

Political Dynamics in Central Europe

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Course description:

This course will focus on political developments in Central Europe in the past decades from dictatorship to multiparty democracy in comparative and historical perspective. Special attention will be paid to the past 20 years from 1989-90 to present. In the first part of the course we discuss the nature of the previous, non-democratic regime; in the second part we focus on issues in transitions to democracy, institution-building and democratic consolidation. Finally, in the third part, some specific features of new democratic politics (party system, elite change, symbolic politics, joining the European Union, forms of democracy etc.) will be discussed. Special attention is paid to the so-called Visegrád countries, i. e. Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic, and Slovakia (formerly known as Czechoslovakia), Romania and Bulgaria, their competition and cooperation. Besides the discussion of individual cases, we will also focus on intra-regional (and, sometimes, inter-regional) comparisons, especially with East Germany, and the successor states of the former Yugoslavia.

Learning outcome:

Students will be safe in understanding, analysing and explaining major features of political dynamics in Central Europe and in comparing and applying these lessons to other parts of the world. Students will learn that the issue of the proper attitude to the past is of direct relevance for sustainability of a new democracy. They will be expected to master different – legal, political, cultural - approaches to dealing with contemporary and past regimes.

Requirements:

Students are expected to attend classes regularly, to read mandatory readings before classes, to be active there, and to write short position papers when asked. Secondly, there will be an in-class, open book midterm test to be completed. Finally, a 8-10 pages long (one-and-half spaced, without the references) final essay should be written, to be handed by the last class.

Evaluation:

Activity and position papers 30%, Midterm test 30%, Final essay 40%.

Topics and Readings

WEEK 1. (September 20). **Historical Legacies in East Central Europe**

Mandatory reading:

Thomas F. Remington (2010), „The Soviet System and Its Demise” in Politics in Russia. Boston-New York: Longman, 31-56.

Andrew C. Janos (1996), „What Was Communism: A Retrospective in Comparative Analysis” Communist and Post-Communist Studies, Vol. 29. No. 1. 1-24.

Ken Jowitt (1992), “The Leninist Legacy” in Ivo Banac ed., Eastern Europe in Revolution. Ithaca-London: Cornell University Press, 207-224.

Suggested readings

Hannah Arendt (1963) The Origins of Totalitarianism. Westport: Greenwood Press

Carl J. Friedrich & Zbigniew K. Brzezinski (1956), Totalitarian Dictatorship and Autocracy. Cambridge: Harvard University Press

István Bibó (1991 [1946]) „The Distress of the East European Small States” in István Bibó: Democracy, Revolution, Self-Determination. Boulder: Social Science Monograph 13-86.

Andrew Arato & Ferenc Fehér eds. (1991), Crisis and Reform in Eastern Europe. New Brunswick: Transaction Publishers. Chapter by F. Feher, 481-512.

Joseph Held ed. (1992), The Columbia History of Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century. New York: Columbia University Press

Joseph Rothschild (1993), Return to Diversity: A Political History of East Central Europe Since World War II. New York: Oxford University Press 191-225.

George Schöpflin (1993), Politics in Eastern Europe. Oxford: Blackwell. Chapter 4. „Stalinism” 75-103.

Gale Stokes ed. (1994), From Stalinism to Pluralism: A Documentary History of Eastern Europe since 1945. New York: Oxford University Press

Peter F. Sugar ed. (1995), Eastern European Nationalism in the Twentieth Century. Washington D. C.: The American University Press

Grzegorz Ekiert (1996), The State Against Society: Political Crises and Their Aftermath in East Central Europe. Princeton: Princeton University Press

Norman Naimark & Leonid Gibianskii eds. (1997), The Establishment of Communist Regimes in Eastern Europe, 1944-49. Boulder: Westview Press

Gale Stokes (1997), Three Eras of Political Change in Eastern Europe. New York: Oxford U. P.

