INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE COMPARATIVE POLITICS FIELD OF STUDY EXAMINATION

I. STRUCTURE OF COMPARATIVE POLITICS POLITICS FOS EXAMINATION
The Comparative politics FoS examination has three sections. Each section will have a number of questions that the student may choose from. Students will be expected to answer one question per section in a three-hour period.

Section 1. Theories and Methods in Comparative Politics: Section 1 will include questions on general theoretical and methodological problems.

Section 2. Themes in Comparative Politics: Section 2 will include questions on specific thematic issues in the sub-field.

For students taking the Comparative FoS Exam in their Primary Field Only:
Section 3. Area of Dissertation Research (Primary Field Only): Section 3 will consist of a specific topic related to the anticipated area of doctoral research, which may include a regional specialization. This specific topic will be selected in consultation with the Supervisor. Appropriate reading lists for this section will be developed with the Supervisor.

For students taking the Comparative FoS Exam in their Secondary Field Only:
Section 3. Thematic Specialization (Secondary Field Only): Section 3 will include a thematic specialization such as: political parties, civil-military relations, democratization, political institutions, etc. If a student chooses to specialize on one of the themes already listed in the Comparative Politics Reading List (e.g. ideas, norms, and culture; or modernization and development), he or she will be expected to master it in more depth than what the reading list contains.

II. RECOMMENDED PREPARATORY COURSE WORK
As preparation for the Comparative politics FoS examination, the Comparative Politics Field Caucus recommends the following courses:
**POLI 671:** The material for Sections 1 and 2 will be related to the items in this reading list and to the material covered in POLI 671.

**POLI 673:** The material for Sections 1 and 2 will be related to the items in this reading list and to the material covered in POLI 673.

**III. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE COMPARATIVE POLITICS FOS EXAMINATION**

The student’s Supervisor will be responsible for drafting a reading list for the particular specialization, in consultation with the members of the caucus and with the student, if one is not already available.
READING LIST FOR THE COMPARATIVE POLITICS FIELD OF STUDY EXAMINATION

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GENERAL REFERENCE WORKS
Boix, Carles and Susan Stokes, eds. The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics (OUP, 2007).  
Munck, Gerardo and Richard Snyder, eds. Passion, Craft and Method in Comparative Politics  
(Johns Hopkins, 2007).

I. SECTION 1: THEORIES AND METHODS IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS

A. Concepts and Methods


Mahoney, James, and Dietrich Rueschemeyer, eds. Comparative Historical Analysis in the Social Sciences, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003).


Beland, Daniel, and Robert Henry Cox (eds.), *Ideas and Politics in Social Science Research* (Oxford University Press, 2011), chapters ...


### B. Rationality and Decision-Making


Kahneman, Daniel. *Thinking, Fast and Slow*, chapter 1 only (Farrar, Strauss and Giroux, 2011).

II. SECTION 2: THEMES IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS

A. States
Evans, Peter, Dietrich Rueschmeyer, and Theda Skocpol, eds. *Bringing the State Back In*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1985).
Htun, Mala, “What it means to study gender and the state” in *Politics & Gender* 1:1, (2005), pp. 157–166.

### B. Regimes

Art, David. “What Do We Know About Authoritarianism After Ten Years?” *Comparative Politics* 44:3 (April 2012), pp. 351–373.

C. Institutions
James Mahoney and Dietrich Rueschemeyer, eds. *Comparative Historical Analysis in the Social Sciences* (Cambridge, 2003).

**D. Ethnicity, Race and Indigenous Peoples**


**E. Gender and Comparative Politics**


F. Contentious Politics and Violence
Scott, James C. *The Moral Economy of the Peasant: Rebellion and Subsistence in Southeast Asia* (Yale, 1976)
McAdam, Doug, Sidney Tarrow, and Charles Tilly. *Dynamics of Contention* (Cambridge, 2001)

F. Development
Connelly, M. Patricia Connelly, Tania Murray Li, Martha McDonald, and Jane L. Parpart. “Feminism and Development: Theoretical Perspectives.” In Jane L. Parpart, M. Patricia Barriteau, and V. Eudine, *Theoretical Perspectives on Gender and Development*. (Ottawa: IDRC Books, 2000), chapter 3.


G. Political Economy

Amenta, Edwin, “What we Know About the Development of Social Policy: Comparative and Historical Research in Comparative and Historical Perspective,” in Comparative Historical Analysis in the Social Sciences.


Polanyi, Karl. The Great Transformation. (Boston: Beacon Press, 1957 [1944]).

Schumpeter, Joseph, Capitalism, Socialism and Democracy, (Unwin, 1943).


H. Parties and Party Systems


