and detail, of course, but to focus on larger themes and questions. I encourage you to practice systematic skimming and/or to collaborate with other students in this regard.

COURSEWORK:

I am asking for, first, a bibliographic essay on a subject of your own choosing, but based on the following parameters: either (a) the intensive investigation of countries or regions not covered in this course, or (b) an examination of a particular theme within the history of industrialization.

This could be regarding one of the themes of the course, but in greater detail, or a new theme of your own choosing, such as a particular industry, or for example, the history of energy, environmental impact, the role of women and/or minorities within industrialization.

Second, you will expand this bibliographic essay into a larger paper. This paper obviously should involve use of library sources, including texts and journal articles (with websites used sparingly, such as for primary sources), and should refer to the concepts and theories contained in the texts of the course. The topic of your paper should be chosen quickly (say, by February), and I expect to see some bibliographic output by March.

I will base your paper's evaluation in part on how well you meet these benchmarks. I always welcome rough drafts and outlines .

READING SCHEDULE:

WEEK 1 - INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

(No required readings, but the discussion will be based on the following chapters:

- Huntington 1 - Political Order and Political Decay
- Berman 1 - Questions about Political Development
- Fukuyama's General Political Framework
- Fukuyama 2/1 - What is Political Development?
- Fukuyama 2/2 - The Dimensions of Development
- Fukuyama 2/3 - Bureaucracy
- Stasavage 1 - Origins of Democratic Rule

WEEK 2 - ORIGINS OF POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

- Stasavage 2 - Early Democracy Was Widespread
- Stasavage 3 - Weak States Inherited Democracy
- Stasavage 4 - When Technology Undermined Democracy
- Fukuyama 1/1 - The Necessity of Politics
- Fukuyama 1/2 - The State of Nature
- Fukuyama 1/3 - The Tyranny of Cousins
- Fukuyama 1/4 - Tribal Societies: Property, Justice, and War
- Fukuyama 1/5 - The Coming of the Leviathan

WEEK 3 - ROOTS OF CHINESE STRUCTURES

- Fukuyama 1/6 - Chinese Tribalism
- Fukuyama 1/7 - War and the Rise of the Chinese State
- Fukuyama 1/8 - The Great Han System
- Fukuyama 1/9 - Political Decay and the Return of Patrimonial Government
- Fukuyama 1/20 - Oriental Despotism
- Fukuyama 1/21 - Stationary Bandits
- Stasavage 6 - China as the Bureaucratic Alternative

WEEK 4 - INDIA AND THE ISLAMIC WORLD

- Fukuyama 1/10 - The Indian Detour

Fukuyama 1/11 - Varnas and Jatis
Fukuyama 1/12 - Weaknesses of Indian Polities
Fukuyama 1/19 - The State Becomes a Church
Stasavage 7 - How Democracy Disappeared in the Islamic World
Fukuyama 1/13 - Slavery and the Muslim Exit from Tribalism
Fukuyama 1/14 - The Mamluks Save Islam
Fukuyama 1/15 - The Functioning and Decline of the Ottoman State

WEEK 5 - EARLY MODERN WESTERN EUROPE - REPRESENTATION

Stasavage 5 - The Development of Representation in Europe
Stasavage 8 - Democracy and Economic Development over the Long Run
Berman 2 - The Ancien Regime
Fukuyama 1/16 - Christianity Undermines the Family
Huntington 3- Political Change in Traditional Polities

WEEK 6 - VARIETIES OF STATE BUILDING IN OTHER EUROPEAN STATES AND THEIR EMPIRES

Fukuyama 1/17 - The Origins of the Rule of Law
Fukuyama 1/18 - The Church Becomes a State
Fukuyama 1/22 - The Rise of Political Accountability
Fukuyama 1/23 - Rente Seekers
Fukuyama 1/24 - Patrimonialism Crosses the Atlantic
Fukuyama 1/25 - East of the Elbe
Fukuyama 1/26 - Toward a More Perfect Absolutism
Fukuyama 1/27 - Taxation and Representation
Fukuyama 2/4- Prussia Builds a State
Fukuyama 2/5 - Corruption
Fukuyama 2/6 - The Birthplace of Democracy
Fukuyama 2/7 - Italy and Low-Trust Equilibrium

