Course description: This course is focused on the dynamics of Ukraine’s political regime transformation during independence. It builds on and seeks to develop topics from introductory courses such as Introduction to Political Science and Political Modernization.

The course is divided into two parts. Theoretical part covers introduction to transition studies, structural and agency approaches to democratization, theories of democracy, the current debate on hybrid regimes and conceptual problems of regime type analysis. While the first part of the course will consist of lectures, the second part will see students discussing theoretical explanations in order to understand the Ukrainian case in comparative perspective.

The aim of this course is twofold: first, to explore theories of democratization and regime change, and second, to investigate the path of Ukraine’s transition through the presidencies of L.Kravchuk to V.Yanukovych in comparison to other NIS countries.

Learning outcomes:
Upon completion of the course students will be able to:
- ascertain contrasting propositions and theoretical assumptions in the work of different authors.
- assess the utility of this work in explaining the path of Ukraine’s regime transformation.
- acquire advanced knowledge of issues and problems of regime change, including concrete cases of successful and unsuccessful transition.
- understand and critique competing perspectives on regime change.

Prerequisites: Introduction to political science

Requirements:
Participation in class discussion (12 seminars x 2 points): 24%,
Written in class exam: 36%. It combines 16 multiple choice questions (each worth one point) and two essay question (each worth 10 points), one on theory and the other on assessing its utility for explaining the given case.
Research essay: 40%. The research essay will consist of an in depth analysis of any theme of the course in regards to Ukraine, or in a country of your choice (within NIS), and provide at least one alternative explanations for regime change, democratization or backsliding to authoritarianism.
All papers must pay attention to good theorizing (whatever the tradition) and marshalling compelling evidence in support of it. Often a normal science framework (introduction, research question, literature review, theory, hypotheses, methods, variables, results, conclusions) can facilitate this.

Readings:

* The course is taught in Ukrainian
One copy of a reader will be available at the department’s library. Some text are in e-format and available on the departments’ data base.

Course Overview:

Part I
Theoretical Foundations of Transition Studies

1. Conceptualizing Democracy and Non Democracy

Required Readings:

Further Readings:
Linz, Juan 2000: Totalitarian and Authoritarian Regimes, (Boulder: Lynne Rienner).

2. “Transitology”: Structuralist Approaches

Required Readings:

Further Readings:


Comparative Politics, 24 (4), 379-399.


Snyder, Richard 1992: “Explaining Transitions from Neopatrimonial Dictatorships,”


Geddes, Barbara 1999: “What Do We Know About Democratization after Twenty Years?,” Annual Review of Political Science, 2, 115-144.


3. “Transitology”: Agency Approaches

Required Readings:


Пршеворский А. Демократия и рынок. Политические и экономические реформы в Восточной Европе и Латинской Америке / Пер. с англ. – М.: РОССПЭН, 2000. – 320 с.

Further Readings:

Гельман В. Гельман В.Я. Из огня да в полымя? (Динамика постсоветских режимов в сравнительной перспективе) // Полис. 2007. №2. С. 81—108.


4. What is wrong with democratization? Why there are Hybrid Regimes?

Required Readings:

Democratization 2009:/Christian W.Haerpfer...[et.al.] Oxford University Press.249-263.


Карозерс Т. Конец парадигмы транзита: пер. с англ. / Т. Карозерс // Политическая наука.

Политическое развитие и демократизация: Современные исследования : РАН ИНИОН.Центр
Further Readings:
Bogaards, Matthijs 2009: “How to Classify Hybrid Regimes? Defective Democracy and Electoral Authoritarianism,” *Democratization*, 16 (2), 399-423

5. Why there is Authoritarian Resurgence in some of the Post-Soviet States?
Required Readings:
Levitsky Steven, Way Lucan 2010: Competitive Authoritarianism: Hybrid Regimes After the Cold War (Cambridge University Press), 3-36.

Further Readings:

6. Mixed, Hybrid or Semi: How do we Conceptualize the Post-Soviet Regimes?

Required Readings:

Further Readings:

7. Formal Institutions or Informal Politics: What defines the political process?

Required Readings:
Меркель В., Круассан А. Формальные и неформальные институты в дефектных демократиях// ПОЛИС. – 2002. - №1. – С. 6-17.

Further Readings:
Гельман В.Подрывные институты и неформальное управление в современной России// Полития №2, (57), 2010.
Кейт Дарден Целостность коррумпированных государств: взяточичество как неформальный институт управления// Прогнозис №2 (18) 2009.

Part II
Political Transformation in Ukraine and in the NIS

8. From empire to (quasi) nation-states: the birth of defective democracy in the NIS

Required Readings:
Wilson, Andrew. The Ukrainians: Unexpected Nation. 172-206
Harasymiw Bohdan 2002: Post-Communist Ukraine. Ch.4, 84-112.

Further Readings:

9. From defective democracy to semi-authoritarianism (Kuchma, Yeltzin, Lukashenka, Shevarnadze)

Required Readings:

Further Readings:

10. Color Revolutions and its implications on regime’s dynamics
Required Readings:
Valerie Bunce and Sharon Wolchik, 2011: Defeating Authoritarian Leaders in Postcommunist Countries, Cambridge University Press. 3-35.
David Lane and Stephen White, (Eds.) 2010: Rethinking the 'coloured revolutions'. Routledge, London and New York.

Further Readings:
See special issue of the Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics, vol. 25, no. 2-3 (June-September 2009)
Adrian Karatnycky 2005: “Ukraine’s Orange Revolution,” Foreign Affairs, v. 84( 2)

11. Democracy too much or too little: evaluating the post-revolutionary dynamics
Required Readings:
D’Aniery Paul (ed) 2010: Orange revolution and aftermath : mobilization, apathy, and the state in Ukraine
Further Readings:

12. Resurgence of authoritarianism under Yanukovych?
Required Readings:

Further Readings:
Жданов І., “Чи можлива "путінізація" України?”
http://www.pravda.com.ua/articles/2010/10/7/5454113/
Миселюк А., “Десять відмінностей системи Януковича від системи Кучми”

13. Informal practices in Ukraine’s politics
Required Readings:
Гретхен Хелмке, Стивен Левитски 2010: “Неформальне анієстю і сравнительная политика” Прогнозис, 10.

14. Final Discussion. Authoritarian resilience or Incomplete Transitions?
Required Readings: