

POLI4002 Politics in Comparative Perspective (Semester 2)

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182 items

Core textbook (7 items)

Reading is one of the most important skills you will learn and practice at university. Each week, before the lecture, YOU MUST READ AT A MINIMUM THE WEEK'S ESSENTIAL READING.

This consists of ONE chapter from the **McCormick, Hague and Harrop textbook** for EACH lecture (NB: some weeks have two lectures, so please read two chapters).

In seminar weeks, you must read one Hague and Harrop chapter AND one supplementary reading on each of the two case studies. These will be available on Moodle. Details of the weekly reading can be found below.

Comparative government and politics: an introduction, by McCormick, Hague and Harrop is the main textbook recommended for this course. Please consider purchasing a copy and ALWAYS BRING IT TO CLASS!

The latest edition is the 13th, published 2025. Copies of this and earlier editions are available in the Library, but note chapters vary between editions.

Comparative government and politics, by John McCormick; Rod Hague; Martin Harrop, 2025

[Book](#) | **Essential** | This is the 13th edition

Comparative government and politics: an introduction, by John McCormick; Rod Hague; Martin Harrop, 2022

[Book](#) | **Optional** | This is the 12th edition. Note this is substantially revised from previous editions

Previous editions:

Comparative government and politics: an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2019

[Book](#) | **Optional** | This is the 11th edition.

Comparative government and politics: an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2016

[Book](#) | **Recommended** | This is the 10th edition, available as print copies and 2 eBooks

Cases in comparative government and politics, by John McCormick, 2020

[Book](#) | **Essential**

Other useful texts (2 items)

Comparative politics, edited by Daniele Caramani, 2023

Book | **Optional**

Key concepts in politics and international relations, by Andrew Heywood, 2015

Book | **Optional** | 2nd edn.

Journals (3 items)

You will also find it useful to consult academic journals in the library. Journal articles represent the cutting-edge of academic research (whereas textbooks provide only summaries of this) and should form an essential part of any coursework preparation especially at advanced and honours level. It is a good idea to learn how to find relevant articles using the library portal and get into the habit of consulting journals. The university subscribes to the most useful journals for your study, and these can be located and full-text accessed via the library portals listed below. Most academic journals are not freely available on the internet via Google etc.

Academic Search Complete

Website | **Recommended** | this is a gateway database and allows you to search for articles on your chosen topic. It provides access to full text articles from journals where Brookes has a subscription. Also provides access to contents page/abstract information for journals to which we do not subscribe. Log in with your Brookes ID and password when prompted.

IBSS: International Bibliography of the Social Sciences

Webpage | **Recommended** | This database is essential for Politics and other students of the social sciences.

Module programme week by week (170 items)

Week 1 - Topic A) Theoretical approaches to Politics and Topic B) The Comparative Method (8 items)

Comparative government and politics, by John McCormick; Rod Hague; Martin Harrop, 2025

Book | **Essential** | Chapter 1 'Government and politics' & Chapter 2 'Making comparisons' | This is the 13th edition

Comparative government and politics: an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2016

Book | **Essential** | Chapter 1 'Key concepts' & Chapter 5 'Theoretical approaches' | 10th edn. available as print copies and 2 eBooks

Research methods in politics, by Peter Burnham, 2008

Book | **Optional** | Chapter 1 'The Discipline of Politics' and Chapter 3 'Comparative Methods'

The Comparative Method, in Theory and methods in political science - in Theory and methods in political science, by Matt Ryan, edited by Vivien Lowndes; David Marsh; Gerry Stoker, 2018

Chapter | **Recommended** | Chapter 16 | This is the 4th edn. available as print and e-book | NB Chapters vary between editions

Comparative Politics and the Comparative Method - in The American Political Science Review, by Arend Lijphart, 1971

Article | **Recommended**

Issues and methods in comparative politics: an introduction, by Todd Landman, 2003

Chapter | **Optional** | Chapters 1 & 2 | This is the 2nd edn. available as print and eBook

Then and Now: Comparative Politics - in Political Studies, by Jean Blondel, 1999

Article | **Optional**

In defence of politics, by Bernard Crick, 2013

Book | **Optional**

Week 2 : The State (16 items)

The State: Essential reading (3 items)

Textbook reading from Comparative government and politics: an introduction

Comparative government and politics, by John McCormick; Rod Hague; Martin Harrop, 2025

Book | **Essential** | Chapter 3 'States and Nations'

Comparative government and politics: an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2016

Book | **Essential** | Chapter 2 'The state' | 10th edn. available as print copies and 2 eBooks

Note chapters vary between editions, so check with your Module Leader about required readings if you are using a newer edition:

The State: Recommended reading (11 items)

Global politics, by Andrew Heywood, 2014

Book | **Recommended** | Chapter 5, especially 116-129.

