

ADM 3103 POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND ELECTORAL SYSTEMS

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Course description:

This course is based on the analysis of the main electoral systems and their effects. The role played by the electoral systems in political representation will be examined with an emphasis on the Turkish context in the latter parts of the course.

The variety of electoral systems could not be examined without a comparative perspective. Thus the course will have a detailed look at the different voting systems in use throughout the world.

Electoral systems consist of rules that regulate a range of issues related to the way elections are held. The issues in question, which also have certain effects on inter-party and intra-party politics, are as follows:

- How are candidates presented on the ballot paper?
- To what extent can voters make changes on the ballot paper?
- How many votes does each member of the electorate cast? Do voters have the option to choose between the candidates of the same party or they just vote for closed party lists?
- How are seats allocated in a district?

- Is there any threshold that needs to be cleared before a seat is won or a party enters the parliament?

Electoral system changes during the constitutional period of Ottoman Empire, single-party regime and multi-party era in Turkey, along with their political consequences, will be dealt with in the last four weeks of the course.

Assessment:

40% midterm exam

60% final exam

Course outline:

Week One

Introduction

Week Two

Background: Theories of representation, legitimacy, and the extension of suffrage

Essential reading: DALTON, R. 2006. "Political Participation" Chapter 3 in his Citizen Politics: Public Opinion and Political Parties in Advanced Industrial Democracies, 4th Ed. Washington :CQ Press.

KAASE, M. 2007 “Perspectives on Political Participation” Chapter 42 in Russell J. Dalton and Hans- Dieter Klingemann (Eds.) *Oxford Handbook of Political Behaviour*, pp. 783-796, New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

ADLER, Philip J. and POUWELS, Randall L., *World Civilizations* (Belmont: Thomson Wadsworth, 2006), Ch. 40.

Week Three

Introducing majoritarian electoral systems

Essential reading: FARRELL, David M., *Electoral Systems: A Comparative Introduction*, (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2001), pp. 19-31.

Week Four

Electoral systems in USA, UK and France

Essential reading: FARRELL, David M., *Electoral Systems: A Comparative Introduction*, (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2001), pp. 31-67.

Recommended reading: ENGSTORM, Richard L., “The United States: the Future – Reconsidering Single-Member Districts and the Electoral College” in Josep M. Colomer (ed.), *Handbook of electoral system choice* (Basingstoke and New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2004) pp. 164-176.

CURTICE, John, ‘Politicians, voters and democracy: The 2011 UK referendum on the Alternative Vote’, *Electoral Studies*, 2013, Vol. 32, pp. 215-223.

Week Five

Introducing Proportional Representation (PR)

Essential reading: BALDINI, Gianfranco and PAPPALARDO, Adriano, *Elections, Electoral Systems and Volatile Voters*, (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009), pp. 60-79.

Week Six

Varieties of PR systems

Essential reading: FARRELL, David M., *Electoral Systems: A Comparative Introduction*, (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2001), pp. 68-96.

Recommended reading: REYNOLDS, A., REILLY, B., and ELLIS, A., *Electoral System Design: The New IDEA Handbook*, (Stockholm: International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, 2005), pp. 57-90.

ZIEGFELD, Adam, 'Are higher-magnitude electoral districts always better for small parties?', *Electoral Studies*, 2013, Vol. 32, pp. 63-77.

Week Seven

Emergence of Mixed-Member Systems: Germany and others

Essential reading: BALDINI, Gianfranco and PAPPALARDO, Adriano, *Elections, Electoral Systems and Volatile Voters*, (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009), pp. 80-86.

FARRELL, David M., *Electoral Systems: A Comparative Introduction*, (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2001), pp. 97-120.

Week Eight

Are Mixed-Member Systems the Best Solution?

Essential reading: BALDINI, Gianfranco and PAPPALARDO, Adriano, *Elections, Electoral Systems and Volatile Voters*, (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009), pp. 86-94.

Recommended reading: BANASZAK, Lee Ann and DOERSCHER, Peter, 'Coalition type and voter support for parties: Grand coalitions in German elections', *Electoral Studies*, 2012, Vol. 31, pp. 46-59.

