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The Third Wave of Democratisation: From 1974 to the Present (3 ECTs)

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PROGRAM

Samuel Huntington's seminal thesis on "Democracy's Third Wave" published in 1991 broadened an ongoing debate on Democracy in the field of political science to a large interdisciplinary public all over the world. Both interest and controversy rose in a time the world was changing and our ideas on Democracy were soon to be challenged (and shattered) in unexpected ways. If on one hand, Democracy was visibly spreading to more and more countries, on the other, different concepts and models of Democracy were developing in a global world. A new critical approach was needed to understand the conditions of transition and consolidation in regions where Democracy was set up and to explain why this political system worked out very successfully in some places, while it failed in others. Likewise, it was urgent to cope with novel threats to Democracy in States with presumed solid democratic traditions. As the beginning of the 21st Century intensified uncertainties about a political invention that is at the core of our civilization and on which our life is built, it is of great importance to (re-)think the strength and weaknesses, the limits and possibilities of Democracy today. Accordingly, this seminar will focus on key concepts and debates on democratization, transition and consolidation and stimulate the students to critical research and debate on basic literature, as well as on relevant case studies in this area.

Regarding the working sessions, the following topics will be discussed:

1. The Third Wave "thesis" and the debate on Democracy at the turn of the Century.
 - Key concepts
 - Models of Democracy.
 - What Democracy is / can and what it is not / cannot.
 - Democracy's pre-conditions.
 - The role of institutions in political development.
 - Horizontal accountability and the rule of law
2. Transition(s): Problems and Possibilities.
 - Is there a "blueprint" for Democracy?
 - Post-conflict democratization.
 - Consolidation or Confluence?
3. Challenges to Democracy in times of globalization
 - Democracy and its Critics
 - The Rise of Alternative Models to Democracy
4. Democracy and Peace
5. Case Studies

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METHODOLOGY AND ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Teaching: Theoretical-practical approach

Evaluation:

Attendance and Participation in Seminar Work (Readings and Comments): 15%

MA Students: Take Home Exam (End of October 2018): 85%

PhD Students: Final Essay