

Georgetown University
Department of Government

Govt 452: Crime, Corruption & Democracy
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ICC 203

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The course explores the nature of crime and corruption and their relationships with democracy. Our focus is less on law enforcement than on assessing the significance of crime and corruption with respect to how democracies operate. We are interested in democracy in both consolidated and transitional forms. We are also interested in ways in which institutional and behavioral features of diverse forms of democracy may foster and/or deter corruption and crime.

Requirements:

Attendance and informed participation: 10 %.

Critical review of a book or selection of at least three articles or book chapters (approximately 5 pp.): 10 %. (Due on Oct. 10).

Proposal for critique of literature or original research (approximately 5-8 pp.): 10 %. (Due on Oct. 24).

Term paper (approximately 20-25 pp.): 40%. (Due on Dec. 16).

Take-home final examination: 30%. (Due on Dec. 16).

Book Review:

Your review should be based on a selection (or selections) beyond the syllabus.

Term Paper:

Students may do a critical review of the literature based on a selection of at least five books or a combination of books and articles (3 articles or book chapters=one book). These should be beyond the assigned readings. Alternatively, students may do a research paper on a question or hypothesis approved by the instructor.

Honor System:

Georgetown has established an Undergraduate Honor System which all undergraduates have pledged to uphold and respect. Without regard to motive, student conduct that is academically dishonest, evidences lack of academic integrity or trustworthiness, or unfairly impinges upon the intellectual rights and privileges of others is prohibited. Needless to say, the same standards apply to graduate students as well. Our subject may be crime and corruption, but our conduct must be ethical.

Required readings:

Two texts are available for purchase at the bookstore.

Susan Rose-Ackerman, *Corruption and Government: Causes, Consequences and Reform* (Cambridge, 1999).

H. Richard Friman & Peter Andreas, eds., *The Illicit Global Economy & State Power* (Roman & Littlefield, 1999). (Cited below as Friman & Andreas.)

Other assignments are available on reserve at the library. Several readings are drawn from Tom Farer, ed., *Transnational Crime in the Americas* (Routledge, 1999; cited below as Farer) & from a journal, *Trends in Organized Crime* (cited below as TOC).

Topics & assignments: (* indicates required reading.)

Aug. 29 - Organization

Scope & content of themes
Basic concepts
Units & levels of analysis

*Friman & Andreas, "Introduction," pp. 1-25.

"Resources on the Internet," *TOC*, 1:1 (Fall 1995), 126-28 [R].

Sept. 5 - Democracy & democratic transitions

*Arend Lijphart, "Majority Rule in Theory and Practice, the Tenacity of a Flawed Paradigm," *International Social Science Journal*, no. 129 (August 1991), pp. 483-493. (R)

*Guillermo O'Donnell, "Delegative Democracy," *Journal of Democracy*, 5:1 (January 1994), 55-69. (R)

-----, "Democracy, Law, and Comparative Politics," *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 36:1 (Spring 2001), 7-36.

Andreas Schedler, "What is Democratic Consolidation?" *J. of Democracy*, 9:2 (1998), 91-107. [R]

Sept. 12 - Corruption

Concepts
Historical & comparative perspectives
Private sector corruption
Administrative corruption

*Ackerman, *Corruption and Government*, chs. 1-6.

Mark Warren, "Democracy and Corruption: Premodern, Modern, Postmodern," (APSA paper,

2001). [R]

Robert Klitgaard, *Controlling Corruption* (Univ. California Press, 1988).

James C. Scott, "Handling Historical Comparisons Cross-Nationally," in A. J. Heidenheimer, et al., eds., *Political Corruption: A Handbook* (Transaction Publishers, 1989), pp. 129-143. (R)

Sept. 19 - Corruption (cont'd)
Political Corruption

*Ackerman, *Corruption and Government*, chs. 7-12.

Michael Johnston, "The Elite Culture of Corruption in American Politics," (mimeo, August 1998).

Dennis F. Thompson, "Mediated Corruption: The Case of the Keating Five," *The American Political Science Review*, 87:2 (June 1993), 369-381. (R)

Sept. 26 - Crime & public security
Concepts: causes & types of crime
Historical & comparative perspectives

*Friman & Andreas, chs. 2-4, pp. 25-124.

James Q. Wilson & Richard J. Herrnstein, *Crime & Human Nature: The Definitive Study of the Causes of Crime* (Free Press, 1985), chs. 1-2.

Jack A. Blum, "Offshore Money," in Farer, pp. 57-84.

James W. Coleman, "Toward an Integrated Theory of White-Collar Crime," *American Journal of Sociology*, 93:2 (Sept. 1987), 406-438. (R)

Thomas C. Schelling, "Economics and Criminal Enterprise," *The Public Interest*, . . . 61-78. (R)

Oct. 3 - Crime (cont'd)
Transnational organized crime

*Rensselaer W. Lee, III, "Transnational Organized Crime," in Farer, pp. 1-38.

Gregory F. Treverton, "International Organized Crime, National Security, and the 'Market State,'" in Farer, pp. 39-56.

Phil Williams and Ernesto U. Savona, "Problems and Dangers Posed by Organized Transnational Crime in the Various Regions of the World," *Transnational Organized Crime*, Vol. 1, No. 3 (Autumn, 1995), 1-42. (R).

Peter A. Lupsha, "Transnational Organized Crime versus the Nation-State," *Transnational Organized Crime*, Vol. 2, No. 1 (Spring, 1996), 21-48. (R).

Alex P. Schmid, "The Links between Transnational Organized Crime and Terrorist Crimes," *Transnational Organized Crime*, Vol. 2, No. 4 (Winter, 1996), 40-82. (R).

Oct. 10, 17 - Country cases - Developing countries

*Friman & Andreas, chs. 5-6, Mexico & Colombia, pp. 125-171.

Francisco E. Thoumi, "The Impact of the Illegal Drug Industry on Colombia," in Farer, pp. 117-142.

Anthony P. Maingot, "The Decentralization Imperative and Caribbean Criminal Enterprises," in Farer, pp.143-170.

Eduardo A. Gamarra, "Transnational Criminal Organizations in Bolivia," in Farer, pp. 171-193.

Peter H. Smith, "Semiorganized International Crime: Drug Trafficking in Mexico," in Farer, pp. 193-217.

John Bailey & Roy Godson, "Introduction," in Bailey & Godson, eds., *Organized Crime & Democratic Governability: Mexico & the U.S.-Mexican Borderlands* (Univ. Pittsburgh Press, 2000), pp. 1-32. [R]

John Waterbury, "Corruption, Political Stability and Development: Comparative Evidence from Egypt and Morocco," *Government and Opposition*, . . . , 426-445. (R)

Paulo Moro, "Corruption and Growth," *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, Aug. 1995, 681-712. (R)

Elizabeth Leeds, "Cocaine and Parallel Polities in the Brazilian Urban Periphery: Constraints on Local-Level Democratization," *Latin American Research Review* (31:3) (1996), 47-83. (R)

Barbara Geddes & Artur Ribeiro Neto, "Institutional Sources of Corruption in Brazil," *Third World Quarterly*, 13:4 (1992), 641-661. (R)

Oct. 24, 31 - Country cases - Industrialized democracies

*Friman & Andreas, ch. 7, (Japan), pp. 173-197.

Alan A. Block, "Bad Business: A Commentary on the Criminology of Organized Crime in the United States," in Farer, pp. 217-244.

Peter Reuter, "The Decline of the American Mafia," *TOC*, 1:3 (Spring 1996), 27-37 [R].

Letzia Paoli, "The Political-Criminal Nexus in Italy," *TOC*, 5:2 (Winter 1999), 15-58 [R].

Robert J. Kelley, "An American Way of Crime & Corruption," *TOC*, 5:2 (Winter 1999), 85-122 [R].

*Peter Lupsha, "Organized Crime in the United States," in Robert J. Kelly, ed., *Organized Crime: A Global Perspective* (Totowa, N.J.: Rowman & Littlefield, 1986), pp. 32-57. (R).

Vincenzo Ruggiero, "France: Corruption as Resentment," *Journal of Law and Society*, 23:1 (Mar. 1996), 113-131. (R)

Nov. 7, 14 - Country cases - Communist & post-communist countries

Charles A. Schwartz, "Corruption and Political Development in the U.S.S.R.," *Comparative Politics*, July 1979, 425-443. (R)

Thane Gustafson, *Capitalism Russian-Style* (London: Cambridge Univ. Press, 1999), chs. 6-7.

*Federico Varese, "Is Sicily the future of Russia? Private Protection and the Rise of the Russian Mafia," *Arch. Europ. Sociol.*, 35 (1994), 224-258. (R)

Alan Wright, "Organized Crime in Hungary: The Transition from State to Civil Society,"

Transnational Organized Crime, 3:1 (Spring, 1997), 68-86. (R)

Luise Shelley, "Post-Soviet Organized Crime: Implications for Economic, Social and Political Development," *TOC*, 1:1 (Fall 1995), 7-20 [R]

Nov. 21, Dec. 5 - Governmental & societal responses to crime & corruption

*Farer, "Conclusion: Fighting Transnational Organized Crime: Measures Short of War," in Farer, pp. 245-298.

Malcolm Anderson, "Interpol and the Developing System of International Police Cooperation," in William McDonald, ed., *Crime & Law Enforcement in the Global Village* (Anderson, 1997), pp. 89-102.

John Benyon, "The Developing System of Police Cooperation in the European Union," in William McDonald, ed., *Crime & Law Enforcement in the Global Village* (Anderson, 1997), pp. 103-121.

Ethan A. Nadelmann, "The Americanization of Global Law Enforcement: The Diffusion of American Tactics and Personnel," in William McDonald, ed., *Crime & Law Enforcement in the Global Village* (Anderson, 1997), pp. 123-138.

Adolph Hirschfeld, "The Role of Civil Society in Combating Organized Crime: Botswana's Experience," Alan Lai, "A Quiet Revolution: The Hong Kong Experience," *TOC*, 5:3 (Spring 2000), 71-86 [R]

Jonathan M. Winer, "Alien Smuggling: Elements of the Problem and the U.S. Response," *TOC*, 3:3 (Spring 1998), 3-12 [R]

Richard A. Martin, "The Italian-American Working Group: Why It Worked," *TOC*, 4:2 (Winter 1998), 45-55 [R].

Richard C. LaMagna, "Changing a Culture of Corruption: How Hong Kong's ICAC . . .," *TOC*, 5:1 (Fall 1999), 121-137 [R]

James Q. Wilson, *Thinking about Crime* (New York: Random House, revised edn.), ch. 3.

TAKE-HOME EXAM & FINAL PAPER DUE: DECEMBER 16.

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