Outline of Seminar

I. What is Democracy? How Do We Know It When We See It?

II. Limited versus Unlimited Government

III. Democratization: Transitions and Conditions

IV. Assessing Democracy: Consolidation and Quality

V. Representation

VI. Participation

VII. Democratic States and Societies
   A. Civil Societies
   B. Plural Societies

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Readings:

Many of the readings will be available on the course web-site (address to be announced in class). The books are available at the library, from your colleagues, or through on-line vendors. The books that we will be reading at some length include:

Requirements:

1. **Reading and seminar participation.** Each week please read the assigned texts prior to the seminar meeting.

2. **Practice Comprehensive Examination.** At the end of the course you will be given a practice comprehensive examination, comprised of two short take-home essays. Topics will be distributed by e-mail on Tuesday, 13 March; essays are due by noon on Tuesday, 20 March.

**Week 1 (January 12)**

**INTRODUCTION**


**Week 2 (January 19)**

**WHAT IS DEMOCRACY? HOW DO WE KNOW IT WHEN WE SEE IT?**


**Week 3 (January 26)**

**LIMITED VERSUS UNLIMITED GOVERNMENT**

*Constitution of the United States of America*, Article 1, Section 9; Amendments 1-10, 13-15, 19, 24, 26.


**Week 4 (February 2)**

DEMOCRATIZATION, I: DEMOCRATIC TRANSITIONS


*Review:* Barrington Moore, Jr., Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy, Chapters 1, 7-9; Brian Downing, The Military Revolution and Political Change, Chapters 1, 10; Douglass C. North and Barry Weingast, “Constitutions and Commitment.”

**Week 5 (February 9)**

DEMOCRATIZATION, II: CONDITIONS FOR DEMOCRACY


**Week 6 (February 16)**

ASSESSING DEMOCRACY: CONSOLIDATION AND QUALITY


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**Week 7 (February 23)**

**REPRESENTATION**


*The Articles of Confederation.*

*Constitution of the United States of America.*

Alexander Hamilton, John Jay and James Madison. *The Federalist.* Read #1, 6, 9, 10, 35, 37, 39, 47-51, 62, 63, 70, 78.


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**Week 8 (March 1)**

**PARTICIPATION**


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**Week 9 (March 3)**

**DEMOCRATIC STATES AND SOCIETIES, I: CIVIL SOCIETIES**

Alexis DeToqueville. *Democracy in America.* Read Volume 1 (Introduction, Chs. 1-5, 9, 12-17), Volume 2 (Preface, Part I [ch. 5], Part II [chs. 1-8, 14], Part III [chs. 1-2, 13, 21], Part IV [chs. 1-4, 6-8]


**Week 10 (March 10)**

**DEMOCRATIC STATES AND SOCIETIES, II: PLURAL SOCIETIES**