Max Weber's Conception of the State - in International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society, by Karl Duszka, 1989

Article | **Recommended**

The Problem of the Capitalist State - in New Left Review, by Nicos Poulantzas, 1969

Article | **Recommended**

The autonomous power of the state: its origins, mechanisms and results - in European

Journal of Sociology, by Michael Mann, 1984

[Article](#) | [Recommended](#)

Bringing the state back in, by Peter B. Evans; Dietrich Rueschemeyer; Theda Skocpol; Social Science Research Council (U.S.). Committee on States and Social Structures; Joint Committee on Latin American Studies; Joint Committee on Western Europe, 1985

[Book](#) | [Recommended](#) | Especially Chapter 1 (Skocpol) and Chapter 5 (Tilly)

Two Conceptions of State: Antonio Gramsci and Michael Mann - in Politics, by Jonathan Moran, 1998

[Article](#) | [Optional](#)

On the Territorial Rights of States - in Philosophical Issues, by A. John Simmons, 2001

[Article](#) | [Optional](#)

Politics, by Andrew Heywood, 2013

[Book](#) | [Optional](#) | Chapter 3 'Politics and the State'

State Power and Class Interests - in New Left Review, by Ralph Miliband, 1983

[Article](#) | [Optional](#)

On the State of the State: Marxist Theories of the State after Leninism - in Theory and Society, by Boris Frankel, 1979

[Article](#) | [Optional](#)

Testing Theories of American Politics: Elites, Interest Groups, and Average Citizens - in Perspectives on Politics, by Martin Gilens; Benjamin I. Page, 2014

[Article](#) | [Optional](#)

The State: Case studies (2 items)

Comparative government and politics, by John McCormick; Rod Hague; Martin Harrop, 2025

[Book](#) | [Recommended](#) | Spotlight 13: Russian Federation, pp. 344 (in Chapter 13 'Political participation'); Spotlight 11: France, pp. 288 (in Chapter 11 'Sub-national government') | This is the 13th edition.

Comparative government and politics : an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2016

[Book](#) | [Recommended](#) | Spotlight: Russia, p.226 (in Chapter 13 'Political participation'); Spotlight: France, p.194 (in Chapter 11 'Sub-national government')

Week 3 - Topic A : Democracy and Topic B: Authoritarianism (19 items)

Week 3 - Topic A : Democracy (12 items)

Topic A (Democracy): Essential reading (2 items)

Textbook reading from Comparative government and politics: an introduction

Comparative government and politics, by John McCormick; Rod Hague; Martin Harrop, 2025

[Book](#) | **Essential** | Chapter 4 'Democratic rule' | This is the 13th edition.

Comparative government and politics: an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2016

[Book](#) | **Essential** | Chapter 3 'Democratic rule' | 10th edn. e-book available. If you do not have the printed book, read this version.

Topic A (Democracy): Recommended reading (6 items)

What Political Institutions Does Large-Scale Democracy Require? - in Political Science Quarterly, by Robert A. Dahl, 2005

[Article](#) | **Recommended**

What Democracy Is. . . and Is Not - in Journal of Democracy, by Philippe C Schmitter; Terry Lynn Karl, 1991

[Article](#) | **Recommended**

The democracy sourcebook, by Robert A. Dahl; Ian Shapiro; Jose

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[Book](#) | **Recommended** | pp. 29-39. Extract from Larry Diamond, Developing Democracy: Towards Consolidation, Chapter 1.

