

Summer Term 2024/25

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Module: SpM Applied Theories and Methods Political Science I (1335MSTMP1)

Course Title: Parties and Party System (6 ECTS)

Time: Wednesdays, 14:00 – 17:30

Room: **IBW Building 211 / Seminar Room S100**

First Session: **9 April 2025**

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Course description

This is an introductory course for the field of parties and party systems at the MA level. The course will cover fundamental analytical questions: How did political parties emerge? Why do they matter? How do they work? Are they still relevant? After introducing the concept of a political party and presenting its historical trajectory, a detailed analytical framework will be provided on party models, party finance, intra-party democracy, party change, party families, parties and social cleavages, party ideologies, anti-establishment parties, party-states vs. partyless states, party systems, and the prospect of party politics.

Prerequisites

A good knowledge of general political science concepts and theories and a basic knowledge of quantitative and qualitative methods are desired. Students should be able to understand and articulate themselves in English as the medium of instruction will be English.

Relevance for study programs

The course is open to **master students** of the WISO faculty with an interest in political science. It will be offered in the “**SpM Applied Theories and Methods Political Science I (1335MSTMP1)**” (for further information, please confer the Modulhandbuch).

Registration

The course will be taught on a weekly basis (first session, 10 April). Registration takes place via **KLIPS**. I strongly recommend registration as this ensures that you may get information about ad hoc changes in the schedule.

Exam

Participants are **obliged to**:

- make a **presentation** on one of the required readings (max. 15 minutes + 15 minutes discussion)
 - powerpoint slides must be sent to me at least **two days** in advance. In case of late sending or no-show in the class, 1/3 of the presentation grade will be cut off.
- write a short **country report** (1000 words max.)
 - refers to the implementation of the conceptual/theoretical framework to the selected case(s)
- submit a **term paper** (around 3000 words)

Grading

Presentation	20%
Report	20%
Paper	60%

Reading assignments

The required readings are indicated as such, but you will also find *recommended* readings that are not required for class. The recommended readings list only serves as orientation in case you intend to delve deeper into the particular research topic. All required texts for the seminar sessions can be found on **ILIAS**.

Most texts can only be accessed from within the **UKLAN** network of the University of Cologne. If you do not know how to obtain access to UKLAN, please consult the **RRZK's** websites: <http://rrzk.uni-koeln.de/netzzugang.html?&l=1>

Schedule at a glance

9 April	14:00- 15:30	Introduction
	15:45 – 17:30	What is a political party?
16 April	14:00- 15:30	The roots of political parties
	15:45 – 17:30	Party models/organizations
23 April	14:00- 15:30	Party finance
	15:45 – 17:30	Intra-party democracy
30 April	14:00- 15:30	Party change
	15:45 – 17:30	Party families
7 May	14:00- 15:30	Party systems
	15:45 – 17:30	Party ideologies (Spatial dimension)
14 May	14:00- 15:30	Anti-establishment parties
	15:45 – 17:30	Party-states vs. partyless states
21 May	14:00- 15:30	Parties and social cleavages- ONLINE
	15:45 – 17:30	Party politics: possibilities and prospects - ONLINE

Basic reading recommendations:

- Sartori, G. (2005[1976]). *Parties and Party Systems: A Framework for Analysis*. Colchester: ECPR Press.
- Mair, P. (1997). *Party System Change: Approaches and Interpretations*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Katz, R. S., & Crotty, W. J. (Eds.). (2014). *Handbook of Party Politics*. London: Sage Publications.

Schedule

1) 9 April 2025 – 14:00-15:30 - Introduction

2) 9 April 2025 – 15:45-17:30 - What is a political party?

Required Readings:

- White, J. K. (2006). What is a Political Party?. In R. S. Katz & W. Crotty (Eds.), *Handbook of Party Politics* (Chapter 1, pp. 5-15). London: Sage Publications.
- Gunther, R. & Diamond, L. (2001). Types and Functions of Parties. In L. Diamond & R. Gunther (Eds.), *Political Parties and Democracy* (Chapter 1, pp. 3-39). Baltimore and London: Johns Hopkins University Press.

Recommended Readings:

- Sartori, G. (2005). Party Types, Organisation, and Functions. *West European Politics*, 28(1), 5-32.

3) 16 April 2025 – 14:00-15:30 - The roots of political parties

Required Readings:

- Sartori, G. (2005[1976]). Parties and Party Systems: A Framework for Analysis. Colchester: ECPR Press, pp. 3-34 (Chapter 1, *From Faction to Party*).
- Crotty, W. (2006). Party Origins and Evolution in the United States. In R. S. Katz & W. Crotty (Eds.), *Handbook of Party Politics* (pp. 25-33). London: Sage Publications.

Recommended Readings:

- Daalder, H. (2001). The Rise of Parties in Western Democracies. In L. Diamond & R. Gunther (Eds.), *Political Parties and Democracy* (Chapter 2, pp. 40-51). Baltimore and London: Johns Hopkins University Press.

4) 16 April 2025 – 15:45-17:30 - Party models/organizations

Required Readings:

- Katz, R. S., & Mair, P. (1995). Changing Models of Party Organization and Party Democracy: The Emergence of the Cartel Party. *Party Politics*, 1(1), 5-28.
- Koole, R. (1996). Cadre, Catch-All or Cartel? A Comment on the Notion of the Cartel Party. *Party Politics*, 2(4), 507-523.

Recommended Readings:

- Katz, R. S., & Mair, P. (1993). The Evolution of Party Organizations in Europe: The Three Faces of Party Organization. *American Review of Politics*, 14, 593-617.
- Gunther, R., & Diamond, L. (2003). Species of Political Parties: A New Typology. *Party Politics*, 9(2), 167-199.

5) 23 April 2025 – 14:00-15:30 - Party finance

Required Readings:

- Hopkin, J. (2004). The Problem with Party Finance: Theoretical Perspectives on the Funding of Party Politics. *Party Politics*, 10(6), 627-651.
- Pujas, V., & Rhodes, M. (1999). Party Finance and Political Scandal in Italy, Spain and France. *West European Politics*, 22(3), 41-63.

Recommended Readings:

- Fisher, J., & Eisenstadt, T. A. (2004). Introduction: Comparative Party Finance: What is to be Done?. *Party Politics*, 10(6), 619-626.

6) 23 April 2025 – 15:45-17:30 - Intra-party democracy

Required Readings:

- Teorell, J. (1999). A Deliberative Defence of Intra-Party Democracy. *Party Politics*, 5(3), 363-382.
- Ignazi, P. (2020). The Four Knights of Intra-Party Democracy: A Rescue for Party Delegation. *Party Politics*, 26(1), 9-20.

Recommended Readings:

- Wolkenstein, F. (2016). A Deliberative Model of Intra-Party Democracy. *Journal of Political Philosophy*, 24(3), 297-320.
- Heidar, K. (2006). Party Membership and Participation. In R. S. Katz & W. Crotty (Eds.), *Handbook of Party Politics* (Chapter 25, pp. 301-315). London: Sage Publications.

7) 30 April 2025 – 14:00-15:30 - Party change

Required Readings:

- Harmel, R., & Janda, K. (1994). An Integrated Theory of Party Goals and Party Change. *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 6(3), 259-287.
- Crotty, W. (2006). Party Transformations: The United States and Western Europe. In R. S. Katz & W. Crotty (Eds.), *Handbook of Party Politics* (Chapter 43, pp. 499-514). London: Sage Publications.
- Janda, K., Harmel, R., Edens, C., & Goff, P. (1995). Changes in Party Identity: Evidence from Party Manifestos. *Party Politics*, 1(2), 171-196.

Recommended Readings:

- Ibenskas, R., & Sikk, A. (2017). Patterns of Party Change in Central and Eastern Europe, 1990–2015. *Party Politics*, 23(1), 43-54.

8) 30 April 2025 – 15:45-17:30 - Party families

Required Readings:

- Mair, P., & Mudde, C. (1998). The Party Family and its Study. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 1(1), 211-229.
- Rydgren, J. (2005). Is Extreme Right-Wing Populism Contagious? Explaining the Emergence of a New Party Family. *European Journal of Political Research*, 44(3), 413-437.

Recommended Readings:

- Mudde, C. (1996). The War of Words Defining the Extreme Right Party Family. *West European Politics*, 19(2), 225-248.

