

Comparative Politics

This is an exciting time to study Comparative Politics. Our field occupies the troubled but dynamic boundary between general theoretical perspectives and systematic engagement with specific cases. Our efforts of necessity employ different methodologies and study different issues. But our underlying aim is to contribute to the development of theoretically grounded comparative understandings of political life. By definition this goal cannot be attained; progress toward it can.

Research and instruction are advanced by our association with the Indiana Political Data Archive and Laboratory and by the presence of major library collections and librarians with substantive expertise. The Data Lab is located on the second floor of Woodburn Hall. It provides computer consulting services for accessing the Archive as well as answering general questions concerning computer hardware and software. These services are of tremendous benefit to graduate students and faculty. Most of the data sets in the Archive are from the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research which is a partnership between the Center for Political Studies at the University of Michigan and more than three hundred member universities and colleges around the world.

The Indiana University libraries are one of the major research library systems in the country, providing a rich resource for the study of comparative politics. The libraries contain over five million books and bound journals and almost forty thousand current serial subscriptions. The Government Publications Department has been a depository of the United Nations since 1969 and of the European community/Union since 1963. The Library acquires all publications from all the major international agencies including the council of Europe, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the World Trade Organization, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Health Organization as well as from more specialized bodies.

The Library also is a leader in innovative electronic resources and services. The Libraries offer its patrons on-site access to over one thousand databases in both online and compact disc form. Access to over forty-five CD-ROM databases is provided at

publicly available computer workstations. A very abbreviated list of electronic resources available includes UN Index, EUROCAT, UNESCO, LEXIS/NEXIS, PAIS, Ethnic Newswatch, and Sociofile. To help manage and make sense of this wealth of information, there are subject librarians in African Studies, East Asian Studies, Latin American Studies, Slavic and East European Studies, and West European Studies, as well as in Political Science. These librarians, being trained in their fields, are able to offer informed substantive information in addition to technical assistance.

OTHER INDIANA UNIVERSITY RESOURCES

Our studies in the field of Comparative Politics are given breadth and depth by the presence at Indiana University of a number of relevant programs and institutes. We mention here the Area Studies Centers, the Center for Global Change, and the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis. At Indiana University there are Area Centers in African Studies, Central Eurasian Studies, East Asian Studies, Latin American Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, and Russian and East European Studies, and West European Studies. Most are federally funded Title VI National Resource Centers offering among other things Foreign Language and Area Studies Graduate Fellowships (FLAS) for which our students are eligible and which they routinely receive. The programs sponsor and coordinate an immense array of language instruction from Bombara to Yakut. They offer interdisciplinary seminars and conferences. Associated faculty provide essential contextual assistance. The Area Centers also are in part responsible for the wealth of relevant foreign language material in our libraries. Finally, many of our graduate students choose one of the programs as their graduate “outside minor.” All our students are eligible to compete for travel grants and other research support and to teach independent courses offered by the Centers.

The Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis emphasizes theory and its relation to policy-related research. The Co-Director is Elinor Ostrom in our department. Both macro and micro analyses of institutions in a number of countries are conducted by Research Associates, Visiting Scholars, and Indiana University students. The Workshop faculties contain a major archive of common-pool resource systems throughout the world. The core of the Workshop’s graduate teaching effort is a year-long seminar that focuses on comparative institutional analysis and development. It attracts scholars and professionals from a variety of disciplines and nations including recently Germany, Russia, China, Egypt, and Nigeria as well as the United States.

We are proud of our graduates’ accomplishments. Most pursue careers in college or university teaching. To list some of the colleges and universities, over the last fifteen years, our comparative graduate students have taken positions at The Colleges of Grinnell, Lewis and Clark, New College, Florida, St. Mary’s and William and Mary, as well as the Universities of Delaware, Dublin (Ireland), Leiden (Netherlands), Mississippi, Hawaii, New Mexico, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Puget Sound, Vermont and Texas. Some are employed at federal agencies including the Agency for International Development, the State Department, and the congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

COMPARATIVE POLITICS FACULTY

JACK BIELASIAK

Professor

Director of Undergraduate Studies

(Ph.D., Cornell University, 1975)

Professor Bielasiak's interests are in the fields of comparative politics, with a special interest in the process of democratization and in electoral and party systems. His major emphasis is on the transformation of post-communist societies in East Europe and the former Soviet Union. His research in this field has focused on political participation and decision-making processes (e.g. articles in *American Political Science Review*, *Studies in Comparative Communism*, *East European Quarterly*, *International Journal of Politics*, and edited collections), on the political crisis in Poland (editor of **Poland Today**, and of **Polish Politics: Edge of the Abyss**, and numerous articles), and on the political economy of reform in post-communist systems (publications in several journals such as *Economic and Industrial Democracy Journal*, *East European Politics and Societies*, and edited books). His current research and writing focus on a global comparison of electoral processes and party institutionalization in emerging democracies, involving West European, Latin American, Asian, and post-communist cases (articles in *Comparative Politics*, *Party Politics*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, *Studies in Public Policy*, and several edited volumes), as well as a book length study on *Institutionalizing Democracy: Post-communism Party Systems In Comparative Perspective*.

In conjunction with these interests, Professor Bielasiak teaches courses on Transitions to Democracy, Political Democratization, East European Politics, and Post- Communist Politics. Beyond this area, he is also involved in the study and teaching of 20th century genocides, offering courses on the Holocaust and Politics, The Politics of Genocide, and Political Tyranny. He has received several university and APSA awards for outstanding teaching

Professor Bielasiak has served as Director of the Polish Studies Program here at IU, and as Associate Director of American Studies at the University of Warsaw. Most recently he held the Fulbright Distinguished Chair at the University of Warsaw.

GARDNER BOVINGDON

Adjunct Associate Professor

(PhD, Cornell University, 2002)

Associate Professor, Central Eurasian Studies

Professor Bovingdon's research interests include Comparative and Chinese politics, theories of nationalism and state-building, political economy, ethnic politics, Marxism and critical theory, and qualitative research methodologies. A specialist on Xinjiang, Professor Bovingdon is an adjunct member of the Political Science faculty and an Assistant Professor in Central Eurasian Studies (CEUS). He teaches a variety of courses in CEUS and in Political Science, including *The History of Xinjiang to 1911*, *Politics in Modern Xinjiang*; *The Politics of Identity in China and Inner Asia*; and *Grave-robbers*,

Missionaries, and Spies: Foreign Adventurers in Chinese Turkistan. He received the Clark Distinguished Teaching Award while at Yale in 2000.

Among his publications are "CCP Policies and Popular Responses in Xinjiang, 1949 to the present," **Governing China's Multiethnic Frontiers**, ed. Morris Rossabi (Seattle: University of Washington Press, forthcoming); "The Not-so-silent Majority: Uyghur Resistance to Han Rule in Xinjiang," *Modern China* 28.1 (January 2002), 39-78; and "The History of the History of Xinjiang," *Twentieth Century China* 26.2 (April 2001), 95-139.

WILLIAM FIERMAN

Adjunct Professor

(Ph.D. Harvard University, 1979)

Professor, Central Eurasian Studies

Professor Fierman is Director of the Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center. His research interest is in politics of Central Asia, especially policies affecting language, Islam, and state identities. His current projects include language politics and problems in Kazakhstan.

Major publications include **Language Planning and National Development: The Uzbek Experience** (Mouton Press, 1991); **Soviet Central Asia: The Failed Transformation** (Westview Press, 1991) , Editor of Journal Special Issue, "Implementing Language Laws: Perestroika and its Legacy in Five Republics: *Nationalities Papers*, XXIII, No. 3 (1995), pp 505-659 and a number of articles and book chapters including "Changing Urban Demography and the Prospects of Nationalism in Kazakhstan," *Canadian Review of Studies in Nationalism*, XXVII, Nos. 1-2 (2000), 7-20; Language and Identity in Kazakhstan: Formulations in Policy Documents, 1987-1997," *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, XXX, No. 2 (1998), 1771-186; "Political Development in Uzbekistan: Democratization?" in Karen Dawisha and Bruce Parrott (eds.) *Conflict, Cleavage and Change in Central Asia and the Caucasus* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997), pp 360-408

Professor Fierman teaches courses on Soviet and Post-Soviet Nationality Problems, Post-Soviet Transition in Central Asia, and Politics and Society in Central Asia.

