

Research Project: Types of Democracy

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Time: Friday, 12:00 - 13:30

Location: Building 211 (IBW Building), Seminarraum S103

First Session: October 11

In this seminar-style research project we ask two questions: (1) Why do democracies vary in the way they are institutionalized? (2) What are the consequences of these variations for actor constellations, political processes and the performance of political systems? Empirical research in this area makes use of typologies, which are not just descriptive but potentially are starting points for generating theory.

“Types” of democracies refers to specific institutional constellations. These types need to be distinguished from “modes” of democracy, which refer to specific ways to come to decisions such as representative, direct, deliberative, liquid democracy etc. Our focus lies on types of democracy but we also try to cover some aspects related to modes of democracy.

Ideally, this research project should help participants come up with first ideas for a Master Thesis.

Students are expected to:

- attend sessions regularly and hand in two questions on the assigned readings via E-mail on the day before the session takes place until 10:00h am (E-mail: andre.kaiser@uni-koeln.de),
- actively contribute to classroom discussions (oral presentations, written questions on assigned readings, group work),
- complete assigned readings according to schedule,
- hand in one research paper of about 15 pages or two research essays of about 7 to 8 pages in length each on 6 March 2025 at the latest (late assignments will be penalized, unless prior arrangements are made). You are free to hand in individual research papers or group research papers.

Office Hour: appointments to be arranged via email, André Kaiser (André.Kaiser@uni-koeln.de).

Course Schedule:

11 October 2024

Seminar organization and introduction

18 October 2024

Gabriel Almond's 'Comparative Political Systems' – an article with far-reaching consequences

Gabriel Almond, 'Comparative Political Systems', *Journal of Politics* 18 (1956): 391-409.

15 November 2024

Operationalizing concepts of democracy: Types of democracy and democracy scales

David Collier und Steven Levitsky, 'Democracy with Adjectives. Conceptual Innovation in Comparative Research', *World Politics* 49 (1997): 430-451.

Gerardo L. Munck und Jay Verkuilen, 'Conceptualizing and Measuring Democracy: Evaluating Alternative Indices', *Comparative Political Studies* 35 (2002): 5-34.

José Antonio Cheibub, Jennifer Gandhi and James Raymond Vreeland, 'Democracy and Dictatorship Revisited', *Public Choice* 143 (2010): 67–101.

29 November 2024

Parliamentary vs presidential democracy

José Antonio Cheibub, 'Minority Governments, Deadlock Situations and the Survival of Presidential Democracies', *Comparative Political Studies* 35 (2002): 284-312.

Juan Linz, 'The Perils of Presidentialism', *Journal of Democracy* 1 (1990): 51-69.

[Winfried Steffani, 'Zur Unterscheidung Parlamentarischer und Präsidentieller Regierungssysteme', *Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen* 14 (1983): 390-401.]

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Semipresidential democracy

Maurice Duverger, 'A New Political System Model – Semipresidential Government', *European Journal of Political Research* 8 (1980): 165-187.

Robert Elgie, 'Semi-Presidentialism: Concept, Consequences and Contesting Explanations', *Political Studies Review* 2 (2004): 314-330.

Petra Schleiter & Edward Morgan-Jones, 'Who's in charge? Presidents, assemblies, and the political control of semipresidential cabinets', *Comparative Political Studies* 43 (2010): 1415–1441.

Consociational democracy

Rudy B. Andeweg, 'Consociational Democracy', *Annual Review of Political Science* 3 (2000): 509-536.

Arend Lijphart, 'Consociational Democracy', *World Politics* 22 (1969): 207-225.

Majoritarian vs consensus democracy I

André Kaiser, Types of Democracy. From Classical to New Institutionalism, *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 9 (1997): 419-444.

Arend Lijphart, 'Democratic Political Systems: Types, Cases, Causes, and Consequences', *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 1 (1989): 33-48.

Jack H. Nagel, 'Expanding the Spectrum of *Democracies*', in Markus Crepaz, Thomas Koelble und David Wilsford (eds), *Democracy and Institutions. The Life Work of Arend Lijphart*, Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press 2000, 113-125.

10 January 2025

Majoritarian vs consensus democracy II

Steffen Ganghof, 'A New Political System Model: Semi-Parliamentary Government', *European Journal of Political Research* 57(2018): 261-281.

Rein Taagepera, 'Arend Lijphart's Dimensions of Democracy: Logical Connections and Institutional Design', *Political Studies* 51 (2003): 1-19.

17 January 2025

Democratic quality and regime performance

Arend Lijphart, *Patterns of Democracy. Government Forms and Performance in Thirty-Six Countries*, New Haven und London: Yale University Press 1999, 258-300.

Christopher J. Anderson und Christine A. Guillory, 'Political Institutions and Satisfaction with Democracy. A Cross-National Analysis of Consensus and Majoritarian Systems', *American Political Science Review* 91 (1997): 66-81.

André Kaiser, Matthias Lehnert, Bernhard Miller und Ulrich Sieberer, 'The Democratic Quality of Institutional Regimes: A Conceptual Framework', *Political Studies* 50 (2002): 313-331.

31 January 2025, 12:00 – 18:00, Building 211(IBW Building), Room 3.40

Convergent trends?

Adrian Vatter, Matthew Flinders and Julian Bernauer, 'A Global Trend Toward Democratic Convergence? A Lijphartian Analysis of Advanced Democracies', *Comparative Political Studies* 47 (2014): 903–929.

Defective democracies, competitive authoritarianism, democratic backsliding

Wolfgang Merkel, 'Embedded and Defective Democracies', *Democratization* 11 (2004): 33-58.

Steven Levitsky and Lucan A. Way, 'Elections Without Democracy: The Rise of Competitive Authoritarianism', *Journal of Democracy* 13 (2002): 51-65.

Düzgün Arslantaş and André Kaiser, 'The "Authoritarian" Turn in Turkey: Bandwagoning vs. Reality', *Third World Quarterly* 44 (2023): 496-512.

Nancy Bermeo, 'On Democratic Backsliding', *Journal of Democracy* 27 (2016): 5-19.

Presentation and discussion of term paper projects