H. E. Chehabi & Juan J. Linz eds. (1998), Sultanistic Regimes. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press

Michael Bernhard & Ekrem Karakoc (2007), „Civil Society and the Legacy of Dictatorship”

World Politics, Vol. 59. No. 4. July, 539-567.

Judy Batt (2007), „Defining Central and Eastern Europe” in: Stephen White, Judy Batt & Paul Lewis eds. Developments in Central and East European Politics 4. Durham: Duke University Press, 1-19.

WEEK 2. (September 27.) Conditions of Democratization and East Central Europe

Mandatory readings

Alfred Stepan (1986), „Paths Toward Redemocratization: Theoretical and Comparative Considerations” In Guillermo O’Donnell, Philippe C. Schmitter & Laurence Whitehead (eds.), Transitions from Authoritarian Rule: Comparative Perspectives. Baltimore - London: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1986. 64-84.

Claus Offe (1997), Varieties of Transition. Cambridge: M. I. T. Press, 29-49.

Jon Elster, Claus Offe, Ulrich K. Preuss et al. (1998), „Mapping Eastern Europe” in Institutional Design in Post-Communist Societies. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 35-62.

Suggested readings

Seymour Martin Lipset (1969), „Some Social Requisites of Democracy: Economic Development and Political Legitimacy” In Charles F. Cnudde & Deane E. Neubauer (eds.): Empirical Democratic Theory. Chicago: Markham, 151-192.

Dankwart Rustow (1970), „Transitions to Democracy: Toward a Dynamic Model” Comparative Politics, April 1970. 337-363.

Rudolf L. Tökés ed. (1979), Opposition in Eastern Europe. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins U. P.
Guillermo O’Donnell & Philippe C. Schmitter (1986), Transitions from Authoritarian Rule: Tentative Conclusions about Uncertain Democracies. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press

Garton Ash, Timothy (1990), The Magic Lantern. New York: Vintage

Samuel P. Huntington (1991), „Democracy’s Third Wave” Journal of Democracy, Vol. 2. No. 2. 12-34.

Samuel P. Huntington (1991-2), „How Countries Democratize” Political Science Quarterly, Vol. 106. No. 4. 579-616.

Jadwiga Staniszkis (1991), The Dynamics of Breakthrough in Eastern Europe. Berkeley: University of California Press

Geoffrey Pridham & Tatu Vanhanen eds. (1994), Democratization in Eastern Europe. London – New York: Routledge, 99-127.

Roger East & Jolyon Pontin (1997), Revolution and Change in Central and Eastern Europe. London: Pinter

Karen Dawisha & Bruce Parrott (1997), Democratization and Authoritarianism in Postcommunist Societies. 4 vols. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

Jon Elster, Claus Offe, Ulrich K. Preuss et al. (1998), Institutional Design in Post-Communist

Societies: Rebuilding the Ship at Sea. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
Vladimir Tismaneanu ed. (1999), The Revolutions of 1989. London: Routledge
Lisa Anderson ed. (1999), Transitions to Democracy. New York: Columbia University Press
Andrew C. Janos (2000), East Central Europe in the Modern World: The Politics of the Borderlands from Pre- to Postcommunism. Stanford: Stanford University Press
Krishan Kumar (2001), 1989: Revolutionary Ideas and Ideals. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press
Krzysztof Brzechczyn (2008), „Polish Discussions on the Nature of Communism and Mechanisms of Its Collapse: A Review Article” East European Politics and Societies, Vol. 22. No. 4. November, 828-855.

WEEK 3. (October 4.) Old Regimes and Their Collapse: Poland and Hungary

Mandatory readings

Z. A. Pelczynski (1988), „Solidarity and the Rebirth of Civil Society in Poland 1976-81” in John Keane (ed.): Civil Society and the State. London-New York: Verso, 361-380.

Robert Brier (2009), „The Roots of the 'Fourth Republic': Solidarity's Cultural Legacy to Polish Politics” East European Politics and Societies, February, 63-85.

