

PG Course: Core Course IV

Semester	One
Paper Number	MPLS4104
Paper Title	COMPARATIVE POLITICAL ANALYSIS
No. of Credits	6
Theory/Composite	Theory
No. of periods assigned	Theory: 6 Practical: ---
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description/objective	To introduce advanced literature in the field, both in terms of substance and methods, in order to explore key conceptual issues in contemporary political systems. The course will also aim at addressing the major ways in which hypothesis testing and theory building can be done in comparative studies.
Syllabus	<p><u>Module I (40 marks)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Introduction to Comparative Politics---state of the discipline2. Methods in Comparative Politics3. Authoritarian challenges to democracy with reference to select cases4. Decentralization, devolution of power, federalization of political systems: western and non-western experiences5. Political parties and party systems: Western Europe and Latin America <p><u>Module II (40 marks)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">6. Comparative study of institutions with reference to select cases7. Civil societal activism: East European and Latin American cases8. Challenge of ethnicity in comparative perspective: select cases (Rwanda, South Africa)9. Challenge of democracy in global context: a comparative perspective
Texts	
Reading/Reference Lists	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Howard J Wiarda, <i>Comparative Models of Development</i>, Routledge, London, 2017.2. Howard J Wiarda, <i>Comparative Politics: Approaches and Issues</i>, Routledge, London, 2006.

	<p>3. Patrick H O'Neil et al, <i>Cases in Comparative Politics</i>, Sage, London, 2017.</p> <p>4. Howard J Wiarda ed., <i>New Directions in Comparative Politics</i>, Routledge, London, 2002.</p> <p>5. Charles Boix, <i>Democracy and Redistribution</i>, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2003.</p> <p>6. Adam Przeworski et al, <i>Democracy and Development</i>, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2000.</p> <p>7. ArendLijphart, <i>Patterns of Democracy</i>, Yale University Press, New Haven, 1999.</p> <p>8. Laurence Whitehead, <i>Democratization: Theory and Experience</i>, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2002.</p> <p>9. Juan Jose Linz and Alfred Stepan, <i>Problems of Democratic Transition and Consolidation</i>, John Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, 1996.</p> <p>10. Samuel P Huntington, <i>The Third Wave: Democratization in the Late Twentieth Century</i>, University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, 1991.</p>
Evaluation	<p>CIA: 20</p> <p>End-Semester: 80</p>