

## Comparative Method

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### Requisites and evaluation:

Students must read all assigned readings (except if otherwise indicated by the professor). They must write three short essays (about two pages each) on assigned readings (30% of the grade) and elaborate a research project/design (about 5 pages) (50% of the grade). Participation in classes and presentation of the research project will contribute 20% of the grade.

### Plan of classes and assigned readings (asterisks are for additional readings).

- 1. February 17<sup>th</sup>. Introduction. Methodological strategies in political science**
- 2. February 24<sup>th</sup>. Comparisons in the history of political analysis.**  
Machiavelli, Niccolo. *El Príncipe* (fragmentos seleccionados).  
Marx, Karl: *El 18 de Brumario de Luis Bonaparte* (fragmentos seleccionados).
- 3. March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The comparative method in Max Weber.**  
Weber, Max: *Ensayos de metodología sociológica* (Buenos Aires: Amorrortu), pp.222-269 (hay una edición reciente de este artículo en el texto *Por qué no se deben hacer juicios de valor en la sociología y la economía*, publicado por Alianza).  
-----: *El político y el científico* (Madrid: Alianza) (fragmentos seleccionados).  
Weber, Max. 2010. *Sociología de la religión* (Madrid: Akal) (fragmentos seleccionados).  
\*Kalberg, Stephen. 2012. *Max Weber's Comparative Historical Sociology Today* (Farnham: Ashgate).  
\*Kalberg, Stephen. 2007. *Max Weber. Principales dimensiones de su obra* (Buenos Aires: Prometeo).
- 4. March 9<sup>th</sup>. Qualitative and quantitative strategies. Characteristics, advantages, limitations.**  
Della Porta, Donatella. 2008. "Comparative analysis: case-oriented versus variable-oriented research", en Donatella Della Porta y Michael Keating (eds.): *Approaches and Methodologies in the Social Sciences: A Pluralist Perspective*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp.198-222. (Existe versión castellana en Editorial Akal).  
Erikson, Robert S., Michael B. Mackuen, y James A. Stimson. 2002: *The Macro Polity* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), pp. 29-75.  
Franklin, Mark. 2008. "Quantitative Analysis", en Donatella Della Porta y Michael Keating (eds.): *Approaches and Methodologies in the Social Sciences: A Pluralist Perspective*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (Existe versión castellana en Editorial Akal).  
\*McKeown, Timothy J. 2004. "Case Studies and the Limits of the Quantitative World View", en Henry E. Brady y David Collier (eds.): *Rethinking Social Inquiry*. (Oxford: Rowman and Littlefield).
- 5. March 16<sup>th</sup>. Case studies.**  
Linz, Juan. 2009. "De grandes esperanzas a la guerra civil: la quiebra de la democracia en España", en Linz, Juan, *Obras escogidas*, Centro de Estudios Políticos y Constitucionales, Madrid, volumen 4: 127-188.  
Beach, Derek and Rasmus Brun Pedersen. 2013. *Process Tracing Methods. Foundations and Guidelines*. Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press (fragmentos seleccionados).

Bennett, Andrew and Jeffrey Checkel. 2015. *2 Process Tracing. From Metaphor to Analytic Tool*. Cambridge University Press (fragmentos seleccionados).

\*Venesson, Pascal. 2009. "Case studies and process tracing: theories and practices", en Donatella Della Porta y Michael Keating (eds.): *Approaches and Methodologies in the Social Sciences: A Pluralist Perspective*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (Existe versión castellana en Editorial Akal).

\*Rogowski, Ronald. 2004. "How Inference in the Social (but Not the Physical) Sciences Neglects Theoretical Anomaly", en Henry E. Brady y David Collier (eds.): *Rethinking Social Inquiry*. (Oxford: Rowman and Littlefield).

\*Rueschemeyer, Dietrich. 2003. "Can one or a few cases yield theoretical gains?", en James Mahoney y Dietrich Rueschemeyer, *Comparative Historical Analysis in the Social Sciences* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).

\*Collier, David, Henry E. Brady y Jason Seawright. 2004. "Sources of Leverage in Causal Enquiry: Toward an Alternative View of Methodology", en Henry E. Brady y David Collier (eds.): *Rethinking Social Inquiry*. (Oxford: Rowman and Littlefield).

#### 6. April 6<sup>th</sup>. Comparative historical analysis.

Skocpol, Theda. 1984. *Los Estados y las revoluciones sociales*. México: Fondo de Cultura Económica. pp.1-82.

Rokkan, Stein. 1999. *State Formation, Nation-Building, and Mass Politics in Europe*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 278-319.

\*Hall, Peter. 2003. "Aligning Ontology and Methodology in Comparative Research", en James Mahoney y Dietrich Rueschemeyer, *Comparative Historical Analysis in the Social Sciences* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).

\*Pierson, Paul (2004): *Politics in Time* (Princeton: Princeton University Press).

#### 7. April 13<sup>th</sup>. Regional comparisons. Qualitative comparative analysis (csQCA y fsQCA).

Putnam, Robert D. (2011): *Para que la democracia funcione. Las tradiciones cívicas en la Italia moderna* (Madrid: Centro de Investigaciones Sociológicas), fragmentos seleccionados.

Linz, Juan y Amando de Miguel. "Within Nation Differences and Comparisons: The Eight Spains", en Richard Merritt y Stein Rokkan (eds.): *Comparing Nations* (New Haven : Yale University Press). Hay edición en castellano en las edición de las obras de Linz publicada por el Centro de Estudios Políticos y Constitucionales.

Berg-Schlosser, Dirk, Gisele De Meur, Benoit Rihoux y Charles C. Ragin. 29. "Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) as an Approach", en Benoit Rihoux, *Configurational Comparative Methods* (Londres et al.: Sage), pp.1-18.

Ragin, Charles C.. 2009. "Qualitative Comparative Analysis using Fuzzy Sets", en Benoit Rihoux, *Configurational Comparative Methods* (Londres et al.: Sage), pp. 87-121.

\*De Meur, Gisele y Dirk Berg-Schlosser. 22. "Systematic Matching and Contrasting of Cases", en Dirk Berg-Schlosser y Jeremy Mitchell (eds.), *Authoritarianism and Democracy in Europe, 1919-1939: Comparative Analyses*. Nueva York: Palgrave Macmillan, pp.235-269.

\*Berg-Schlosser, Dirk y Gisele De Meur. 22. "Reduction of Complexity", en Dirk Berg-Schlosser y Jeremy Mitchell (eds.), *Authoritarianism and Democracy in Europe, 1919-1939: Comparative Analyses*. Nueva York: Palgrave Macmillan, pp.271-284.

\*Linz, Juan J.. 1976. "Patterns of Land Tenure, Division of Labor, and Voting Behavior in Europe", en *Comparative Politics*, Vol. 8, No. 3, pp. 365-430.

#### 8. April 20<sup>th</sup> Presentations of research projects.