SUMIT GANGULY

Rabindranath Tagore Professor of

Indian Cultures and Civilizations

(Ph.D., University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1984)

Director of Research, Center on American and Global Security

Sumit Ganguly has previously been on the faculty of James Madison College of Michigan State University, Hunter College and the Graduate School of the City University of New York and the University of Texas at Austin. He has also taught at Columbia University in New York City. He has been a Fellow and a Guest Scholar at the

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC, a Visiting Fellow at the Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford University and a Visiting Fellow at the Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law at Stanford University and an Asia Fellow at Sciences Po in Paris. In the spring of 2010 he was the Ngee Ann Kongsi Professor of International Relations at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. In the fall of 2010 he will be a Senior Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Defense Studies and Analysis in New Delhi. His research and writing are focused on questions of political violence, ethnic politics and nuclear weapons with a regional focus on South Asia.

His research and writing has been supported by grants from the Asia Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the W. Alton Jones Foundation, the United States Institute of Peace and the United States Army War College. He serves on the editorial boards of *Asian Affairs*, *Asian Survey*, *Current History*, *Journal of Democracy* and *Security Studies*. He has published in *Asian Affairs*, *Asian Survey*, *Current History*, *the Journal of Asian and African Affairs*, *Foreign Affairs*, *the Journal of Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, *the Journal of Democracy*, *the Journal of Strategic Studies*, *International Security and Security Studies*. He is also the founding editor of both the *India Review* and *Asian Security*, two referred journals published by Taylor and Francis, London. Professor Ganguly is the author, editor or co-editor of twenty books on South Asia. His most recent books are **India, Pakistan and the Bomb: Debating Nuclear Stability in South Asia** (co-authored with S. Paul Kapur) jointly published by Columbia University Press and Penguin Books (New Delhi) and an edited volume, **Indian Foreign Policy: Retrospect and Prospect** (Oxford University Press, New Delhi). He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, New York and the International Institute of Strategic Studies, London. He is currently finishing a book (with Rahul Mukherji of the National University of Singapore) **India Since 1980**, under contract with Cambridge University Press, New York. He has also started work on a new book, **Deadly Impasse: India-Pakistan Relations at the Dawn of a New Century** for Cambridge University Press.

In 2006 the Italian Chamber of Deputies awarded him a gold medal for his contributions to South Asian security studies and in 2009 the Government of India awarded him a Pravasi Samman Award (“expatriate honor award”) for his contributions to Indo-US relations.

Sumit Ganguly is the Rabindranath Tagore Professor of Indian Cultures and Civilizations, and Professor of Political Science. Professor Ganguly's research and writing interests are focused on South Asia. He has published extensively in the areas of ethnic conflict, inter-state war and defense and security policy. His articles have appeared in *Asian Affairs*, *Asian Survey*, *the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, *the Journal of Asian and African Affairs*, *the Journal of Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, *Foreign Affairs*, *the Journal of Strategic Studies*, *Security Studies*, *International Security*, *Survival* and the *Washington Quarterly*.

His most recent work, published by the University of Washington Press and Oxford University Press (New Delhi), is titled *Fearful Symmetry: India-Pakistan Crises in the Shadow of Nuclear Weapons*. His research and writing have been supported by grants from the Asia Foundation, the American Institute for Indian Studies, the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Ford Foundation, the W. Alton Jones Foundation and the United States Institute of Peace. He has also been a guest scholar and a fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C., and a visiting fellow at the Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford University and at the Cooperative Monitoring Center, Sandia National Laboratory, in Albuquerque, N.M. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations (New York) and the International Institute of Strategic Studies (London). Professor Ganguly serves on the editorial boards of *Asian Affairs*, *Asian Survey*, *Current History*, and *The Journal of Strategic Studies*. He is also the editor of *The India Review*, published by Taylor and Francis and the co-editor of a new journal, *Asia Security*, also published by Taylor & Francis.

JEFFREY A. HART

Professor

(Ph.D., University of California at Berkeley, 1975)

Professor Hart has conducted research in international politics, international political economy, and the politics of high technology industries. His dissertation at the University of California at Berkeley concerned applications of mathematical graph theory to the analysis of structures of power, cognition, and cooperation-conflict. Several articles based on this research were published in a volume edited by Robert Axelrod, **Structure of Decision** (1976), and in the *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *International Interactions*, and *International Organization*. He also applied these techniques in an analysis of Latin American elites, published in *World Politics*.

