Outline of Seminar

I. Recent Overviews of Democracy and Democratization

II. Background: Paradigms of Comparative Politics
   A. Political Economy
   B. Political Realism
   C. Political Sociology

III. Processes of Democratization
   A. Breakdown of Authoritarianism
   B. Initiating Transitions to Democracy: Processes and Choices
   C. Consolidation of Democracy
   D. Stalled, Incomplete, and Failed Transitions

IV. Preconditions for Democratization and Democratic Success
   A. Political-Cultural Conditions
   B. Economic Conditions
   C. Civil Society and Social Forces

V. Getting the Institutions Right

VI. Differences in Democratization: Different Waves, Different Regions

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Requirements:

1. Each week you should prepare a précis of one of the readings for distribution to the other members of the seminar. We will divide up the readings prior to each week so as to ensure that most of the reading gets some attention. The readings that I consider essential are designated by asterisks.

2. You will be responsible for leading discussion for one of the topics.

3. You will write four short take-home essays during the ninth and tenth weeks. You will have four hours to write two essays each week. (This will, of course, be on an honor system.) You should distribute your essay among all members of the seminar so that we can discuss these as a group during the seminar meetings of the ninth and tenth weeks.
I. RECENT OVERVIEWS OF DEMOCRACY AND DEMOCRATIZATION


Week 2 (January 16)
PARADIGMS

II. BACKGROUND: PARADIGMS FOR COMPARATIVE POLITICS

A. POLITICAL ECONOMY

1. Positive Political Economy


2. Marxian Political Economy


B. POLITICAL REALISM


C. POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY


Weeks 3-4 (January 23-30)

DEMOCRATIZATION AS PROCESS


**A. BREAKDOWN OF AUTHORITARIANISM**

*Barbara Geddes. “What Do We Know About Democratization After Twenty Years?”* *Annual Review of Political Science* 2 (1999), 115-44.


**B. INITIATING TRANSITION TO DEMOCRACY: PROCESSES AND CHOICES**


**C. CONSOLIDATING DEMOCRACY**


**D. STALLED, INCOMPLETE, AND FAILED TRANSITIONS**


Weeks 5-6 (February 6-13)
PRECONDITIONS FOR DEMOCRATIZATION AND DEMOCRATIC SUCCESS


A. POLITICAL-CULTURAL CONDITIONS


B. ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND ECONOMIC ACTORS

Eva Bellin. “Contingent Democrats: Industrialists, Labor and Democratization in Late-Developing Countries.” *World Politics* 52 (January 2000), 175-205.


C. CIVIL SOCIETY AND SOCIAL FORCES


Week 8 (February 27)

VARIATION IN DEMOCRATIZATION: WAVES AND REGIONS