When Democracy Is on the Ballot - in Journal of Democracy, by Michael Ignatieff, 2024

[Article](#) | **Recommended**

Why the World Is Down on Democracy - in Journal of Democracy, by Richard Wike, 2025

[Article](#) | **Optional**

When Should the Majority Rule? - in Journal of Democracy, by Steven Levitsky; Daniel Ziblatt

[Article](#) | **Optional**

Online Resources (4 items)

Democracy Reports - V-Dem

[Webpage](#) | **Optional**

The V-Dem Dataset - V-Dem

[Webpage](#) | **Optional**

Freedom in the World (annual reports), by Freedom House

[Webpage](#) | **Optional** | Freedom House's annual Freedom in the World reports contain detailed country studies of every country in the world

Democracy Index 2024 | Economist Intelligence Unit

[Webpage](#) | **Optional**

Week 3 - Topic B : Authoritarianism (7 items)

Topic B (Authoritarianism): Essential reading (2 items)

Textbook reading from Comparative government and politics: an introduction

Comparative government and politics, by John McCormick; Rod Hague; Martin Harrop, 2025

[Book](#) | **Essential** | Chapter 5 'Authoritarian rule' | This is the 13th edition.

Comparative government and politics: an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2016

[Book](#) | **Essential** | Chapter 4 'Authoritarian rule' | 10th edn. e-book available. If you do not have the printed book, read this version.

Topic B (Authoritarianism): Recommended reading (5 items)

The Revenge of Power: How Autocrats Are Reinventing Politics for the 21st Century, by Moisés Naím

[Book](#) | **Recommended**

Competitive authoritarianism: hybrid regimes after the post-Cold War era, by Steven Levitsky; Lucan Way, 2010

[Book](#) | **Recommended** | Chapter 1 'Introduction'

STATE INSTITUTIONS AND THE SURVIVAL OF DICTATORSHIPS - in Journal of International Affairs, by Natasha M. Ezrow; Erica Frantz, 2011

[Article](#) | **Optional**

Problems of democratic transition and consolidation: southern Europe, South America, and post-communist Europe, by Juan J. Linz; Alfred C. Stepan, 1996

[Book](#) | **Optional** | Chapter 3, "Modern Nondemocratic Regimes", pp.38-54.

What Do We Know About Democratization After Twenty Years? - in Annual Review of Political Science, by Barbara Geddes, 1999

[Article](#) | **Optional**

Week 4 : Constitution, the law and judiciaries (15 items)

Constitution, the law and judiciaries: Essential reading (2 items)

Textbook reading from Comparative government and politics: an introduction

Comparative government and politics, by John McCormick; Rod Hague; Martin Harrop, 2025

[Book](#) | **Essential** | Chapter 7 'Constitutions and courts'| This is the 13th edition.

Comparative government and politics : an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2016

[Book](#) | **Essential** | Chapter 7 'Constitutions and courts'

Constitution, the law and judiciaries: Recommended reading (9 items)

Designing democracy: what constitutions do, by Cass R. Sunstein, 2001

[Book](#) | **Recommended**

The New Separation of Powers - in Harvard Law Review, by Bruce Ackerman, 2000

[Article](#) | **Optional**

Does the constitutional amendment rule matter at all?: Amendment cultures and the challenges of measuring amendment difficulty - in International Journal of Constitutional Law, by T. Ginsburg; J. Melton, 2015

[Article](#) | **Optional**

Constitutional Provisions for Individual Human Rights (1977-1996): Are They More Than Mere "Window Dressing?" - in Political Research Quarterly, by Linda Camp Keith, 2002

[Article](#) | **Optional**

Understanding Legal Evolution through Constitutional Theory: The Concept of Constitutional (In-)Flexibility - in Erasmus Law Review, by Elaine Mak, 2011

[Article](#) | **Optional**

A Written Constitution: A Case Not Made - in Oxford Journal of Legal Studies, by Jo Eric Khushal Murkens, 2021

[Article](#) | **Optional**

The time inconsistency of long constitutions: Evidence from the world - in European Journal of Political Research, by George Tsebelis, 2017

[Article](#) | **Optional**

Constitutional Rigidity Matters: A Veto Players Approach - in British Journal of Political Science, by George Tsebelis, 2022

[Article](#) | **Optional**

Constitutions Unentrenched: Toward an Alternative Theory of Constitutional Design - in American Political Science Review, by MILA VERSTEEG; EMILY ZACKIN, 2016

[Article](#) | **Optional**

Constitution, the law and judiciaries: Case studies (4 items)

Comparative government and politics, by John McCormick; Rod Hague; Martin Harrop, 2025

Book | **Recommended** | Spotlight 7: South Africa, p. 182 (in Chapter 7 'Constitutions and courts'); Spotlight 6: Germany, p. 156 (in Chapter 6 'Political Culture') | This is the 13th edition.

