



Actors or Structures? Obstacles to Stabilization of New Democracies

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Purpose of the Course:

There is currently a great debate about the preconditions of democracy, particularly between "minimalists" and "maximalists," who understand democratic transition and consolidation differently. Parallel to this debate, but not independent of it, there is a discussion about the main determinants of regime change. Modernization, dependency and world-system theories originally tended to emphasize the determining role of given structures. Institutionalists and transition theorists, however, stressed the importance of elites in creating and changing structures. (The members of these elites came partly from the former opposition, partly from the younger, more technocratic representatives of the former communist party.) In the present post-transition period of East Central Europe, the debate is far from being over and, after the period of rapid political change, social scientists again tend to bring given social structures back in. The participants in this course will study this problem, with special attention given to the stabilization of new democracies.

Course Description:

This 3-week course will consist of three parts:

Week 1: (20 hours) *Meanings of Transition, Consolidation, Restricted and Full Democracy.* The nature and the chief actors in transformative politics, the role of the elites. (Bozóki, Bruszt, Szelényi, Schöpflin)

Week 2: (40 hours) *Empirically-oriented lectures and seminars* in 2 groups of 15, in politics and economics from a comparative perspective. (Greskovits, Csaba, Róna-Tas in economics; Flam, Tóka, Silková and Sándor in politics)

Week 3: (20 hours) *Actors vs. Structures* from theoretical and comparative viewpoints for the entire group. The limits of institutionalism on the basis of Latin American cases. Choosing institutions, choosing economic policies. (Böröcz, Mainwaring, Stepan)

12 hours are reserved for special evening lectures given by invited professors. (Total: 92 hours)

Course Dates:

July 2-23, 1996

Application Deadline:

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