

Spring 2003  
Tuesday, 3:00 PM–5:00PM  
Meeting place: E56-249

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## 17.158

### Political Economy of Western Europe

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The course focuses on reading and discussion. The assignments are either (1) two short papers (12-15 pages each) or (2) a major research paper. The short paper topics will be distributed March 18 [due April 8] & April 29 [due May 13].

All reading materials are on Reserve at the Dewey Library and most materials are available for purchase at the MIT Coop. The following titles are not available at the Coop, however they are available at amazon.com: Samuel Beer, British Politics in the Collectivist Age; Peter Hall, Political Power of Economic Ideas; Andrea Boltho, The European Economy: Growth and Crisis; Andrew Shonefeld, Modern Capitalism; Paul Ginsborg, A History of Contemporary Italy; Giandomenico Majone, Regulating Europe; Richard Kuisel, Capitalism and the State in Modern France.

Readings denoted by a number sign (#) can be downloaded from the Stellar web site, <http://stellar.mit.edu/S/course/17/sp03/17.158/schedule.html>

February 4            **Introduction**

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February 11           **National Traditions of State and Economy: Britain**

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# Samuel Beer, British Politics in the Collectivist Age, (Knopf, 1965) chapters 1-3;

# Tony Cutler, Karel Williams, and John Williams, Keynes, Beveridge and Beyond, (Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1986), Introduction and chapter 1;

# Donald Winch, "*Keynes, Keynesianism, and State Intervention*," and Margaret Weir, "*Ideas and Politics: The*

*Political Sources of Economic Policy*," both in Peter Hall (ed.), The Political Power of Economic Ideas: Keynesianism across nations, (Princeton University Press, 1989) chapters 3, 5;

Peter Hall, Governing the Economy: The Politics of State Intervention in Britain and France, (Cambridge University Press 1986), chapters 2-5;

# Desmond King and Stewart Wood, "*The Political Economy of Neoliberalism: Britain and the US in the 1980s*," in Kitschelt, Herbert et al, Continuity and Change in Contemporary Capitalism, (Cambridge University Press, 1999), chapter 13.

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February 18      **No Class [Monday Schedule Class]**

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February 25      **National Traditions of State and Economy: France**

Andrew Shonfield, Modern Capitalism: The Changing Balance of Public and Private Power, (Oxford University Press, 1969), chapters 5-8;

# Richard Kuisel, Capitalism and the State in Modern France, (Cambridge University Press, 1981), chapters 1, 5, 10;

# French Documents (xerox);

Pierre Rosanvallon, "*Development of Keynesianism in France*," in Peter Hall (ed.), The Political Power of Economic Ideas: Keynesianism across Nations, (Princeton University Press, 1989) chapter 7.

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March 4      **National Traditions of State and Economy: Germany**

Andrew Shonfield, Modern Capitalism: The Changing Balance of Public and Private Power, (Oxford University Press, 1969), chapters 11, 12;

# Gary Herrigel, Industrial Construction, the Sources of German Industrial Power, (Cambridge University Press, 1996), chapters 1-3;

# Herbert Giersch, Karl-Heinz Paqué, Holger Schmieding, The Fading Miracle: Four Decades of Market Economy in Germany, (Cambridge University Press, 1992) chapter 1;

Christopher Allen, "*The Underdevelopment of Keynesianism in the FRG*," and Harold James, "*What is Keynesian about Deficit Spending*," both in Peter Hall (ed.), The Political Power of Economic Ideas: Keynesianism across Nations, (Princeton University Press, 1989) chapter 9, 10;

March 11

### **National Traditions of State and Economy: Italy**

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Andrew Shonfield, Modern Capitalism: The Changing Balance of Public and Private Power, (Oxford University Press, 1969), chapter 9;

# Paul Ginsborg, A History of Contemporary Italy: Society and Politics, 1943-1998, (Penguin Books, 1990), chapters 3-9;

Richard Locke, Remaking the Italian Economy, (Cornell University Press, 1995), Chapters 1, 2, 6.

