The road to democratization in most countries in recent years has been marked by large-scale social movements. This course will begin with an examination of various theories of democracy and democratization. It will specifically analyze the role of economic development, capitalism, class, ideology, and religion in the democratization process. In the second half of the term, we study the political upheavals and developments in Iran and the Philippines. The two countries experienced large-scale insurgencies in the 1970s and the 1980s that gave rise to very different political structures and institutions. The contrasting outcomes of the conflicts in the countries provide useful ground for applying and examining alternative theories of democratization.

Any student with a documented disability needing academic adjustments or accommodations is requested to speak with the professor by the end of the second week of the term. All discussions will remain confidential, although the Academic Skills Center may be consulted to verify the documentation of the disability.


Reserve readings:


• Rueschemeyer, Stephens and Stephens, Capitalist Development and Democracy,
Course Requirements:

1) Two take-home exams (length ranging from 15 to 25 pages)
2) Class attendance and participation (Missing more than three classes will impact the grade).

SCHEDULE

WEEK 1-2  
Jun. 18-27  
Introduction and Definition of Democracy

Sen, “Democracy as Universal . . .
Kristof, “In a Courageous Village, Ballots Bring Bullets,” NY Times, April 10, 2007).

Recommended reading:
Jacobsen, “Primitive Democracy in Ancient Mesopotamia.”

Films:
Campaign Spending
The Search for Political and Religious Links

WEEKS 3-6  
Jun. 30-Jul. 18  
Theories of Democracy and Democratization

Friedman, Chapter 1
Dahl, “Why All…
APSA Task Force
Lipset, pp 27-53
Przeworski, Adam and Fernando Limongi
Moore, Ch. 7-8
**First Take Home Exam - Date to be announced**

**WEEKS 6-8**
Jul. 21-Aug. 8

**Iran: Revolution and Failure of Democratization:**

Abrahamian, “The 1953 Coup in Iran”
Parsa, Social Origins of the, read the entire book
Abrahamian, Chapters 4 and 5
Chehabi, The Political Regime….
Gheissari, Ch. 1 and 6

**Recommended Readings:**
Kadivar, “Political Rights of People in Islam”
Eshkevari, “The Freedom of Thought and Religion in Islam”

**Films:**
The Revolution, Live From Tehran, ABC News
Iran: A Revolution Betrayed, BBC

**WEEKS 9-10**
Aug. 11-20

**Philippines: Revolution and Democratization:**

Aurora Javate - de Dios, et al Ch. 1-6
Thompson, Ch. 1-3 and 7-9

**Films:**
To Sing Our Own Song
Imelda: Power, Myth, Illusion

**Final Take Home Exam - Date to be announced**