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POLI 120I: THE POLITICS OF ITALY

Course Objectives: This course is designed to expose students to the modern Italian political process, focusing primarily on the period from Italian unification (*Risorgimento*) to the present. The course will investigate the process of unification and the roots of the “Southern Question”, the rise and fall of fascism, the institutional and party system attributes of the First and Second Republics, *Tangentopoli*, the role that Silvio Berlusconi has played in shaping the Second Republic, and the effects of non-state actors (such as the Mafia) in shaping Italian governance.

Learning Objectives: At the end of this course students should be able to:

- 1) Develop an understanding of how the Italian state building process shapes the current political system.
- 2) Examine how executive, legislative, and judicial authority within Italy is structured.
- 3) Investigate the extent to which non-state actors impact Italian politics.
- 4) Analyze the extent to which the political system meets the needs of the Italian people.
- 5) Become more discerning consumers of media as it relates to Italian politics.
- 6) Improve their written and oral communication skills.

Course Assignments/Grading:

Midterm Examination: 50%

Final Examination: 50%

Participation/Discussion: Given the way in which themes will be presented in this course, students are expected to come to class regularly, prepared to participate in course discussions. We will open each lecture with a discussion of relevant news topics, identifying how current events reflect materials discussed in lecture. Subsequently, keeping up with current events will be useful in contributing not only towards your participation grade but will also be useful in providing connections between current political phenomenon and course readings. Although I will be posting links to articles of interest via Twitter, students should become familiar with various news resources providing extensive coverage of European politics. The following is a list of websites which may be of interest:

New York Times Online (<http://www.nytimes.com>)

Economist Online (<http://www.economist.com>)

BBC News (<http://news.bbc.co.uk>)

Financial Times (<http://www.ft.com>)

Corriere della Sera English (<http://www.corriere.it/english/>)

La Stampa English (<http://www.lastampa.it/esteri/lastampa-in-english>)

Course Behavior: While issues of threatening or inappropriate behavior are not expected at the university level, please be advised that inappropriate, insensitive, and/or threatening behavior directed towards other students or the teaching staff will not be tolerated. Any violation of UCSD's student conduct code will be referred to the appropriate administrative office for review.

Midterm and Final Examinations: The grade for this course centers on two examinations. Both examinations will be 6-8 pages in length and the topic and due dates will be discussed in lecture. Please be advised that course examinations build on both lecture information and course readings, subsequently, papers which do not show familiarity with both will be penalized.

Late Assignments: Barring emergencies accompanied by valid documentation, no late assignments will be accepted. Students should notify us prior to an assignment's deadline of any emergency which may preclude them from submitting an assignment on time (i.e., we will **NOT** typically entertain any emergency requests received after the paper is due).

E-Mail Attachments: Please be advised that a hard copy of each assignment is required to be submitted prior to the deadline for the assignment; e-mail attachments will not be accepted.

Academic Integrity: While issues of plagiarism are not expected, course assignments are to be completed on an individual basis. Incidents of plagiarism will be dealt with per department and university procedures. Please be advised that under no circumstances will credit be given for any assignment which is deemed to violate UCSD's policies on academic integrity.

Books (Required):

Dickie. Cosa Nostra: A History of the Sicilian Mafia

Lyttleton. Liberal and Fascist Italy

Newell. Italy: Governance in a Normal Country

Putnam. Making Democracy Work

Reserves

Given the rising costs of textbooks, you may wish to shop around online. Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble.com, Textbooks.com all have used and new textbooks at competitive prices.

Reading Note: For links to the Economist, you can access their website to read up to three articles each week without paying for a subscription. If you do not have a subscription, you can access the readings electronically by accessing the materials through ROGER. Please

be advised that you can only access electronic holdings while on campus or via a UCSD proxy server.

READING SCHEDULE:

UNIT ONE: INTRODUCTION

Week 1: Introduction

Newell Introduction (Politics in a Normal Country)

Putnam Introduction

Economist (Oh, For a New Risorgimento): <https://goo.gl/fqe3Gb>

UNIT TWO: CREATING THE ITALIAN STATE

Cavour and Piedmont

Cardoza (Cavour and Piedmont) *

Week 2: Garibaldi and Southern Italy

Riall (Garibaldi and the South) *

Dickie pgs. 13-34

The Demise of the Papal States

Kertzer (Excerpt *Prisoner of the Vatican*) *

Week 3: State Weakness and the Mafia

Dickie pgs. 35-130

Creating Liberal Italy

Lyttleton CH 1, 3-4

Week 4: The Rise (and Fall) of Fascism

Dickie 131-160

Lyttleton CH 5-7

Kertzer (Excerpt *Pope and Mussolini*)*

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UNIT FOUR: ITALY AND THE “FIRST REPUBLIC”

Week 5: Partiocracy

LaPalombara (Excerpt *Democracy Italian Style*) *

Dickie 191-216

The DC, the PCI, and Polarized Pluralism

McCarthy (Postwar Settlement: Catholic Hegemony?) *

D’Alimonte (PCI and the Historic Compromise) *

Sartori (Polarized Pluralism)*

UNIT FIVE: ITALY AND THE “SECOND REPUBLIC”

Week 6: Tangentopoli and the Disintegration of the First Republic

Newell pgs. 31-46

Italian Second Republic: Political Institutions

Newell CH 2 and 4

Economist (Institutions: Tangled Webs): <https://goo.gl/5YFw76>

Economist (Berlusconi’s Legacy): <https://goo.gl/UrS6jw>

Economist (A Young Man in a Hurry): <https://goo.gl/9DQXyd>Economist (Why Berlusconi Still Matters): <https://goo.gl/7n3hBq>Economist (Why Italy Should Vote No): <https://goo.gl/1e867f>

MIDTERM DUE

Week 7: Italian Second Republic: Elections and Parties

Newell CH 7

Economist (No, Grazie...): <https://goo.gl/W9KxLi>

Week 8: Difficulties in Governance: Clientelism and the Mafia

Newell CH 5

Sabetti (Mafia and the Anti-Mafia)*

Dickie Skim 217-310; Read 311-338

Week 9: Difficulties in Governance: The Southern Question

Newell CH 3

Putnam CH 1, 4-6

Sabetti (Path Dependency and Civic Culture) *

FINAL EXAMINATION DISTRIBUTED

UNIT SIX: TOWARDS A “THIRD REPUBLIC”?

Week 10: Prospects for Change

Economist (Renzi Plans to...): <https://goo.gl/TgsWzA>

Emmott (Italy’s Second Chance) *

Mammone and Veltri (A ‘Sick Man’ in Europe) *

FINAL EXAMINATION DUE: 3:00-5:59 pm 14 JUNE 2017

LOCATION TBA ON TRITONLINK VIA WEBREG

***Disclaimer:** This syllabus is intended to provide an overview of the course. You cannot claim any rights from it. While the information included within the syllabus should be a reliable guide for the course, scheduling and dates may change. Official announcements are always those made in lecture. Please be advised that it is the student’s responsibility to ensure they are aware of announcements made in lecture.*

