

# COMPARATIVE GOVERNANCE:

Political Structure and Diversity across the Globe

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- We recommend that instructors use all six theoretical modules.
- All selections are available for use in both a print book and an eBook.
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## THEORETICAL MODULES

1. **Why (and How) Should We Compare?** Paulette Kurzer. This module introduces students to the comparative method in political science and introduces the distinction between cultural and rational/institutional approaches.
2. **The Setting of Power: The State**, Paulette Kurzer. The concepts of “state,” “nation,” and “society” are introduced in this module, including the “strong state, weak state” dichotomy.
3. **Holding the State Together**, Paulette Kurzer. This module examines the ways legitimacy is constructed for the state, including the problems of succession, recruitment, and socialization, and it looks at two important challenges to the state: ethnic and regional conflicts.
4. **Political Conflict**, Paulette Kurzer. Patterns of political conflict in states and various organizational structures for conflict—political parties, interest groups, and social movements are presented in this module.
5. **Decision Making in the State**, Paulette Kurzer. This module looks at governmental structures: parliamentary and presidential government in democracies, various forms of non-democratic government, and the role of bureaucracies.
6. **The State and the Economy**, Paulette Kurzer. A number of political-economic questions about market economies are discussed in this module.

## WESTERN EUROPE

**The United Kingdom: Old Democracy: New Challenges, Janet Laible**—Lehigh University.  
[Revised, March 2017](#)

**Politics in France: Participation versus Control, Frank R. Baumgartner**—University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and **Sébastien G. Lazardeux**—St. John Fisher College.  
[Revised, October 2016](#)

**Germany: A Stable and Prosperous Parliamentary Democracy, Louise K. Davidson-Schmich**—University of Miami.  
[Revised, November 2015](#)

**Sweden: Finding Balance in the Peoples’ Home, Ivy Hamerly**—Baylor University.  
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**The Netherlands, Paulette Kurzer**—University of Arizona.  
[Revised, November 2015](#)

**The European Union: A United States of Europe, Matthew Gabel**—Washington University, St. Louis.  
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## EASTERN EUROPE

**Russian Federation: System Building and Policy Making à La Russe**, John P. Willerton—University of Arizona, Tucson.  
[Revised, November 2015](#)

**Poland: Challenges to a Young Democracy**, Krzysztof Jasiewicz—Washington and Lee University and David S. Mason—Butler University.  
[Revised, May 2016](#)

## AFRICA

**Nigeria: Ethnic Conflict and the Search for Viable Democracy in a Corrupt Oil Economy**, Rotimi Suberu—Bennington College and Larry Diamond—Hoover Institution, Stanford University.  
[Revised, July 2012](#)

**South African Politics and Society**, Robert Mattes—University of Cape Town, South Africa.  
[Revised, May 2016](#)

## MIDDLE EAST

**Egypt: Facing the Challenges of Transition from Authoritarianism**, Robert Springborg—Italian Institute of International Affairs, Rome.  
[Revised, June 2015](#)

**Israel: The Challenges Facing a Divided Democracy in a Hostile Neighborhood**, Gideon Rahat and Reuven Y. Hazan—Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel.  
[Revised, January 2016](#)

**The Republic of Turkey**, Martin Sampson—University of Minnesota.  
[Revised, November 2015](#)

## ASIA

**China: From State Socialist to Capitalist Iconoclast**, Marc Blecher—Oberlin College.  
[Revised, October 2015](#)

**India: The Struggle to Regenerate Democracy**, James Manor—University of Sussex, Brighton, England.  
[Revised, January 2015](#)

**Indonesia: A Muslim-Majority Democracy**, R. William Liddle—The Ohio State University.

**Japan—The Politics of Enormous Change**, Matthew Carlson—University of Vermont and Ellis S. Krauss—University of California, San Diego.  
[Revised, November 2015](#)

**South Korea: A Success Story**, Jae Mook Lee—Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul, Korea and Han Soo Lee—Kyungpook National University.  
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**LATIN AMERICA**

**Politics in Brazil, Barry Ames**—University of Pittsburgh.

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**Cuba: Continuity or Change? Jorge I. Dominguez**—Harvard University.

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**Mexico's Democratic Consolidation, Roderic Ai Camp**—Claremont McKenna College.

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**Peru: The Politics of Surprise, Gregory D. Schmidt**—The University of Texas at El Paso.

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