László Bruszt & David Stark (1992), „Remaking the Political Field in Hungary: From the Politics of Confrontation to the Politics of Competition” In Ivo Banac (ed.): Eastern Europe in Revolution. Ithaca - London: Cornell University Press, 13-55.

Suggested readings

Jadwiga Staniszkis (1992), The Dynamics of the Breakthrough in Eastern Europe: The Polish Case. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

Peter Hanak & Joseph Held (1992), „Hungary on a Fixed Course: An Outline of Hungarian History” in Joseph Held (ed.), The Columbia History of Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century. New York: Columbia University Press, 164-227.

Krzysztof Jasiewicz (1992), „From Solidarity to Fragmentation” Journal of Democracy, Vol. 3. No. 2. 55-69.

András Bozóki, András Körösiényi & George Schöpflin eds. (1992), Post-Communist Transition: Emerging Pluralism in Hungary. London: Pinter, New York: St. Martin's Press

András Bozóki (1993), „Hungary's Road to Systemic Change: The Opposition Roundtable” East European Politics and Societies, Vol. 7. No. 2. 276-308.

Josep M. Colomer & Margot Pascual (1994), „The Polish Games of Transition” Communist and Post-Communist Studies, Vol. 27. No. 3. 275-294.

Terry Cox & Andy Furlong eds. (1995), Hungary: The Politics of Transition. London: Frank Cass
Béla K. Király & András Bozóki eds. (1995), Lawful Revolution in Hungary, 1989-94. Boulder: Social Science Monographs

Rudolf L. Tóké (1996), Hungary's Negotiated Revolution. Cambridge: Cambridge U. Press

Jack Bielasiak (1998), „Poland” in Sabrina P. Ramet (ed.), Eastern Europe: Politics, Culture, and

- Society Since 1939. Bloomington – Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 126-158.
- Helena Flam (1998), Mosaic of Fear: Poland and East Germany Before 1989. Boulder: East European Monographs
- David Stark & László Bruszt (1998), Postsocialist Pathways: Transforming Politics and Property in East Central Europe. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- Anton Pelinka (1999), Politics of the Lesser Evil: Leadership, Democracy and Jaruzelski's Poland. New Brunswick: Transaction
- Grzegorz Ekiert & Jan Kubik (1999), Rebellious Civil Society: Popular Protest and Democratic Consolidation in Poland 1989-93. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press
- András Körösiényi (1999), Government and Politics in Hungary. Budapest: CEU Press
- Elzbieta Matynia (2001), „Furnishing Democracy at the End of the Century: The Polish Round Table and Others” East European Politics and Societies, Vol. 15. No. 2. 454-471.
- András Bozóki ed. (2002), The Roundtable Talks of 1989: The Genesis of Hungarian Democracy. Budapest: CEU Press
- Barbara Falk (2003), Dilemmas of Dissidence in Eastern Europe. Budapest – N. Y.: CEU Press
- John W. Schiemann (2005), The Politics of Pact-Making: Hungary's Negotiated Transition to Democracy in Comparative Perspective. New York: Palgrave – Macmillan
- Bernard Ivan Tamas (2007), From Dissident to Party Politics: The Struggle for Democracy in Post-Communist Hungary, 1989-1994. Boulder: East European Monographs
- Michael Meyer (2009), The Year That Changed the World: The Untold Story Behind the Fall of the Berlin Wall. New York: Scribner

WEEK 4. (October 11). Old Regimes and Their Collapse: Czechoslovakia and East Germany

Mandatory readings

- Tony R. Judt (1992), „Metamorphosis: The Democratic Revolution in Czechoslovakia” In Ivo Banac (ed.), Eastern Europe in Revolution. Ithaca - London: Cornell University Press, 96-116.
- Sharon L. Wolchik (1998), „Czechoslovakia” in Sabrina P. Ramet (ed.), Eastern Europe: Politics, Culture, and Society Since 1939. Bloomington – Indianapolis: Indiana U. P. 35-70.
- Norman N. Naimark (1992), „'Ich will hier raus': Emigration and the Collapse of the German Democratic Republic” in Ivo Banac (ed.), Eastern Europe in Revolution. Ithaca-London: Cornell University Press, 72-95.
- Kurt-Henning Tvedt (2004), „The East German Transition Game” Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics, Vol. 20. No. 2. June, 73-97.