Professor Hart's research since the beginning of the 1980s has been on the politics of international competitiveness in software, semiconductors, computer displays, and telecommunications. His book, **Rival Capitalists** (1992), attempts to explain changes in the international competitiveness of the steel, auto, and semiconductor industries in five advanced industrial countries: the United States, Japan, Germany, France, and the United Kingdom.

In the mid and late 1990s, Professor Hart collaborated with Asseem Prakash, producing three edited volumes on globalization: **Globalization and Governance** (1999); **Coping with Globalization** (2000), and **Responding to Globalization** (2000). He also collaborated during this period with Sangbae Kim on a series of articles dealing with the resurgence of U.S. international competitiveness.

Also during the 1990s, Professor Hart conducted research on high definition television (HDTV) and digital television (DTV) in the United States, Western Europe, and Japan. The results were published in **Technology, Television and Competition: The Politics of**

Digital TV (2004). Hart is currently associate editor of the **International Journal of Digital Television**.

Professor Hart's most recent book is the 7th edition of a major textbook on international political economy, **The Politics of International Economic Relations** (2010), co-authored with Joan Edelman Spero. This is the third time he participated in revising this text.

Professor Hart teaches courses on international political economy, politics and film, and the politics of the Internet.

**Professor Timothy Hellwig, Assistant Professor
(Ph.D. University of Minnesota, 2004)**

Professor Hellwig's research interests include comparative and international political economy, mass political behavior, and European politics. His work appears or is forthcoming in several journals and book chapters, including the *American Journal of Political Science*, the *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, and the *Journal of Politics*. He is currently working on three projects. The first examines how elite cues and individual beliefs affect how voters hold politicians accountable for policy outcomes. The second examines how electoral systems affect party positions and success in parliamentary elections. And the third is a book length project funded by the National Science Foundation on economic globalization and mass politics which extends work on the implications of domestic politics of economic openness to voters and parties. Professor Hellwig holds a BA from St. Cloud State University, an MA from American University, and a PhD from the University of Minnesota. Before coming to IU, he was on the faculty at the University of Houston and has been a visiting researcher at the University of Essex. Professor Hellwig teaches courses on comparative political economy, comparative elections, European politics, the European Union, world politics, and quantitative methods.

**GREGORY J. KASZA
Professor
(Ph.D., Yale University, 1983)**

Professor Kasza's scholarship analyzes Japanese politics from a broad comparative perspective. His interests include state-society relations, war and politics, fascism, and welfare policy. He is the author of *The State and the Mass Media in Japan, 1918-1945* (1988) and *The Conscript Society* (1995). The latter book is a study of official mass organizations in Japan, China, and five other countries. Professor Kasza's latest project is a book titled *The One World of the Welfare State: Japan in Comparative Perspective* (forthcoming 2006). In addition to six years of research in Japan, he has done fieldwork in Latin America, and he has held research appointments at Kyoto University, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo University, Harvard, and Oxford. He teaches courses on Japanese Politics, Business and Public Policy in Japan, War in Comparative Politics, Qualitative Methods, and the graduate survey of comparative politics.

SCOTT KENNEDY

Associate Professor

(Ph.D., George Washington University, 2002)

Professor Kennedy is a specialist on Chinese politics and political economy. His research interests include government-business relations, the policy-making process, and international regimes. He is author of **The Business of Lobbying in China** (Harvard University Press, 2005), which documents the growing influence of Chinese and multinational companies on China's national economic policies; and editor of **China Cross Talk: The American Debate over China Policy since Normalization, A Reader** (Roman & Littlefield, 2003). He has also published articles in *China Quarterly*, *China Journal*, *Asia Policy*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *World Policy Journal*, *Business and Society*, *Problems of Post-Communism*, and *China Business Review*.

