

# **POLITICAL CHANGE**

POLS 4520 / POLS 5520

Fall 2018  
Thursday: 4:15 pm – 7:00 pm

Professor- J.D. Bowen



**\*\*\*UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL LATE PAPERS BE ACCEPTED FOR CREDIT.**

\*NOTE TO POLS 4520 STUDENTS: You must turn in 5 papers (out of 10 classes where we have assigned readings).

\*NOTE TO POLS 5520 STUDENTS: You must turn in 9 papers (out of 10 classes where we have assigned readings).

*Research question, methodology. and annotated bibliography: 10 points*

All students will be completing a research paper for this course. After you choose a topic in consultation with the professor, you will write a short (2-3 pages) proposal which explains your research question and methodology. In addition you will submit an annotated bibliography that should consist of *no fewer than* 4 sources, and should be primarily theoretical in nature. You might think of these as brief versions of the 1-page papers described above. Each source listed in the bibliography should be accompanied by a short paragraph explaining the theoretical insights that the source provides and how it is applicable to your research question.

*Due: Monday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm*

*Final exam: 25 points*

The final exam will be essay in nature. It will be a take-home exam. It will be sent to you via email at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> and will be due on Thursday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> by 7:00 pm. Please bring a HARD COPY to my office.

*Research presentation: 10 points*





Sep. 20- Order, stability, and cycles of change

\*Carothers, Thomas. 2002. "The End of the Transition Paradigm," *Journal of Democracy*, Vol. 13, No. 1, pp. 5-21.

\*Valenzuela, Arturo. 2004. "Latin American Presidencies Interrupted," *Journal of Democracy*, Vol. 15, No. 4, pp. 5-19.

\*Bellin, Eva. 2012. "Reconsidering the Robustness of Authoritarianism in the Middle East: Lessons from the Arab Spring," *Comparative Politics*, Vol 44, No. 2, pp. 127-149.

\*Rossi, Federico. 2015. "The Second Wave of Incorporation in Latin America: A Conceptualization of the Quest for Inclusion Applied to Argentina," *Latin American Politics and Society*, Vol. 57, No. 1, pp. 1-28.

Sep. 27- Revolution, reaction, violence, and chaos: The Arab Spring

\*Lynch, Marc. 2017. *The New Arab Wars: Uprisings and Anarchy in the Middle East*. New York: Public Affairs.

Oct. 4- From revolution to reformism: Social mobilization in Latin America

\*Ruben, Jeffrey and Vivienne Bennett, eds. 2015. *Enduring Reform: Progressive Activism and*  
Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh

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