Suggested readings

- Bernard Wheaton & Zdenek Kavan (1992), The Velvet Revolution: Czechoslovakia, 1988-1991. Boulder - Oxford: Westview
- Sharon L. Wolchik (1992), „Czechoslovakia” in Joseph Held (ed.), The Columbia History of

- Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century. New York: Columbia U. P., 119-163.
- Christian Joppke (1995), East German Dissidents and the Revolution of 1989. New York: New York University Press
- Milos Calda (1996), „The Roundtable Talks in Czechoslovakia” in Jon Elster (ed.), The Roundtable Talks and the Breakdown of Communism. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 135-177.
- Ulrich K. Preuss (1996), „The Roundtable Talks in the German Democratic Republic” in Jon Elster (ed.): The Roundtable Talks and the Breakdown of Communism. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 99-134.
- Jaroslav Krejci & Pavel Machonin (1996), Czechoslovakia 1918-92: A Laboratory of Social Change. London: Macmillan.
- Mary Fulbrook (1997), Anatomy of a Dictatorship: Inside the GDR 1949-1989. Oxford: Oxford University Press
- Carol Skalnik Leff (1997), The Czech and Slovak Republics. Boulder: Westview
- Brigitte H. Schulz (1998), „The German Democratic Republic” in Sabrina P. Ramet (ed.), Eastern Europe: Politics, Culture, and Society Since 1939. Bloomington – Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 94-125.
- Eric Stein (2000), Czecho / Slovakia: Ethnic Conflict, Constitutional Fissure, Negotiated Breakup. Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press
- Laura Cashman (2008), „Remembering 1948 and 1968: Reflections on Two Pivotal Years in Czech and Slovak History” Europe-Asia Studies, Vol. 60. No. 10. December, 1645-1658.
- Vilém Precan (2008), „Dimensions of the Czechoslovak Crisis of 1967-1970” Europa-Asia Studies, Vol. 60. No. 10. December, 1659-1676.
- Scott Brown (2008), „Prelude to Divorce? The Prague Spring as Dress Rehearsal for Czechoslovakia’s ‘Velvet Divorce’” Europe-Asia Studies, Vol. 60. No. 10. December 1783-1804

WEEK 5. (October 18.) Old Regimes and Their Collapse: Romania, Bulgaria

Mandatory reading

Eyal, Jonathan (1990), „Why Romania Could Not Avoid Bloodshed” in Gwyn Prins (ed.): Spring in Winter: The 1989 Revolutions. Manchester: Manchester University Press, 140-160.

William Crowther (1998), „Romania” in Sabrina P. Ramet (ed.), Eastern Europe: Politics, Culture, and Society Since 1939. Bloomington – Indianapolis: Indiana U. P. 190-223.

Spas T. Raikin (1998), „Bulgaria” in Sabrina P. Ramet (ed.), Eastern Europe: Politics, Culture, and Society Since 1939. Bloomington – Indianapolis: Indiana U. P. 224-250.

Suggested readings

Trond Gilberg (1992), „The Multiple Legacies of History: Romania in the Year 1990” in Joseph Held (ed.), The Columbia History of Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century. New York: Columbia University Press, 277-305.

