University of California, San Diego
Political Science 120C (Winter 2017)

Politics in France

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General:
This course examines the development and functioning of the modern French political system with particular focus on the Fifth Republic. Our analysis focuses on constitutional design, core institutions, ideological traditions, the party system, elections and current policy dilemmas. Issues of European integration also constitute critical focal points for our understanding of modern French politics.

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Evaluation:
Two Examinations only: Your grade will be calculated on the basis on a mid-term and final examination.

Mid-Term Exam in class: 14 February, 2017 (50%)
Final Take-home due no later than 11 am: 23 March 2017 (50%)
Submit both electronic and hard copy of Take-Home.

Required Readings:
Cole, Alistair, S. Meunier, V. Tiberj, eds., Developments in French Politics V (2013)
I. Introduction to the Fifth Republic: Institutional Design, Political Contexts

Readings:
- Nossiter, “French Republican Party Picks more Conservative Candidate for Presidency, NYT, 28 Nov. 2016, in CP
- Cole et al. Chap 1, “From Sarkozy to Hollande ...”

II. Political Traditions: from Louis XIV to Charles de Gaulle and beyond ...

Readings:
- Charles Sowerwine, Chapter 21, pp. 296-306, in CP
- Popkin, Chapters 5, 6, 8-10 ... 19-20.

III. Political Institutions and the Governing Process

Readings:
- Elgie and Machin, "France: The Limits of Prime-Ministerial Govt in a Semi-Presidential System".
- Popkin, Chapters...31-36.

IV. Ideological Divisions and Party Politics

a) France’s “political families”: Cleavage Bases and Party System,
b) Electoral trends and the 2012 Elections,
c) Campaign 2017,
d) Alternative modes of Elections

Readings:
- Popkin Chapters 17-20, 22, 30-32
- Hagel, “UMP and the Right”, chap 6, Sawicki “Socialists…”, Cole chap. 7,
Gougou and Labouret, “Elections…”, Cole chap. 10

V. **A New Era in French Politics:**
*Presidential Power from de Gaulle to Hollande to ?*

A. Nossiter, “French Republican Party Picks more Conservative Candidate for Presidency”, NYT, 28 Nov. 2016 (review).
Cole et al. Chap. 1 (review)

VI. **Elites, Economic Interests, Strikes, Protest Politics**
Social and economic change and policy development.
Parties and pressure groups in the policy process.
Mobilization and Protest

*Readings:*
Smith, “France in Crisis…”, Chap 12.
Carnegy, Hugh, “Aux Barricades”, *Financial Times*, 1 Dec 2012,
Boxwell, James, “France struggles to stem industrial decline” *Financial Times*, 2012.

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**MID-TERM EXAMINATION in class:** 11:00am -12:20 pm. Tu. 14 Feb 2017
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VII. **France in Europe and the World**
Foreign Policy, Eurozone in Crisis,under Sarkozy and Hollande Presidencies.
Franco-German Relations,
France and Brexit,

*Readings:*
Drake, Chap. 14, in Cole.
Meunier, Chap. 15, in Cole,

VIII. Economic and Social Policy

Readings:
Popkin, 35-36,
Sureal, “Politics and Justice”, Chap. 4.
Carnegy, Hugh, “Aux Barricades”, Financial Times, 1 Dec 2012,

IX. Politics of Immigration, Integration and Territory
Identity, Citizens and the State, Terrorism …
Regions and Territorial Politics

Readings:

Cole and Pasquier, “Local and Regional Governance”, Chap. 4
Popkin, Chap. 37;

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FINAL Take-home EXAMINATION: to be distributed in last week of classes. Submit electronic copy to both TA and Instructor; Hard copy to Instructor. Take-Home Exam is due no later than 11 am, 23 March 2017, in our classroom Peterson 102.

Plagiarism will not be tolerated. The University of California, San Diego policy requires that suspicious papers will be run through Turn It In (turnitin.com) and referred to the Dean. Always cite work that is not your own. Direct quotes and paraphrases require full citations. When in doubt, ask the instructor.

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