Comparative government and politics : an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2016

Book | **Recommended** | Spotlight: South Africa, p.116 (in Chapter 7 'Constitutions and courts'); Spotlight Germany, p.208 (in Chapter 12 'Political Culture')

Constitution making after national catastrophes : Germany in 1949 and 1990 - in William & Mary Law Review, by Inga Markovitz, 2008

Article | **Optional**

Sixty years of the German Basic Law (Constitution of the Federal Republic of Germany 1949) and twenty years of German reunification - in James Cook University law review, by Hans G. Gnodtke, 2009

Article | **Optional**

Week 5 : A) Political executives and B) Legislatures (15 items)

Topic A (Political executives): Essential reading (2 items)

Textbook reading from Comparative government and politics: an introduction

Comparative government and politics, by John McCormick; Rod Hague; Martin Harrop, 2025

Book | **Essential** | Chapter 8 'Executives' | This is the 13th edition.

Comparative government and politics : an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2016

Book | **Essential** | Chapter 9 'Executives'

Topic A (Political executives): Recommended reading (5 items)

The Perils of Presidentialism - in Journal of Democracy, by Juan J. Linz, 1990

Article | **Recommended**

Juan Linz, Presidentialism, and Democracy: A Critical Appraisal - in Comparative Politics, by Scott Mainwaring; Matthew S. Shugart, 1997

Article | **Recommended**

Delegative Democracy - in Journal of Democracy, by Guillermo A O'Donnell, 1994

Article | **Recommended**

The perils of semi-presidentialism Confidence in political institutions in contemporary democracies - in International Political Science Review / Revue internationale de science politique, by Yüksel Alper Ecevit; Ekrem Karakoç, 2017

[Article](#) | Recommended

The Perils of Semi-Presidentialism. Are They Exaggerated? - in Democratization, by Robert Elgie, 2008

[Article](#) | Recommended

Topic A (Political executives): Case studies (2 items)

Comparative government and politics, by John McCormick; Rod Hague; Martin Harrop, 2025

[Book](#) | Recommended | Spotlight 8: Brazil, p. 210 (in Chapter 8 'Executives')|This is the 13th edition.

Comparative government and politics : an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2016

[Book](#) | Recommended | Spotlight: Brazil, p.146 (in Chapter 9 'Executives')

Week 5 : Topic B : Legislature (6 items)

Topic B (Legislature): Essential reading (2 items)

Textbook reading from Comparative government and politics: an introduction

Comparative government and politics, by John McCormick; Rod Hague; Martin Harrop, 2025

[Book](#) | Essential | Chapter 9 'Legislatures' |This is the 13th edition.

Comparative government and politics : an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2016

[Book](#) | Essential | Chapter 8 'Legislatures'

Topic B (Legislature): Recommended reading (1 items)

What are Second Chambers for? - in Parliamentary Affairs, by M. Russell, 2001

[Article](#) | Recommended

Topic B (Legislature): Case studies (3 items)

Comparative government and politics, by John McCormick; Rod Hague; Martin Harrop, 2025

[Book](#) | Recommended | Spotlight 9: United Kingdom, p. 234 (in Chapter 9 'Legislatures')|This is the 13th edition.

Comparative government and politics : an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2016

[Book](#) | Recommended | Spotlight: United Kingdom, p.138 (in Chapter 8 'Legislatures')

Politics UK, edited by Bill Jones; Philip Norton, 2014

Book | **Optional** | Chapter 17 'The House of Lords' by Philip Norton and Chapter 18 'The core executive: the Prime Minister and Cabinet', by Philip Norton | This is the 8th edn. available as print and e-book.

Week 6 : Bureaucracies and New Public Management (Archived) (14 items)

Bureaucracies: Essential reading (3 items)

Textbook reading from Comparative government and politics: an introduction

Comparative government and politics, by John McCormick; Rod Hague; Martin Harrop, 2025

Book | **Essential** | Chapter 10 'Bureaucracies' | This is the 13th edition.

Comparative government and politics: an introduction, by John McCormick; Rod Hague; Martin Harrop, 2022

Book | **Essential** | Chapter 10 'Bureaucracies' | This is the 12th edition.

Comparative government and politics: an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2019

Book | **Essential** | Chapter 10 'Bureaucracies' | This is the 11th edition.