Katherine Verdery & Gail Kligman (1992), “Romania After Ceausescu: Post-Communist

- Communism” in Ivo Banac ed., Eastern Europe in Revolution. Ithaca – London: Cornell University Press, 117-147.
- Marin Pundeff (1992), “Bulgaria” in Joseph Held ed., The Columbia History of Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century. New York: Columbia University Press, 65-118.
- Maria N. Todorova (1992), “Improbable Maverick or Typical Conformist? Seven Thoughts on the New Bulgaria” in Ivo Banac (ed.): Eastern Europe in Revolution. Ithaca-London: Cornell University Press, 148-167.
- Dimitrije Djordjevic (1992), „The Yugoslav Phenomenon” in Joseph Held ed., The Columbia History of Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century. New York: Columbia University Press, 306-344.
- Daniel N. Nelson (1992), Romania After Tyranny. Boulder: Westview Press
- Katherine Verdery (1995), National Ideology under Socialism: Identity and Cultural Politics in Ceausescu’s Romania. Berkeley: University of California Press
- Rumyana Kolarova & Dimitr Dimitrov (1996), „The Roundtable Talks in Bulgaria” in Jon Elster (ed.), The Roundtable Talks and the Breakdown of Communism. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 178-212.
- Vladimir Tismaneanu (1997), „Romanian Exceptionalism? Democracy, Ethnocracy, and Uncertain Pluralism in Post-Ceausescu Romania” in Karen Dawisha & Bruce Parrott (eds.), Politics, Power, and the Struggle for Democracy in South-East Europe. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 403-451.
- Lenard J. Cohen (1997), “Embattled Democracy: Postcommunist Croatia in Transition” in Karen Dawisha & Bruce Parrott (eds.), Politics, Power, and the Struggle for Democracy in South-East Europe. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 69-121.
- Nicholas J. Miller (1997), “A Failed Transition: The Case of Serbia” in Karen Dawisha & Bruce Parrott (eds.), Politics, Power, and the Struggle for Democracy in South-East Europe. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 146-188.
- Sabrina P. Ramet (1998), „Yugoslavia” in Sabrina P. Ramet (ed.), Eastern Europe: Politics, Culture, and Society Since 1939. Bloomington – Indianapolis: Indiana U. P. 159-189.
- Vesselin Dimitrov (2001), Bulgaria: The Uneven Transition. London: Routledge
- Tom Gallagher (2005), Modern Romania. New York: New York University Press

WEEK 6. (October 25). **MIDTERM TEST** (40 minutes)

Institution-building, Constitutional Choices, Parliamentarism vs Presidentialism

Mandatory readings

- Arend Lijphart (1992), „Democratization and Constitutional Choices in Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland, 1989-1991” Journal of Theoretical Politics, Vol. 4. No. 2. 1992.
- Matthew S. Shugart (1993), „Of Presidents and Parliaments” East European Constitutional Review, Vol. 2. No. 1. 30-32.

Ray Taras (2007), „Executive Leadership” in Stephen White, Judy Batt & Paul G. Lewis (eds.), Developments in Central and East European Politics 7. Durham: Duke University Press, 127-144.

Petr Kopecky (2007), „Structures of Representation” in Stephen White, Judy Batt & Paul G. Lewis (eds.), Developments in Central and East European Politics 4. Durham: Duke University Press, 145-160.

Suggested readings

Juan J. Linz (1990), „The Perils of Presidentialism” Journal of Democracy, Vol. 1. No. 1. 51-69.

Donald L. Horowitz (1990), „Comparing Democratic Systems” Journal of Democracy, Vol. 1. No. 4. 73-79.

Dick Howard ed. (1993), Constitution Making in Eastern Europe. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press

Juan J. Linz & Arturo Valenzuela eds. (1994), The Failure of Presidential Democracy. Baltimore-London: The Johns Hopkins University Press

Jon Elster ed. (1996), The Roundtable Talks and the Breakdown of Communism. Chicago: University of Chicago Press

Scott Mainwaring & Matthew S. Shugart (1997), “Juan Linz, Presidentialism and Democracy” Comparative Politics, Vol. 29. No. 4. July 1997. 449-471.

Jon Elster, Claus Offe, Ulrich K. Preuss et al. (1998), Institutional Design in Post-Communist Societies. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 63-108.

Michael Bernhard (2000), „Institutional Choice after Communism: A Critique of Theory-Building in an Empirical Wasteland” East European Politics and Societies, Vol. 14. No. 316-347.

Michael Kraus & Alison Stanger eds. (2000), Irreconcilable Differences? Explaining Czechoslovakia’s Dissolution. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield

Jean Blondel & Ferdinand Müller-Rommel eds. (2001), Cabinets in Eastern Europe. Basingstoke: Palgrave

András Bozóki ed. (2002), The Roundtable Talks of 1989: The Genesis of Hungarian Democracy. Budapest – New York: Central European University Press

Sarah Birch, Frances Millard, Marina Popescu & Kieran Williams (2002), Embodying Democracy: Electoral System Design in Post-Communist Europe. Basingstoke: Palgrave

Klaus von Beyme (2003), „Constitutional Engineering in Central and Eastern Europe” in Stephen White, Judy Batt & Paul G. Lewis (eds.), Developments in Central and East European Politics 3. Durham: Duke University Press, 190-210.

Thomas A. Baylis (2007), „Embattled Executives: Prime Ministerial Weakness in East Central Europe” Communist and Post-Communist Studies, Vol. 40. No. 1. March, 81-106.

Robert Elgie & Sophia Moestrup (2008), Semi-presidentialism in Central and Eastern Europe. Manchester: Manchester University Press

WEEK 7. (November 1.) **Public holiday. No class.**

WEEK 8. (November 8.) **Left, Right, and Political Parties in the Post-Communist Context**

Mandatory readings

Herbert Kitschelt (1992), „Formation of Party Systems in East Central Europe” Politics and Society, Vol. 20. No. 1. 7-50.

John T. Ishiyama (1997), „The Sickle or the Rose? Previous Regime Types and the Evolution of the Ex-Communist Parties in Post-Communist Politics” Comparative Political Studies, Vol. 30. No. 3. June, 299-330.

Seán Hanley (2004), „Getting the Right Right: Redefining the Centre-Right in Post-Communist Europe” Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics, Vol. 20. No. 3. September, 9-27.

Zsolt Enyedi (2006), „The Survival of the Fittest: Party System Concentration in Hungary” in S. Jungerstam-Mulders ed. Post-Communist EU Member States: Parties and Party-Systems. Aldershot: Ashgate, 177-201.

Milada Anna Vachudova (2008), „Centre-Right Parties and Political Outcomes in East Central Europe” Party Politics, Vol. 14. No. 4. July, 387-405.

Suggested readings

Herbert Kitschelt (1995), „Formation of Party-Cleavages in Post-Communist Democracies: Theoretical Propositions” Party Politics, Vol. 1. No. 4. 447-72.

Herbert Kitschelt, Zdenka Mansfeldova, Radoslaw Markowski & Gábor Tóka eds. (1999), Post-Communist Party Systems: Competition, Representation and Inter-Party Cooperation. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

Paul G. Lewis (2000), Political Parties in Post-Communist Eastern Europe. London: Routledge

Aleks Szczerbiak (2001), Poles Together? Emergence and Development of Political Parties in Post-Communist Poland. Budapest: CEU Press

Herbert Kitschelt (2001), „Divergent Paths of Postcommunist Democracies” in Larry Diamond & Richard Gunther (eds.), Political Parties and Democracy. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 299-323.

Anna Grzymala-Busse (2002), Redeeming the Communist Past: The Regeneration of Communist Parties in East Central Europe. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

András Bozóki & John T. Ishiyama eds. (2002), The Communist Successor Parties of Central and Eastern Europe. Armonk, NY.: M. E. Sharpe

Andre W. M. Gerrits (2002), „The Social Democratic Tradition of East Central Europe” East European Politics and Societies, Vol. 16. No. 1. Winter, 54-108.

Michael Minkenberg (2002), „The Radical Right in Postsocialist Central and Eastern Europe: Comparative Observations and Interpretations” East European Politics and Societies, Vol. 16. No. 2. Spring, 335-362.