He currently is engaged in three book projects. The first, "Mandarin Playing Capitalist Games," examines how interest groups, domestic political institutions, and the rules of international organizations shape Chinese government and industry participation in the global economic system. It is concerned with both Chinese involvement in international bodies such as the World Trade Organization as well as with China's creation and implementation of relevant regulatory structures domestically. The second project, "The Politics of Lobbying in China," looks at the continuing evolution of lobbying in China, with attention paid to both emerging formal institutions such as industry associations and informal practices and norms. The third project, **Beyond the Middle Kingdom: Comparative Perspectives on China's Capitalist Transformation** (forthcoming Stanford University Press), is an edited volume that examines various aspects of Chinese economic policy and the behavior of interest groups in China in comparative perspective.

Kennedy has sought to cross multiple boundaries and bridge different approaches: the comparative-international relations sub-fields, qualitative and quantitative methodologies, and area studies and general theory building. In both his research and teaching, he tries to emphasize that understanding different problems may require different approaches, and often several perspectives are needed.

A faculty member in East Asian Languages and Culture as well as Political Science, Kennedy is also Director of the Research Center for Chinese Politics and Business. The RCCPB is dedicated to providing thought leadership on issues that meet at the intersection of Chinese politics and the global world of business and building bridges between the scholarly, business, and policy communities in the United States, China, and elsewhere. In addition to its home office on the Bloomington campus, the center has an office in Beijing, China.

His primary area of research is political economy, a topic which cross which cross traditional disciplinary boundaries. His recent book, *The Business of Lobbying in China* (Harvard University Press, 2005), documents the growth of industry influence on national public policy in China and also highlights how economic factors shape both the ways

government and business interact and firms' relative policy influence. His current project concerns Chinese government and industry involvement in global economic regimes, with a focus on fair trade, technical standards, and credit rating. His articles have appeared in *Political Science Quarterly*, *China Quarterly*, *World Policy Journal*, *China Journal*, *Problems of Post-Communism*, and the popular press. His interest in US-China relations led him to edit *China Cross Talk: The American Debate Over China Policy Since Normalization, A Reader* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2003).

LAUREN MORRIS MACLEAN
Associate Professor
(University of California Berkeley, 2002)

Professor MacLean's research and teaching interests are comparative political economy and public policy, with a particular focus on the politics of state formation, social welfare, and citizenship in Africa and the U.S.

She is currently involved in four projects. The first examines how different histories of state formation have transformed informal institutions of reciprocity and the practice of citizenship in similar regions of Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire. This research is the basis for a book entitled **Informal Institutions and Citizenship in Rural Africa: Risk and Reciprocity in Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire** (Cambridge University Press, 2010). This study was supported by the National Science Foundation, Social Science Research Council, Fulbright-Hays DDRA, the Institute for the Study of World Politics, the University of California at Berkeley's African Studies Center, IU's Center on Philanthropy, and IU's Workshop on Political Theory and Policy Analysis.

Emerging from the above research, the second project is more broadly comparative and attempts to conceptualize the politics of social welfare provision in the global South. Professor MacLean is collaborating with Dr. Melani Cammett (Brown University) on a special journal issue of *Studies in Comparative International Development* as well as an edited volume, *The Politics of Non-State Social Welfare in the Global South*.

The third project investigates the representation of American Indians in the health policymaking process in the US since the mid-1970s. The study analyzes the tremendous variation in the extent and quality of consultation between states and tribal nations over time. This project was initiated with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Scholars in Health Policy post-doctoral program at the University of Michigan. Since then, the project was partially supported by IU's New Frontiers program, funded by Lilly Endowment and administered by the Office of the Vice Provost for Research.

All of Professor MacLean's projects to date have integrated qualitative and quantitative methodologies and involved extensive primary data collection in the field. Drawing from this experience, she is currently working on a fourth book project entitled *Field Research in Political Science* with Dr. Diana Kapiszewski (UC-Irvine) and Dr. Ben Read (UC-Santa Cruz).

Her work has been published thus far in *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *International Journal of Public Administration*, *Journal of Modern African Studies*, and *Studies in Comparative International Development*.

Professor Maclean is affiliated with the African Studies Program, the Workshop on Political Theory and Policy Analysis, the Center on Philanthropy and the Committee on Native American and Indigenous Studies. She teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on African Politics, Political Economy of Development, Comparative Politics, Indigenous Politics and Research Methods.

ELINOR OSTROM

**Indiana University Distinguished Professor, Arthur F. Bentley Professor
(Ph.D., U.C.L.A., 1965)**

Senior Research Director, Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis

Professor Ostrom is interested in exploring how institutional rules affect the structure of action situations within which individuals face incentives, make choices, and jointly affect each other. Problems involving collective goods and common-pool resource systems, and how various types of institutions enhance or detract from the capabilities of individuals to achieve equitable, workable, efficient solutions are a central theoretical concern. In urban settings she has been interested in the problems of collective action where citizens face problems of crime, poor education, and deteriorating environmental conditions.

She is also interested in the same problems as they relate to resource problems in the Third World, particularly problems of collective action related to forests, fisheries, grazing areas, agricultural lands, and water systems. A major study of institutions and forests is being initiated as part of an effort to study the inter-relationships between local and global commons. Professor Ostrom is currently working with colleagues in several tropical countries to investigate the impacts of diverse institutional arrangements on forest conditions and on global environmental change. The Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis emphasizes theory and its application to policy-related research. Research focuses on the effect of institutional arrangements upon the incentives that people face and consequently upon individuals' behavior. Both micro and macro analyses of institutions in diverse countries are conducted by Research Associates, Visiting Scholars and Indiana University students.

Professor Ostrom is a past president of the American Political Science Association, a recipient of the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2009, and recipient of numerous international awards for her scholarly contributions to the development of institutional analysis, common-pool resources, and collective action.

**Karen Rasler, Professor
(Ph.D., Florida State University, 1981)**

Professor Rasler's research interests are in general theories of international conflict and cooperation; relative decline of world powers; war and statebuilding processes; societal consequences of war; modeling long cycles of war; distribution of power and technological innovations; political violence and internal wars. She has taught a core seminar in international relations, American Foreign Policy, political violence and revolutions, and introduction to political inquiry (research design).

She has a variety of journal articles in *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Sociological Review*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research* and *International Interactions*. She co-authored with William R. Thompson, **War and Statemaking: The Shaping of Civil Wars**, (1989), **The Great Powers and Global Struggle, 1490-1990** (1994) and **Puzzles of the Democratic Peace: Theory, Geopolitics and the Transformation of World Politics** (2005).

**Armando Razo, Associate Professor
(Ph.D., Stanford University, 2003)**

Professor Razo's research interests are in the field of comparative politics, with an emphasis on political economy of development. He is the author of **Social Foundations of Limited Dictatorship** (Stanford University Press, 2008) on policymaking in dictatorships. He is co-author with Stephen Haber and Noel Maurer of **The Politics of Property Rights** (Cambridge University, 2003). He has published articles in *World Politics*, the *Journal of Economic History*, and the *Journal of Latin American Studies*.

His research and teaching center around two themes: (1) how formal and informal institutions in developing countries affect economic performance; and (2) the study of political institutions and political organization in nondemocratic settings. He teaches courses on comparative politics, social networks, modern political economy, methodology, and Latin American politics.

**Jean C. Robinson, Professor
Associate Dean for Faculty and Academic Programs, College of Arts and Sciences
(Ph.D., Cornell University, 1980)**

Professor Robinson is interested in the politics of equality. Currently she is working on an interdisciplinary project with IU Law Professor Julia Lamber and IU sociologist Rudy Professor Pamela Barnhouse Walters, funded by the Spencer Foundation, that examines debates among Americans over equality politics in education policy, analyzing attempts to establish equality in education through policies such as Title IX, vouchers, and school funding.

Originally trained as a comparativist and a China specialist, Jean has broadened her geographic boundaries considerably. She has done research in China, Poland, Germany, Britain and France, as well as being a fellow at Stanford University. She is a founding

member of the international research group RNGS (Research Network on Gender, Politics and the State.) Sampling of publications include contributions to **Comparative State Feminism** (Sage, 1995) and **Abortion Politics, Women's Movements, and the Democratic State** (Oxford, 2001) and in journals such as *The Women's Review of Books*, *The NWSA Journal*, *The China Quarterly*, *Policy Studies Review*, *Polity*, *Asian Survey*, and *Comparative Education Review*. Most recent publications include **Living Gender after Communism**, co-edited with IU Ph.D. Janet E. Johnson (IU Press, 2007) and a contribution to **Same-Sex Marriage in the Americas** (2010) with graduate student Ahmed Khanani.

When she teaches, Professor Robinson offers courses on the politics of morality, religion and public policy; feminist political thought; and cross-cultural studies of gender, sexuality and the family. She received the IU President's Award for Distinguished Teaching (1996) and seven other teaching awards, as well as the 2007 Distinguished Service Award. Professor Robinson has won two NSF research grants as well as funding from NEH, Fulbright, and other agencies. She has led the development of the Advanced Placement Exams in Comparative Government and Politics, having served as chair of that College Board program from 1996-99 and now as head of the grading for the AP Examination in Comparative Government and Politics

She previously served as DUGS and as DGS in the department and as Director of the Leadership Ethics and Social Action program (2003-2007). She was Director of Women's Studies (1977-1982, 1991-92) and Dean for Women's Affairs (1998-2003), and Interim Dean of the Hutton Honors College (2007-08). Professor Robinson is an active member of the Bloomington community, having served on many not-for-profit boards including, currently, Middle Way House, Bloomington's national model shelter and training program for women victims of violence and their children.

ABDULKADER SINNO

Associate Professor

(Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles, 2002)

Professor Sinno is an Associate Professor of Political Science and Middle Eastern Studies at Indiana University, Bloomington, and a 2009 Carnegie Scholar. He received his PhD from UCLA in 2002 and was a CISAC Postdoctoral Fellow at Stanford University. His first book, **Organizations at War in Afghanistan and Beyond** (Cornell University Press, 2008; 2010 paperback edition) develops an organizational theory to explain the evolution and outcomes of civil wars, ethnic strife and other territorial conflicts. He organized an international conference at Indiana University on Muslims in Western Politics and is the editor of a volume on the same topic (**Muslims in Western Politics**, Indiana University Press, 2009). He co-organized another international conference titled "State Building in Afghanistan and Iraq" (November 2009, funded by the McCormick Foundation) and is co-editing a related edited volume. He is preparing a new book manuscript on Muslim representation in Western liberal democracies (funded by the Carnegie Award) and another on Islamist parties' participation in elections. He gave dozens of invited talks at universities, workshops, conferences and policy forums in the

U.S. and internationally. He teaches graduate and undergraduate courses on Middle Eastern politics, politics of Muslims in the West, conflict processes and state building, and comparative politics. He is also Associate Editor of the *Review of Middle Eastern Studies*.

Beate Sissenich
Assistant Professor
(PhD, Cornell University, 2003)

Professor Sissenich studies regional integration with a focus on the European Union and its eastward enlargement. She looks at how international and domestic politics interact. In particular, she investigates whether and how rules diffuse across national borders and what role nonstate actors play in this process. Professor Sissenich's book **Building States without Society** (Lexington 2007) examines the transfer of EU social policy to Poland and Hungary. Her current projects deal with mechanisms of rule convergence and divergence, network governance in the European Union, and transnational contentious politics. She teaches courses on the EU, social movements, and comparative public policy.

Regina A. Smyth
Associate Professor
(Ph.D., Duke University, 1997)

Professor Smyth's research explores the relationship between democratic development and electoral competition by focusing on candidates, political parties and party systems in post-Communist states. Her work is based on original data collection that has been supported by the National Science Foundation, Social Science Research Council, Smith Richardson Foundation, and the National Council for Eurasian and East European Research. Her book **Candidate Strategies and Electoral Competition in the Russian Federation: Democracy without Foundation** (Cambridge 2006) explains the failure of Russian democracy in terms of the factors that impeded cooperation among candidates and party leaders and failed to produce a viable opposition to the ruling party. Her study of Russian party organizations examines the inability of parties' to articulate coherent policy positions or frame policy debates. Her current work on party and party system consolidation across the post-Communist states examines the processes that produce congruence between key political alignments or power centers and partisan competition. Professor Smyth's work has been published in *Politics and Society*, *Comparative Politics*, and *Comparative Political Studies*.

Professor Smyth's teaching interests extend from her research. She has taught courses on Russian and Soviet Politics, Democracy and Elections, Comparative Democratic Institutions, Comparative Parties and Party Systems, Voter Turnout, and West European Politics. She has taught at Penn State University and Harvard University before coming to Indiana University in 2006.