Bureaucracies: Recommended reading (4 items)

Politics, by Andrew Heywood; Matthew Laing, 2025

Book | **Recommended** | Chapter 16 'Public Policy and the Bureaucracy' | This is the 6th edition

Politics, by Andrew Heywood, 2019

Book | **Recommended** | Chapter 16 'Public Policy and the Bureaucracy'

Foundations of comparative politics: democracies of the modern world, by Kenneth Newton; Jan W. van Deth, c2010

Chapter | **Recommended** | Chapter 8 | The library can't buy an eBook version due to publisher restrictions

Modern politics and government, by Alan R. Ball; B. Guy Peters, 2005

Chapter | **Recommended** | Chapter 11 'The public bureaucracy'

Bureaucracies: Case studies (7 items)

Comparative government and politics, by John McCormick; Rod Hague; Martin Harrop, 2025

Book | **Recommended** | Spotlight 10: Japan, pp. 260 (in Chapter 10 'Bureaucracies')|This is the 13th edition.

Comparative government and politics: an introduction, by John McCormick; Rod Hague; Martin Harrop, 2022

[Book](#) | **Recommended** | Spotlight 10: Japan, pp. 244-5 (in Chapter 10 'Bureaucracies')|This is the 12th edition.

Comparative government and politics: an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2019

[Book](#) | **Recommended** | Japan p. 168- (in Chapter 10 'Bureaucracies')| This is the 11th edition.

Public Sector Reform in New Zealand and Its Relevance to Developing Countries - in The World Bank Research Observer, by Malcolm Bale; Tony Dale, 1998

[Article](#)

Governance and public policy in the UK, by David Richards; Martin J. Smith, 2002

[Chapter](#) | Chapter 9

European politics in transition, by Mark Kesselman, 2009

[Book](#) | Part 3 & 4

Government and politics of France, by Anne Stevens, 2003

[Chapter](#) | Chapter 5

Week 7: Topic A : Parties and party systems; Topic B : Elections (21 items)

Topic A (Parties and party systems): Essential reading (2 items)

Textbook reading from *Comparative government and politics: an introduction*

Comparative government and politics, by John McCormick; Rod Hague; Martin Harrop, 2025

[Book](#) | **Essential** | Chapter 15 'Political parties' | This is the 13th edition.

Comparative government and politics : an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2016

[Book](#) | **Essential** | Chapter 15 'Political Parties'

Topic A (Parties and party systems): Recommended reading (7 items)

The cosmopolitan-parochial divide: changing patterns of party and electoral competition in the Netherlands and beyond - in *Journal of European Public Policy*, by Catherine E. De Vries, 2018

[Article](#) | **Recommended**

Globalization and the transformation of the national political space: Six European countries compared - in *European Journal of Political Research*, by Hanspeter Kriesi; Edgar Grande; Romain Lachat; Martin Dolezal; Simon Bornschier; Timotheos Frey, 2006

[Article](#) | **Recommended**

Cleavage theory meets Europe's crises: Lipset, Rokkan, and the transnational cleavage - in Journal of European Public Policy, by Liesbet Hooghe; Gary Marks, 2018

[Article](#) | Recommended

Cognitive Mobilization and Partisan Dealignment in Advanced Industrial Democracies - in The Journal of Politics, by Russell J. Dalton, 1984

[Article](#) | Optional

Exploring Gender Differences in Support for Rightist Parties: The Role of Party and Gender Ideology - in Politics & Gender, by Rosie Campbell; Silvia Erzeel, 2018

[Article](#) | Optional

The youth gender gap in support for the far right - in Journal of European Public Policy, by Đorđe Milosav; Zachary Dickson; Sara B. Hobolt; Heike Klüver; Theresa Kuhn; Toni Rodon, 2026

[Article](#) | Recommended

Reconceptualizing Dimensions of Political Competition In Europe: A Demand-side Approach - in British Journal of Political Science, by Jonathan Wheatley; Fernando Mendez, 2020

[Article](#) | Optional

Topic A (Parties and party systems): Case studies (4 items)

Comparative government and politics, by John McCormick; Rod Hague; Martin Harrop, 2025

[Book](#) | Optional | Spotlight 15: Mexico, p. 398 (in Chapter 15 'Political parties') | This is the 13th edition.

Comparative government and politics : an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2016

[Book](#) | Optional | Spotlight: Mexico, p.264 (in Chapter 15 'Political parties')

Politics is too complex to be understood in terms of Left and Right | British Politics and Policy at LSE, by Jonathan Wheatley, 12 October 2015

[Webpage](#) | Optional

The changing shape of politics: rethinking left and right in a new Britain, by Jonathan Wheatley, 2019

[Book](#) | Optional

Week 7 : Topic B : Elections (8 items)

Topic B (Elections): Essential reading (2 items)

Textbook reading from Comparative government and politics: an introduction

Comparative government and politics, by John McCormick; Rod Hague; Martin Harrop, 2025

[Book](#) | Essential | Chapter 14 'Elections' | This is the 13th edition.

Comparative government and politics : an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2016

[Book](#) | **Essential** | Chapter 16 'Elections'

Topic B (Elections): Recommended reading (4 items)

Between Science and Engineering: Reflections on the APSA Presidential Task Force on Political Science, Electoral Rules, and Democratic Governance - in Perspectives on Politics, by John Carey; Simon Hix; Mala Htun; Shaheen Mozaffar; G. Bingham Powell; Andrew Reynolds, 2013

[Article](#) | **Recommended**

Mixed-member electoral systems : the best of both worlds?, by Matthew Soberg Shugart; Martin P. Wattenberg, 2001

[Book](#) | **Optional**

The comparative study of electoral systems, by Hans-Dieter Klingemann, 2009

[Book](#) | **Optional** | Especially Chapter 5

The single transferable vote and ethnic conflict: The evidence from Northern Ireland - in Electoral Studies, by Paul Mitchell, 2014

[Article](#) | **Optional**

Topic B (Elections): Case studies (2 items)

Comparative government and politics, by John McCormick; Rod Hague; Martin Harrop, 2025

[Book](#) | **Recommended** | Spotlight 14: United States, p. 372 (in Chapter 14 'Elections') | This is the 13th edition.

Comparative government and politics : an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2016

[Book](#) | **Recommended** | Spotlight: United States, p.274 (in Chapter 16 'Elections')

Week 8 : Groups, interests and movements (23 items)

Groups, interests and movements: Essential reading (2 items)

Textbook reading from Comparative government and politics: an introduction

Comparative government and politics, by John McCormick; Rod Hague; Martin Harrop, 2025

[Book](#) | **Essential** | Chapter 16 'Interest Groups' | This is the 13th edition.

Comparative government and politics : an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2016

[Book](#) | **Essential** | Chapter 18 'Interest Groups'

Groups, interests and movements: Recommended reading (7 items)

Still the Century of Corporatism? - in *The Review of Politics*, by Philippe C. Schmitter, 1974

[Article](#) | Recommended

Public opinion towards interest groups: The differential impact of ties to cause and business groups - in *European Journal of Political Research*, by ANNE RASMUSSEN; STEFANIE REHER, 2025

[Article](#) | Recommended

Time is of the Essence: A Longitudinal Study on Business Presence in Political News in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands - in *The International Journal of Press/Politics*, by Ellis Aizenberg; Marcel Hanegraaff, 2020

[Article](#) | Optional

Advocacy in European Civil Societies: Organizational Trade-offs Between Selective and Collective Incentive Provision - in *Social Forces*, by Nicole Bolleyer; Patricia Correa, 2021

[Article](#) | Optional

Pluralism, Corporatism and the Role of the State - in *Government and Opposition*, by Alan Cawson, 1978

[Article](#) | Optional

How interest groups influence public opinion: Arguments matter more than the sources - in *European Journal of Political Research*, by ANDREAS DU

R, 2019

[Article](#) | Optional

Organizing and Democracy: Understanding the Possibilities for Transformative Collective Action - in *Annual Review of Political Science*, by Hahrie Han; Matthew Baggetta; Jennifer Oser, 2024

[Article](#) | Optional

Groups, interests and movements: Case studies (14 items)

Comparative government and politics, by John McCormick; Rod Hague; Martin Harrop, 2025

[Book](#) | Recommended | Spotlight 16: Egypt, p. 424 (in Chapter 16 'Interest groups')

Comparative government and politics : an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2016

[Book](#) | Recommended | Spotlight: Egypt, p.316 (in Chapter 18 'Interest Groups')

Political Change and Civil Society Coalitions in Singapore - in *Government and Opposition*, by Stephan Ortmann, 2015

