

**Regime Types:
Autocracy, Democracy and the State**

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Mondays 8:30 am - 10 am

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- **Course Description:** Lecture. How do different political regimes arise and change? This course will look at the different regime types in the world, their definitions, historical roots and evolution. The course will pay special attention to the regime type that has predominated in the history of humankind's political organization: authoritarianism. Some of the main readings in political science on authoritarian regimes and their breakdown will be considered. Explaining authoritarian resilience and fragility will be a part of the course. The role of elections will be discussed. Emphasis is on concepts and arguments, not on memorizing mechanical facts.

Course Readings and Topics:

Please note that you will have to read what I tell you in class. Regular attendance will ensure that you know what we are selecting to read, and what we emphasize in each reading. The list of readings by week may be a comprehensive list that I will draw on - you will only be asked to read a subset of them, to be determined by me throughout the course.

Lectures 01 and 02

Regimes Types and Society's Political Organization

The problem of governance. Wealth, taxes, information. Selecting and replacing rulers.

Standard of Ur - short documentary

Lecture 03 and 04

Origins of Regimes: And their definitions

Definitions

Chapter 1 in

, up to p59

Lecture 03a

A Basic Model of Regimes: The Winning Coalition and the Ruler's Dilemmas

Who is in charge? How do I get the job? Who do I thank?

Chapter 2 and all pages to page 99 in Chapter 3 from

Chapter 2

Lecture 04

The Path to Consolidated Dictatorship

A Lone and thankless job; Meet comrade Joe Stalin

Chapters 1-2

Lecture 05

Powersharing and Control in Dictatorships

How to live longer in a dictatorship, and Politburo matters

Chapter 5

* Gorlizki, Yoram and Khlevniuk, Oleg. 2006. Stalin and his circle. In Ronald G. Suny, editor, *The Cambridge history of Russia*, Volume 3, pages 243-267. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Lecture 06

Parties in Dictatorships

If only we could throw a Party: Who do we invite?

, Chapter 2

Lecture 07

Economic growth and Regime Type

Chapter 2, "Suharto. Inc." in

Lecture 08

Regime Type and Political Accountability: Delegating and Controlling Power

Elster on Athens

Lecture 09

Is Democracy for the Rich? From Income to Democracy

VARIOUS

International forces and democracy

FINAL EXAM