Week Nine

The Effective Number of Parties (ENP), disproportionality, and the relation between the electoral system and the party system: Duverger's Law and the post-Duvergerian debate

Essential reading: LIJPHART, Arend, *Patterns of democracy* (New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 1999), pp. 62-89 and 165-170.

COLOMER, Josep, 'It's parties that choose electoral systems (or, Duverger's Laws upside down)', *Political Studies*, 2005, Vol. 53.

Recommended reading: VAN DER EIJK, Cees and FRANKLIN, Mark N., *Elections and Voters*, (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009), pp. 27-49.

BOIX, Carles, 'Setting the rules of the game: The choice of electoral systems in advanced democracies', *American Political Science Review*, 1999, Vol. 93, No. 3.

Week Ten

New Institutional theories of electoral reform

Essential reading: ANDREWS, Josephine and JACKMAN, Robert, 'Strategic fools: electoral rule choice under extreme uncertainty', *Electoral Studies*, 2005, Vol. 24.

LUONG, Pauline Jones, 'After the break-up: Institutional design in transitional states', *Comparative Political Studies*, 2000, Vol. 33, No. 5.

COLOMER, Josep M., 'Strategies and Outcomes in Eastern Europe', *Journal of Democracy*, 1995, Vol. 6, No. 2.

SHVETSOVA, Olga, 'A survey of post-communist electoral institutions: 1990-1998', *Electoral Studies*, 1999, Vol. 18.

Recommended reading: PIERSON, Paul, 'Increasing returns, path dependence, and the study of politics', *The American Political Science Review*, June 2000, Vol. 94, No. 2.

Week Eleven

Electoral systems in Turkey I

Essential reading: DEMİREL, Ahmet, *Tek Partinin İktidarı: Türkiye'de Seçimler ve Siyaset (1923-1946)* (Istanbul: İletişim, 2013), pp. 17-24.

OLGUN, Kenan, ‘Tanzimat’tan Cumhuriyet’e seçim kültürü (1840-1950)’ in *Sine-i Millet Sergisi: Tanzimat’tan Cumhuriyet’e Seçim (1840-1950)* (Istanbul: İstanbul Büyükşehir Belediyesi, 2008).

Week Twelve

Electoral systems in Turkey II

Essential reading: COP, Burak, ‘Extreme instability in electoral system changes: The Turkish case’, *Turkish Studies*, March 2011, Vol. 12, No. 1, pp. 5-13.

Week Thirteen

Electoral systems in Turkey III

Essential reading: ALESKEROV, Fuad ; ERSEL, Hasan ; SABUNCU Yavuz, *Seçimden Koalisyonu : Siyasal Karar Alma*, (Istanbul: Yapı Kredi Yayınları, 1999), pp. 183-201.

Recommended reading: SAYARI, Sabri, ‘The Changing Party System’ in Sabri Sayarı and Yılmaz Esmer (eds.), *Politics, Parties and Elections in Turkey*, (Boulder and London: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2002), pp. 9-32.

Week Fourteen

Electoral systems in Turkey IV

Essential reading: ALESKEROV, Fuad ; ERSEL, Hasan ; SABUNCU Yavuz, *Seçimden Koalisyonu : Siyasal Karar Alma*, (Istanbul: Yapı Kredi Yayınları, 1999), pp. 201-213.

Recommended reading: TACHAU, Frank, ‘An Overview of Electoral Behavior: Toward Protest or Consolidation of Democracy’ in Sabri Sayarı and Yılmaz Esmer (eds.), *Politics*,

Parties and Elections in Turkey, (Boulder and London: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2002), pp. 33-54.

Additional reading

COP, Burak, *Electoral Systems in Turkey* (Istanbul: Libra, 2017)

NORRIS, Pippa, *Electoral Engineering: Voting Rules and Political Behavior* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004)

TAAGEPERA, R., *Predicting Party Sizes: The Logic of Simple Electoral Systems* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007)