[Article](#) | Recommended

Civil society collective action under authoritarianism: divergent collaborative equilibriums

for political reform in Malaysia and Singapore - in Democratization, by Elvin Ong; Syazwi Bin Rahmad, 2024

[Article](#) | Recommended

New Modes of Political Participation and Singapore's Nominated Members of Parliament - in Government & Opposition, by Garry Rodan, 2009

[Article](#) | Optional

Understanding Nonprofit Advocacy in Non-Western Settings: A Framework and Empirical Evidence from Singapore - in Voluntas: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations, by Chao Guo; Zhibin Zhang, 2014

[Article](#) | Optional

Making Singapore's tripartism work (faster): the formation of the Singapore National Employers' Federation in 1980 - in Business History, by Peter Sheldon; Bernard Gan; David Morgan, 2015

[Article](#) | Optional

Can Civil Society Organizations Solve the Crisis of Partisan Representation in Latin America? - in Latin American Politics and Society, by Kathryn Hochstetler; Elisabeth Jay Friedman, 2008

[Article](#) | Recommended

The Effect of Unions and Organized Civil Society on Social Policy: Pension and Health Reforms in Argentina and Brazil, 1988-2008 - in Latin American Politics and Society, by Sara Niedzwiecki, 2014

[Article](#) | Optional

Participatory Social Policies: Diverging Patterns in Brazil and Bolivia - in Latin American Politics and Society, by Sara Niedzwiecki; Santiago Anria, 2019

[Article](#) | Optional

Making National Participatory Institutions Work: Bureaucrats, Activists, and AIDS Policy in Brazil - in Latin American Politics and Society, by Jessica A. J. Rich, 2019

[Article](#) | Optional

Labor Reform and Dual Transitions in Brazil and the Southern Cone - in Latin American Politics and Society, by María Lorena Cook, 2002

[Article](#) | Optional

Organized Business Politics in Democratic Brazil - in Journal of Interamerican Studies and World Affairs, by Ben Ross Schneider, 1997

[Article](#) | Optional

Social Movement Consolidation and Strategic Shifts: The Brazilian Landless Movement during the Lula and Dilma Administrations - in Latin American Perspectives, by Anthony Pahnke, 2020

[Article](#) | Optional

Week 9 : Multi-level Governance. Supranational and Subnational (17 items)

Multi-level Governance. Supranational and Subnational: Essential reading (2 items)

Comparative government and politics, by John McCormick; Rod Hague; Martin Harrop, 2025

[Book](#) | **Essential** | Chapter 11 'Sub-national government'

Comparative government and politics : an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2016

[Book](#) | **Essential** | Chapter 11 'Sub-national government'

Multi-level Governance. Supranational and Subnational: Recommended reading (9 items)

Politics : an introduction, by Barrie Axford; Victoria Browne; Richard Huggins; Rico Isaacs, 2019

[Book](#) | **Recommended** | Chapter 15 'Globalisation and the global condition'. 3rd edn. Available as print and e-book. NB Chapters vary between editions

Unraveling the Central State, but How? Types of Multi-level Governance - in American Political Science Review, by Liesbet Hooghe; Gary Marks, 2003

[Article](#) | **Recommended**

Grand theories of European integration in the twenty-first century - in Journal of European Public Policy, by Liesbet Hooghe; Gary Marks, 2019

[Article](#) | **Recommended**

European Integration and the Nationalities Question - in Politics & Society, by Michael Keating, 2004

[Article](#) | **Recommended**

Decentralization: Fueling the Fire or Dampening the Flames of Ethnic Conflict and Secessionism? - in International Organization, by Dawn Brancati, 2006

[Article](#) | **Optional**

Territorial Autonomy in the Shadow of Conflict: Too Little, Too Late? - in American Political Science Review, by LARS-ERIK CEDERMAN; SIMON HUG; ANDREAS SCHÄDEL; JULIAN WUCHERPFENNIG, 2015

[Article](#) | **Optional**

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Multi-level Governance. Supranational and Subnational: Case studies (6 items)

Comparative government and politics, by John McCormick; Rod Hague; Martin Harrop, 2025

[Book](#) | [Recommended](#) | Spotlight 3: European Union, p. 78 (in Chapter 3 'States and Nations') | This is the 13th edition.

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[Book](#) | [Recommended](#) | Spotlight 11: France, p. 288 (in Chapter 11 'Sub-national government') | This is the 13th edition.