WEEK 7 - THE BRITISH GRADUALIST TEMPLATE

Moore 1 - England and the Contributions of Violence to Gradualism
Stasavage 9 - Why England Was Different
Berman 3 - English Exceptionalism I
Fukuyama 2/8 - Patronage and Reform

WEEK 8 - THE FRENCH REVOLUTIONARY TEMPLATE

Moore 2 - Evolution and Revolution in France
Berman 4 - The French Revolution
Huntington 5 - Revolution and Political Order
Huntington 6- Reform and Political Change

WEEK 9 - THE AMERICAN EXCEPTION

Moore 3 - The American Civil War: the Last Capitalist Revolution
Stasavage 10 - Democracy - and Slavery - in America
Huntington 2 - Political Modernization: America vs. Europe
Fukuyama 2/9 - The United States Invents Clientelism
Fukuyama 2/10 - The End of the Spoils System
Fukuyama 2/11 - Railroads, Forests, and American State Building

WEEK 10 - 19TH-CENTURY EUROPEAN PATHS OF STATE- AND INSTITUTION-BUILDING

Berman 5 - 1848
Berman 6 - The French Third Republic
Berman 7 - Italian Unification

Berman 8 - German Unification
Fukuyama 2/27 - Why Did Democracy Spread?
Fukuyama 2/28 - The Long Road to Democracy
Moore 5 - Asian Fascism: Japan (sections 1-3)

WEEK 11 - INTERWAR EUROPE AND JAPAN - AUTHORITARIAN AND TOTALITARIAN REGIMES

Moore 5 - Asian Fascism: Japan (section 4)
Berman 9 - The Struggle for Democracy in Interwar Europe
Berman 10 - English Exceptionalism II
Berman 11 - The Collapse of Democracy and the Rise of Fascism in Italy
Berman 12 - The Collapse of the Weimar Republic and the Rise of National Socialism in Germany
Berman 13 - Political Development in Spain
Huntington 4 - Praetorianism and Political Decay
Huntington 7 - Parties and Social Stability

WEEK 12 - POSTWAR EUROPE

Berman 14 - The Consolidation of Democracy in Western Europe
Berman 15 - The Transition to Communist Dictatorship in East-Central Europe
Berman 16 - The Transition to Democracy in Spain
Berman 17 - The Transition to Democracy in East-Central Europe
Berman 18 - Lessons from Europe
Stasavage 11 - The Spread of Modern Democracy
Stasavage 12 - The Ongoing Democratic Experiment

WEEK 13 - THE CHINESE TRAJECTORY

Fukuyama 2/23 - The Strong Asian State
Fukuyama 2/24 - The Struggle for Law in China
Fukuyama 2/25 - The Reinvention of the Chinese State
Moore 4 - The Decay of Imperial China and the Origins of the Communist Variant

WEEK 14 - BEYOND THE WEST, BEYOND CHINA

Latin America

Fukuyama 2/15 - Geography
Fukuyama 2/16 - Silver, Gold, and Sugar
Fukuyama 2/17 - Dogs THAT Didn't Bark
Fukuyama 2/18 - The Clean Slate

Africa

Fukuyama 2/14 - Nigeria
Fukuyama 2/19 - Storms in Africa
Fukuyama 2/20 - Indirect Rule
Fukuyama 2/21 - Institutions, Domestic or Imported
Fukuyama 2/22 - Lingua Francas

Arab World

Fukuyama 2/29 - From 1848 to the Arab Spring
Fukuyama 2/30 - The Middle Class and Democracy's Future

India

Moore 6 - Democracy in Asia: India and the Price of Peaceful Change

WEEK 15 - Final Papers Due

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