# GOV 1700 Comparative Political Systems

**Spring 2016 - Staten Island Campus**  
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## READINGS AND ASSIGNMENTS SCHEDULE

For March-April-May

[RES] = E-Reserves. If readings have a hyperlink, just click on them to open the file.  
[REC] = Highly Recommended Readings  
Highlighted Text refers to readings you will be tested on in the exam. Questions will also be drawn from lecture items not necessarily covered in the reading materials.

### March

**Mon 14**  
Politics of Capitalist Growth  
- Lim, Ch. 5: “Why Is East Asia Rich? Explaining Capitalist Growth and Industrialization in Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and China.”

**Thu 17**  
Democracy Defined and Applied  
- Lim, Ch. 6: “What Makes a Democracy? Explaining the Breakdown of Authoritarian Rule.”

**Mon 21**  
Capitalism and Democracy  

**Thu 24**  
No Class  
Easter Recess – University Closed  
No Classes March 24-28  
Catch up on work!

**Mon 28**  
No Class  
Easter Recess – University Closed  
No Classes March 24-28  
Catch up on work!

**Thu 31**  
Authoritarianism and its Derivatives  
Authoritarian Resilience Adjustment Techniques
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| Mon 11 | Social Movements                           | - Lim, Ch. 8: “What Makes a Social Movement? Explaining the Rise and Success of Collective Mobilization.”  
- Michael Hardt and Antonio Negri, “The Fight for ‘Real’” | SM Politics When they Succeed or Fail |
| Sunday 20 | Critical Reading Notes #3 | **Critical Reading Notes #3 Due on BB Sunday 4/20 11:59 PM** |                           |
Mon 25 | Issues Sampler in Comparative Politics
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Thu 28 | Impact of Globalization on Comparative Politics
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- Lin, Ch. 9: “Globalization and the Study of Comparative Politics.”

MAY

Mon 2 | Student Research Presentations

Thu 5 | No Cass | Ascension Thursday – University Closed – No Classes

Mon 9 | FINAL EXAM

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**Spring 2016 Academic Calendar**

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