Comparative government and politics : an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2016

[Book](#) | [Recommended](#) | Spotlight: European Union, p.32 (in Chapter 2 'The state')

Comparative government and politics : an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2016

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'The People, Year Zero': Secessionism and Citizenship in Scotland and Catalonia - in Ethnopolitics, by Jean-Thomas Arrighi, 2019

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Fifteen into one? : the European Union and its member states, by Andreas Maurer; Jürgen Mittag; Wolfgang Wessels, 2003

[Book](#) | [Optional](#) | Chapter 3 'Belgium: Europeanisation and Belgian federalism'

Week 10 : Media and political communication (22 items)

Media and political communication: Essential reading (2 items)

Textbook reading from Comparative government and politics: an introduction

Comparative government and politics, by John McCormick; Rod Hague; Martin Harrop, 2025

[Book](#) | [Essential](#) | Chapter 12 'The Media'

Comparative government and politics: an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2016

[Book](#) | [Essential](#) | Chapter 14 'Political communication' | 10th edn. available as print

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Media and political communication: Recommended reading (12 items)

Seven theses about the so-called culture war(s) (or some fragmentary notes on 'cancel culture') - in Cultural Studies, by Sean Phelan, 2025

[Article](#) | Recommended

The Unequal Challenge of Learning from Under-Informative News - in British Journal of Political Science, by Andrew Trexler, 2026

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The political effects of X's feed algorithm - in Nature, by Germain Gauthier; Roland Hodler; Philine Widmer; Ekaterina Zhuravskaya, 2026-02-18

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"We have watched the woke monster destroy everything": gender and affect in the construction of wokeness on reactionary YouTube - in Feminist Media Studies, by Conor Brett, 2025

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Comparing media systems : three models of media and politics, by Daniel C. Hallin; Paolo Mancini; American Council of Learned Societies, 2004

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Political Effects of the Internet and Social Media - in Annual Review of Economics, by Ekaterina Zhuravskaya, Maria Petrova, Ruben Enikolopov, 2020

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The Role of (Social) Media in Political Polarization: A Systematic Review - in Annals of the International Communication Association, by Emily Kubin; Christian von Sikorski, 2021

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Social Media, Democracy, and the Popular Public Sphere - in Constellations, by Antoine Sander, 2025

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Frankfurt School Legacy and the Critical Sociology of Media: Lifeworld in Digital Capitalism - in Critical Sociology, by Paško Bilić, 2024

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Negative Political Communication on Social Media and the Gender Gap: A Study of Men's and Women's Reactions to Presidential Candidate Attacks on Facebook in 2012 and 2016 - in Politics & Gender, by Justin Bonest Phillips, 2021

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Closing the gap: gender parity in political engagement on social media - in Information, Communication & Society, by Leticia Bode, 2017

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Media and political communication: Case studies (8 items)

Comparative government and politics, by John McCormick; Rod Hague; Martin Harrop, 2025

[Book](#) | **Recommended** | Spotlight 12: Venezuela, p. 316; The Internet and the Arab Spring, p. 312 (in Chapter 12 'The Media')| This is the 13th edition.

Comparative government and politics : an introduction, by Rod Hague; Martin Harrop; John McCormick, 2016

[Book](#) | **Recommended** | Spotlight: Venezuela, pp.242-243; Online interaction and the Arab Spring, p.248 (in Chapter 14 'Political communication')

Accountability from cyberspace? Scandal exposure on the Internet and official governance in China - in Political Science Research and Methods, by Shuo Chen; Yiran Li, 2024

[Article](#) | **Recommended**

How Censorship in China Allows Government Criticism but Silences Collective Expression - in The American Political Science Review, by Gary King; Jennifer Pan; Margaret E. Roberts, 2013

[Article](#) | **Recommended**

Role of the New Media in the Arab Spring - in Globalizations, by Habibul Haque Khondker, 2011

[Article](#) | Optional

The Arab Spring and the Role of ICTs. - in International Journal of Communication, by Ilhelm Allagui; Johanne Kuebler, 2011

[Article](#) | Optional

EuroMaidan Protests in Ukraine: Social Media Versus Social Networks - in Problems of Post-Communism, by Olga Onuch, 2015

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Unexpected Revolution: The Role of Social Media in Ukraine's Euromaidan Uprising - in European View, by Tetyana Bohdanova, 2014

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