Paul G. Lewis (2003), „Political Parties” in Stephen White, Judy Batt & Paul G. Lewis (eds.),

- Developments in Central and East European Politics 3. Durham: Duke University Press, 153-172.
- Seán Hanley (2004), „Blue Velvet: The Rise and Decline of the Czech New Right” Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics, Vol. 20. No. 3. September, 28-54.
- Brigid Fowler (2004), „Concentrated Orange: Fidesz and the Remaking of the Hungarian Centre-Right, 1994-2002” Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics, Vol. 20. No. 3. September, 80-114.
- Zsolt Enyedi (2005), „The Role of Agency in Cleavage Formation” European Journal of Political Research, Vol. 44. No. 3. 697-720.
- Lubomir Kopecek ed. (2005), Trajectories of the Left: Social Democratic and (Ex-)Communist Parties in Contemporary Europe. Brno: Democracy and Culture Studies Centre
- Stephen White, D. Stansfield & P. Webb eds. (2006), Political Parties in Transitional Democracies. Oxford: Oxford University Press
- Susanna Jungerstam-Mulders ed. (2006), Post-Communist EU Member States: Parties and Party-Systems. Aldershot: Ashgate
- Aleks Szczerbiak (2006), „Power Without Love? Patterns of Party Politics in Post-1989 Poland” in S. Jungerstam-Mulders ed. Post-Communist EU-Member States: Parties and Party-Systems. Aldershot: Ashgate, 91-123.
- Tim Houghton & Sharon Fisher (2008), „From the Politics of State Building to Programmatic Politics: The Post-Federal Experience and the Development of Centre-Right Party Politics in Croatia and Slovakia” Party Politics, Vol. 14. No. 4. July, 435-454.
- Tim Bale & Aleks Szczerbiak (2008), „Why There Is No Christian Democracy in Poland – and Why Should We Care?” Party Politics, Vol. 14. No. 4. July, 479-499.

WEEK 9. (November 15.) **Democratic Consolidation: General Approaches and Central European Realities**

Mandatory readings

- Guillermo O’Donnell (1994), „Delegative Democracy” Journal of Democracy, Vol. 5. No. 1. 55-69.
- Samuel P. Huntington (1996), „Democracy for the Long Haul” Journal of Democracy, Vol. 7. No. 2. 3-13.
- Dirk Berg-Schlosser (2008), „’Neighborhood Effects’ of Democratization in Europe” Taiwan Journal of Democracy, Vol. 4. No. 2. December, 29-45.

Suggested readings

- Scott Mainwaring, Guillermo O’Donnell & J. Arturo Valenzuela eds. (1992), Issues in Democratic Consolidation. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press
- Juan Linz & Alfred Stepan (1996), Problems of Democratic Transition and Consolidation. Baltimore - London: The Johns Hopkins University Press
- Juan J. Linz & Alfred Stepan (1996), „Democracy and Its Arenas” in Linz & Stepan: Problems