March 18

### **Building the Boom: Economic Growth in the Postwar Era**

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Andrew Shonfield, Modern Capitalism: The Changing Balance of Public and Private Power, (Oxford University Press, 1969), chapters 1-4;

# Andrea Boltho (ed.), The European Economy: Growth and Crisis, (Oxford University Press, 1982), chapters Introduction, 1, 10;

# Barry Eichengreen, "*Institutions and Economic Growth: Europe after World War II*," in Nicholas Crafts and Gianni

Toniolo, (eds.), Economic Growth in Europe Since 1945, (Cambridge University Press, 1997), chapter 2.

March 25

**Spring Break**

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April 1

**Building the Boom: The International System and Economic Reconstruction**

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# Fred L. Block, The Origins of International Economic Disorder: a study of United States international monetary policy from World War II to the present, (University of California Press, 1977) chapters 1-5;

# Alan S. Milward, The Reconstruction of Western Europe, 1945-51, (University of California Press, 1984) chapter 14;

# J. Bradford De Long and Barry Eichengreen, "The Marshall Plan: History's Adjustment Program", in Rudiger Dornbusch et. al., Postwar Economic Reconstruction and Lessons for the East Today, (MIT Press, 1993), pp. 189-230;

Alan S. Milward, The European Rescue of the Nation-State, (Routledge, 2000), chapters 1, 2, 4.

April 8

**From the Golden 1960s to the Crisis of the 1970s: Politics and Economy from the "Trente Glorieuses" to Stagflation**

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# Ernst Haas, "Technocracy, Pluralism and the New Europe," and S. M. Lipset, "The Changing Class Structure and Contemporary European Politics," in Stephen Graubard (ed.), A New Europe?, (Houghton Mifflin, 1964), 62-88 & 337-370;

# Phillip Armstrong, Andrew Glyn, John Harrison, Capitalism Since 1945, (Basil Blackwell, 1991), chapters 8-19;

# Samuel Brittan, "Inflation and Democracy," and John Goldthorpe, "The Current Inflation: Towards Sociological

*Account,*" in Fred Hirsch and John Goldthorpe (eds.), The Political Economy of Inflation (Harvard University Press, 1978), chapter 7, 8.

April 15

**European Capitalism today: Making Europe**

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Joseph Weiler, The Constitution of Europe : Do the new clothes have an emperor?, (Cambridge University Press, 1999), chapters 1, 2;

Giandomenico Majone, (ed), Regulating Europe, (Routledge, 1996) chapters 1-4;

Karen Alter, Establishing the Supremacy of European Law: the Making of an International Rule of Law in Europe, (Oxford University Press, 2001), chapters 1, 2, 5, 6.

April 22

**Patriots' Day**

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April 29

**Varieties of Capitalism**

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# Peter Hall and David Soskice, Varieties of Capitalism, (Oxford University Press, 2001), Introduction;

Robert Boyer, "*The Convergence Hypothesis Revisited: Globalization but still the Century of Nations?*" and Andrea Boltho "*Has France Converged on Germany?*" and Wolfgang Streeck "*Lean Production in the German Auto Industry*" all in Suzanne Berger and Ronald Dore (eds.), National Diversity and Global Capitalism, (Cornell University Press, 1999) chapters Introduction, 1, 3, 5.

May 6

**Globalization and the Future of the Welfare State**

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# Jonah Levy, "Vice into Virtue," Politics & Society, June 1999, vol. 27, no. 2, pp. 239-273;

# John Stephens, Evelyne Huber, Leonard Ray, "The Welfare State in Hard Times" in Kitschelt et al, Continuity & Change in Contemporary Capitalism, (Cambridge, 1999) chapter 6;

# Wolfgang Streeck, "From Market Making to State Building? Reflections on the Political Economy of European Social Policy." in Leibfried and Pierson, European Social Policy: Between Fragmentation and Integration, (Brookings Institution, 1995), chapter 12.

May 13

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### **Globalization and European Politics**

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# Kathleen Thelen, "Varieties of Labor Politics in the Developed Democracies," in Peter Hall and David Soskice, Varieties of Capitalism, (Oxford University Press, 2001), chapter 2;

# Marcos Ancelovici, "Organizing against Globalization: The Case of ATTAC in France," in Politics and Society, September 2002, vol. 30, no. 3, pp. 427-463;

# Kenneth Scheve and Matthew Slaughter, "What Determines Individual Trade Policy Preferences?" National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper 6531, April 1998.