9) 7 May 2025 – 14:00–15:30 - Party systems

Required Readings:

- Mair, P. (1997). Party System Change: Approaches and Interpretations. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 199-224 (Chapter 9, *Party Systems and Structures of Competition*)
- Wolinetz, S. B. (2006). Party Systems and Party System Types. In R. S. Katz & W. Crotty (Eds.), *Handbook of Party Politics* (Chapter 6, pp. 51-62). London: Sage Publications.

Recommended Readings:

- Mainwaring, S. (1998). Party Systems in the Third Wave. *Journal of Democracy*, 9(3), 67-81.

10) 7 May 2025 – 15:45-17:30 - Party ideologies (spatial dimension)

Required Readings:

- Sartori, G. (2005[1976]). Parties and Party Systems: A Framework for Analysis. Colchester: ECPR Press, pp. 289-317 (Chapter 10, *Spatial Competition*).
- Mair, P. (1997). Party System Change: Approaches and Interpretations. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 19-44 (Chapter 2, *Continuities, Changes, and the Vulnerability of Party*)

Recommended Readings:

- Hooghe, L., Marks, G., & Wilson, C. J. (2002). Does Left/Right Structure Party Positions on European Integration?. *Comparative Political Studies*, 35(8), 965-989.
- Franzmann, S., & Kaiser, A. (2006). Locating Political Parties in Policy Space: A Reanalysis of Party Manifesto Data. *Party Politics*, 12(2), 163-188.

11) 14 May 2025 – 14:00-15:30 - Anti-establishment parties

Required Readings:

- Schedler, A. (1996). Anti-Political-Establishment Parties. *Party Politics*, 2(3), 291-312.
- Capoccia, G. (2002). Anti-System Parties: A Conceptual Reassessment. *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 14(1), 9-35.

Recommended Readings:

- Barr, R. R. (2009). Populists, Outsiders and Anti-Establishment Politics. *Party Politics*, 15(1), 29-48.

12) 14 May 2025 –15:45-17:30 - Party-states vs. partyless states

Required Readings:

- Lewis, P. G. (2006). Party States and State Parties. In R. S. Katz & W. Crotty (Eds.), *Handbook of Party Politics* (Chapter 40, pp. 471-482). London: Sage Publications.
- Hinnebusch, R. A. (2017). Political Parties in MENA: Their Functions and Development. *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 44(2), 159-175.

Recommended Readings:

- Hinnebusch, R. (2006). Authoritarian Persistence, Democratization Theory and the Middle East: An Overview and Critique. *Democratization*, 13(3), 373-395.

13) 21 May 2025 – 14:00-15:30 - Parties and social cleavages - **ONLINE**

Required Readings:

- Hooghe, L., & Marks, G. (2018). Cleavage Theory Meets Europe's Crises: Lipset, Rokkan, and the Transnational Cleavage. *Journal of European Public Policy*, 25(1), 109-135.
- Kriesi, H. (1998). The Transformation of Cleavage Politics The 1997 Stein Rokkan Lecture. *European Journal of Political Research*, 33(2), 165-185.
- Bértoa, F. C. (2014). Party Systems and Cleavage Structures Revisited: A Sociological Explanation of Party System Institutionalization in East Central Europe. *Party Politics*, 20(1), 16-36.

Recommended Readings:

- Zielinski, J. (2002). Translating Social Cleavages into Party Systems: The Significance of New Democracies. *World Politics*, 54(2), 184-211.

14) 21 May 2025 – 15:45-17:30 Party politics: possibilities and prospects - **ONLINE**

Required Readings:

- Chadwick, A., & Stromer-Galley, J. (2016). Digital Media, Power, and Democracy in Parties and Election Campaigns: Party Decline or Party Renewal?. *The International Journal of Press/Politics*, 21(3), 283-293.
- Mair, P. (2000). Partyless Democracy. *New Left Review*, 2, 21.

Recommended Readings:

- Dalton, R. J., & Wattenberg, M. P. (Eds.). (2002). The Decline of Party Identifications. In J.R. Dalton & P.M. Wattenberg (Eds.), *Parties without Partisans: Political Change in Advanced Industrial Democracies* (Chapter 2, pp. 19-36). Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Levitsky, S., & Cameron, M. A. (2003). Democracy without Parties? Political Parties and Regime Change in Fujimori's Peru. *Latin American Politics and Society*, 45(3), 1-33.