- of Democratic Transition and Consolidation. Baltimore - London: Johns Hopkins University Press, 3-15.
- Juan Linz & Alfred Stepan (1996), „Post-Communist Europe: Concluding Comparative Reflections” in Linz & Stepan: Problems of Democratic Transition and Consolidation. Baltimore - London: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 434-57.
- Guillermo O’Donnell (1996), „Illusions about Consolidation” Journal of Democracy, Vol. 7. No. 2. 34-51.
- Adam Przeworski et al. (1996), „What Makes Democracies Endure?” Journal of Democracy, Vol. 7. No.1. 39-55.
- Larry Diamond (1996), „Is the Third Wave Over?” Journal of Democracy, Vol. 7. No. 3. 20-37.
- Karen Dawisha & Bruce Parrott eds. (1997), The Consolidation of Democracy in East Central Europe. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- Jon Elster, Claus Offe, Ulrich K. Preuss et al. (1998), „Building and Consolidating Democracies” in Institutional Design in Post-Communist Societies. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 109-155.
- Richard Rose, W. Mishler & C. Haerpfer (1998), Democracy and Its Alternatives – Understanding Post-Communist Societies. Oxford: Polity Press
- Larry Diamond (1999), Developing Democracy Toward Consolidation. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press
- John D. Nagle & Alison Mahr (1999), Democracy and Democratization: Post-Communist Europe in Comparative Perspective. London: Sage
- Mary Kaldor & Ivan Vejvoda eds. (1999), Democratization in Central and Eastern Europe. London: Pinter
- Geoffrey Pridham (2000), The Dynamics of Democratization: A Comparative Approach. London: Continuum
- Philippe C. Schmitter & Nicolas Guilhot (2000), “From Transition to Consolidation: Extending the Concept of Democratization and the Practice of Democracy” in Michel Dobry (ed.), Democratic and Capitalist Transitions in Eastern Europe: Lessons for the Social Sciences. Dordrecht: Kluwer, 131-146.
- Andreas Schedler (2001), „Measuring Democratic Consolidation” Studies in Comparative International Development, Vol. 36. No. 1. Spring, 66-92.
- Jan Zielonka ed. (2001), Democratic Consolidation in Eastern Europe. Vol. 1. Institutional Engineering. New York: Oxford University Press
- Geoffrey Pridham & Attila Ágh eds. (2001), Prospects for Democratic Consolidation in East Central Europe. Manchester: Manchester University Press
- Carsten Schneider (2009), Democratic Consolidation: Comparing Europe and Latin America. London: Routledge

WEEK 9. (November 22.) **Dealing with the Past: Elite Change, Lustration, and Symbolic Politics**

Mandatory readings

Alan Renwick (2006), „Anti-Political or Just Anti-Communist? Varieties of Dissidence in East Central Europe and Their Implications for the Development of Political Society” East European Politics and Societies, Vol. 20. No. 2. 286-318.

John Higley & György Lengyel (2000), „Elite Configurations After State Socialism” in Higley & Lengyel eds., Elites After State Socialism. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 1-21.

Hilary Appel (2005), „Anti-Communist Justice and Founding the Post-Communist Order: Lustration and Restitution in Central Europe” East European Politics and Societies, Vol. 19. No. 3. 379-405.

Lavinia Stan (2006), „The Vanishing Truth? Politics and Memory in Post-Communist Europe” East European Quarterly, Vol. XL. No. 4. December 383-408.

Suggested readings

George Konrád & Iván Szelényi (1991), „Intellectuals and Domination in Post-Communist Societies” in Pierre Bourdieu & James Coleman eds., Social Theory in a Changing Society. Boulder: Westview, 337-61.

John Higley, Jan Pakulski, & Włodzimierz Wesolowski (1998), „Introduction: Elite Change and Democratic Regimes in Eastern Europe” in Higley, J. Pakulski, & W. Wesolowski (eds.), Postcommunist Elites and Democracy in Eastern Europe. Basingstoke: Macmillan, 1-33.

John Higley & Jan Pakulski (1992), „Revolution and Elite Transformation in Eastern Europe” Australian Journal of Political Science, Vol. 27. 104-119.

Gil Eyal, Ivan Szelényi & Eleanor Townsley (1997), "The Theory of Post-Communist Managerialism. New Left Review, No. 222. 60-92.

Gil Eyal, Iván Szelényi & Eleanor Townsley (1998), Making Capitalism Without Capitalists: The New Ruling Elites in Eastern Europe. London: Verso

John Higley, Jan Pakulski, Włodzimierz Wesolowski eds. (1998), Postcommunist Elites and Democracy in Eastern Europe. London: Macmillan

András Bozóki ed. (1999), Intellectuals and Politics in Central Europe. Budapest – New York: Central European University Press

John Higley & György Lengyel eds. (2000), Elites After State Socialism. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield

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