



UNIVERSIDAD PABLO DE OLAVIDE
Centro de Estudios para Extranjeros

POL 372—Contemporary Spanish Politics
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OBJECTIVES

This class will introduce students to the important historical, political, social, and economic aspects of contemporary Spanish politics. The first part of the class will examine the legacy of the Franco regime and the transition to democracy in Spain after 1975. The second part of the class will study the new political, social and economic institutions of the democratic regime. The last part of the class will focus on Spanish foreign policy in an era of globalization.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Attendance and participation:** Students are expected to attend all classes. If there is justifiable excuse for missing class, this information must be provided to the proper authorities as required. Active participation in class discussions is required.
- 2. Timely Arrival:** Students should plan to arrive to class on time. If the door is closed, please do not enter the classroom. Late arrivals count as absences according to the UPO's policy.
- 3. Readings:** Students are expected to complete all required readings *before* coming to class.
- 4. Midterm Exam:** This will be taken in class, essay question style.
- 5. Essay:** Students will select a contemporary topic of interest to write a 10 page double-spaced typed paper related to politics and society in contemporary Spain. The topic is due for approval by the fourth week of the class. Specifics will be provided in class.
- 6. Final Exam:** This will be taken in class during the final exam period.
- 7. Academic Honesty:** Students are expected to act in accordance with the University's standards of conduct concerning plagiarism and academic dishonesty.
- 8. Newspapers/Magazines:** All students should read a daily newspaper, preferably one in Spanish if possible and one from the United States. It is highly suggested that everyone begin to read THE ECONOMIST on a weekly basis. Copies of THE ECONOMIST may be found in the Centro de Estudios para Extranjeros office at the UPO. Here are some links which might be useful: www.elmundo.es; www.abc.es; www.elpais.es; www.economist.com;

Grade Distribution

Active Participation: 20 %

Midterm Exam: 25 %

Essay: 25 %

Final Exam: 30 %

Class Readings: All the required readings are available on the webCT platform. Additional references and readings will be posted throughout the semester. You may print out the readings if necessary at the photocopy store on campus. Please think of conserving trees!!

Some Relevant Links and Research Institutions on Spanish Politics

Real Instituto Elcano: <http://www.realinstitutoelcano.org>

(You can also sign up for their bulletins and newsletters produced in Spanish and English.)

Spanish Constitution: <http://narros.congreso.es/constitucion/index.htm>

Foreign Affairs Journal: www.foreignaffairs.org

United Nations: www.un.org

The Brookings Institute: www.brookings.edu

European Political Science resources: www.psr.keele.ac.uk/psr.htm

European Foreign Policy Unit at LSE:

www.lse.ac.uk/Depts/intrel/EFPUworkingpaperseries.html

Spanish Safe Democracy Foundation: <http://spanish.safe-democracy.org>

Centro Investigaciones Sociológicas <http://www.cis.es>

Instituto Nacional de Estadística <http://www.ine.es>

Centro Reina Sofía Estudio de Violencia <http://www.gva.es/violencia>

Encuesta de Población Activa <http://www.ine.es>

Anuario Social de La Caixa <http://www.anuariosoc.lacaixa.comunicacions.com>

Institutions

Constitution <http://www.constitucion.es>

Royal House <http://www.casareal.es>

Congress of Deputies <http://www.congreso.es>

Senate (links to regional parliaments) <http://www.senado.es>

Government (links to regional governments) <http://www.la-moncloa.es>

Political parties

PSOE <http://www.psoe.es>

PP <http://www.pp.es>

IU <http://www.izquierda-unida.es>

CiU <http://www.convergencia.org>

ERC <http://www.esquerra.org>

PNV <http://www.eaj-pnv.com>

EA <http://www.euskoalkartasuna.org>

CC <http://www.coalicióncanaria.org>

ChA <http://www.chunta.com>

BNG <http://www.bng-galiza.org>

Media

El País <http://www.elpais.es>

El Mundo <http://www.elmundo.es>

Tele 5 <http://www.telecinco.es>

Televisión Española <http://www.rtve.es>

Cadena Ser <http://www.cadenaser.es>

Cultural resources

Museo de El Prado <http://museoprado.mcu.es/home.html>

Instituto Cervantes <http://www.cervantes.es>

National Library <http://www.bne.es>

Museo Reina Sofía <http://museoreinasofia.mcu.es>

Here are some more links specifically about Spain, some of which may be found in English:

Photos of the transition: www.fotoforum.net/expone/memoria

Personal commentaries on Spain in the XXth Century: <http://www.vespito.net> (only in Spanish)

The Spanish Monarchy: www.casareal.es (in English)

CNN+ on Spanish Transition: <http://www.cnnplus.com/codigo/noticias/25democracia/>
(in Spanish)

Paul Preston's account of the Spanish Transition: www.salman-psl.com/la-transicion/ (in English)

Bibliography: Required readings are indicated for each class. Additional handouts may be given out in class. Below are the complete references for the readings and additional books definitely worth reading at some point in your life.

Ramon Arango, Spain: Democracy Regained, 2nd ed., Boulder: Westview Press, 1995.

Sebastian Balfour and Paul Preston, Spain and the Great Powers in the Twentieth Century, New York: Routledge, 1999.

Raymond Carr and Juan Pablo Fusi, Spain: Dictatorship to Democracy London: Allen and Unwin, 1981.

Raymond Carr, Spain: A History, Oxford: Oxford U. Press, 2000.

Raymond Carr, Modern Spain: 1875-1980, Oxford U. Press, 1980.

Omar G. Encarnación, Spanish Politics. Cambridge, UK: Polity Press, 2008.

Helen Graham, Spanish Cultural Studies: An Introduction—the Struggle for Modernity, Oxford: Oxford U. Press, 1995.

Richard Gunther, José Ramon Montero and Joan Botella, Democracy in Modern Spain, New Haven: Yale U. Press, 2004

Richard Gunther. Politics, Society, and Democracy: The Case of Spain. Boulder: Westview Press, 1993.

Richard Gunther, Giacomo Sani and Goldie Shabad, Spain after Franco: The Making of a Competitive Party System, Berkeley: U. California Press, 1986.

David Hanley and John Loughlin, eds, Spanish Political Parties, UK: U. Wales Press, 2006.

Paul Heywood, Politics and Polity in Democracy Spain: No Longer Different? NY: Frank Cass, 1999.

Juan J. Linz and Alfred Stephan, Problems of Democratic Transitions: Southern Europe, South America and Post-Communist Europe, Baltimore: Johns Hopkins U. Press, 1996.

Jose Magone, Spanish Contemporary Politics, UK: Routledge, 2008.

Paul McDonough (ed), The Cultural Dynamics of Democratization in Spain, Ithaca: Cornell U. Press, 1998.

Guillermo O'Donnell, Philippe C. Schmitter and Lawrence Whitehead, (eds) Transitions from Authoritarian Rule : Southern Europe, Baltimore : The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1986.

Stanley Payne, Politics and Society in XXth Century Spain, New Viewpoints, 1976.

Howard R. Penniman and Eusebio M. Mujal-Leon, Spain at the Polls, AEI: Duke University Press, 1985.

Victor Perez-Diaz, The Return of Civil Society: The Emergence of Democratic Spain, Cambridge: Harvard U. Press, 1993.

Benny Pollack with Graham Hunter, The Paradox of Spanish Foreign Policy, New York: St. Martin's Press, 1987.

Paul Preston, Triumph of Democracy in Spain, UK: Routledge, 1986.

Paul Preston, Franco, London: HarperCollins, 1993.

Francisco J. Romero Salvado, Twentieth Century Spain: Politics and Society in Spain 1898-1998, London: Macmillian, 1999.

Visits and Guest Lecturers:

Throughout the semester we will host guest lecturers and visit some places around Seville of interest to the class.

COURSE OUTLINE

INTRODUCTION

10 September

Introduction

Carr, Modern Spain, Chronology and Chapters 8-9

Preston, Triumph of Democracy in Spain, Chapter 1

NOTE: If you are weak on 19th and 20th Century Spanish history, please read all of Carr's Modern Spain.

15 to 22 September

Historical Background

Carr, Modern Spain, Chapter 10

Preston, Triumph, Chapters 2 and 3

Movie clips on Franco and Civil War

24 September to 6 October Transition to Democracy

Preston, Triumph, Chapters 4 to 7

Encarnacion, Chapter 3

In class movie clips on different periods in the transition.

POLITICAL and ECONOMIC SYSTEM

8 to 15 October

Political Parties and Elections

Encarnacion, Chapter 4

Hanely and Loughlin, Chapters 1 and 2

Magone, Chapter 4

Movie clips on first elections/approving Constitution

20 and 22 October

Parliament, Government and Judiciary

Arango, Chapter 7

Magone, Chapter 3

27 October

Monarchy

Review carefully texts and photos in www.casareal.es

(The Royal Family, The Crown and the Royal Household)

29 October

MIDTERM EXAM

Paper topics due for approval.

3-5 November

Economic structures and indicators

Encarnacion, Chapter 7

Magone, Chapter 8

- 10 November** **Autonomous Regions—GUEST LECTURER**
Encarnacion, Chapter 6
Magone, Chapter 5
- 12 November** **Terrorism in Spain—GUEST LECTURER**
Alonso, “Ending of ETA Terrorism”, Instituto Real Elcano, 2006
Arango, Chapter 9

SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS and ISSUES

- 17-24 November** **Civil Society in Spain: Media, The Church, Women, and Trade Unions/Changing Political Culture**
Encarnacion, Chapter 5
Graham, Chapter 9 Magone, Chapter 2
Graham and Labanyi, p. 99-105; Chapter 21
- 26 November** **Population and Class Structures/Immigration**
Charts and studies on class WebCT platform

FOREIGN POLICY

- 1 December** **US-Spanish Relations**
Chislett, “US-Spanish Relations: So Close, Yet so Far”, Instituto Real Elcano, 2006
Chislett, “Spain and the US: The Quest for Mutual Rediscovery.” Instituto Elcano, 2005
- 3 December** **Spain and EU, Latin America, Middle East**
Zapatero, “In Spain’s Interest: A Committed Foreign Policy”, (July 2007)
Magone, Chapter 10
Noya, “From Suez to Crescent: Spain’s Current Image in the US, Turkey and the EU,” Instituto Real Elcano, 2007
Molina and Sorroza, “European Issues from a Spanish Perspective,” Instituto Real Elcano, 2008
- 10 December** **Spain and Globalization: Conclusions**
- 14-18 December** **FINAL EXAM (date and time to be announced)**