This course analyzes the domestic origins and recent evolution of different European polities. Europe has long been characterized as a collection of highly distinctive countries, each with its own institutions, economic patterns, national identities and party systems. Are these differences disappearing as a result of European unification, globalization, post-industrialism and the collapse of the Communism? And what, if any, alternatives are taking their place?

The course focuses on the historical foundations, recent transformations and theoretical implications of the distinctive paths associated with major European countries, with a special emphasis on France, Great Britain, Germany and Italy. It familiarizes students with the main issues –old and new--of Western European politics, as well as with different approaches to political development and current controversies in political science.

The course is open to qualified undergraduates with permission from instructor.

Requirements
In addition to the readings and class participation, the course requirements are 1) class presentation on one of the topics discussed in the last two weeks 2) three ten page papers on assigned topics, or a major research paper. If the second option is chosen, the topic needs to be discussed with the instructor and an outline submitted by October 19.

Readings marked * are on reserve at Dewey; readings marked ** are included in a reading package on reserve at Dewey. The following books have been ordered at the Coop.

**INTRODUCTION   DEVELOPMENTAL SCENARIOS: WHICH FUTURE(S)**

**Sept. 6**
*Readings:*


Suggested:
*Bell, Daniel, *The Coming of Post-industrial Society*, Intro, and Chapter One.*

**PART ONE   WHERE FROM? THE ROOT CAUSES OF DIFFERENTIATION**

**A) Structures and Conflicts**
**Sept 13:**
*Readings:*

Suggested:

**B) Political Cultures**
**Sept. 20 and 27**
*Readings:*
De Tocqueville, *The Old Regime*, Part One; Part Two: chps 1,5-10; Part Three: esp chps. 1,2,3,8.
**Hoffmann, Stanley,"Paradoxes of the French Political Community, “ from *In Search of France*, pp. 1-21
Suggested:

C) Cleavages

Oct. 4 Cleavage Formation
Readings:

AND EITHER

OR

Oct. 11 Cleavage Change
Readings:

AND EITHER
Kitschelt, Herbert, The Transformation of European Social Democracy, Cambridge University Press, 1994, Chapters 1, 5, 6, 7.

OR
* Kitschelt, Herbert, The Radical Right in Western Europe, Michigan University Press, 1995, Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5.

D) Rules and Games

Oct. 18
Readings:

* Sartori, Giovanni, Comparative Constitutional Engineering, Columbia University Press, Chapters 1-5 and 12.

** Lepsius, Rainer, “From Fragmented Party Democracy to Government by Emergency Decree and Nationalist Socialist Takeover: Germany,” The Breakdown of Democratic Regimes: Europe, Juan Linz and Alfred Stepan, eds.

E) **States and Societal Organization**

**Oct. 25**

**Readings:**
- **Skocpol, Theda, “Bringing the State Back In,”**
- **Schmitter, Philippe, “Modes of Interest Intermediation and Models of Societal Change in Western Europe,”** *Comparative Political Studies*, n.10., 1977
- **Shefter, Martin, “Party and Patronage: Germany, England and Italy,”** in *Politics and Society*, n. 4, 1977

*Suggested:*

**PART TWO  PATHS UNDER CHALLENGE**

A) **National Identities**

**Nov. 1**

**Readings:**
B) Modes of Representation
Nov. 8
Readings:

Suggested:

C) Welfare States
Nov. 15
Readings:
Esping Andersen, Gosta, The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism, Chs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

November 22: Thanksgiving: No Class

D) Economies
Nov. 29
Readings:

PART THREE    WHERE TO?

A) **Europe: New Boundaries, New Issues**

Dec.6

**Readings:**
Reading on Federalism and Regionalism TBA
** Mair, Peter “The Limited Impact of Europe on National Party Systems” West European Politics, Special issue on Europeanised Politics, 2000

Suggested:

B) **Actors and Responses: Old and New**

Dec. 13

**Readings:**
Bove’, Jose’, The World is Not for Sale.
Articles on Berlusconi, Lega Nord, British Labour and the Third Way TBA.
** Sferza, Serenella，“What is Left of the Left?,” Daedalus, Spring 2000.

Suggested: