

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.

COMPARATIVE POLITICS FACULTY AND SUPPORTING SERVICES

The department has around a dozen faculty working and teaching in the general field of comparative politics

Jack Bielasiak, Ph.D. Cornell, University, 1975.

Norman Furniss, Ph.D. Harvard, University, 1971.

Jeffrey Hart, Ph.D., University of California At Berkeley, 1975.

Gregory Kasza, Ph.D., Yale University, 1983.

Patrick O'Meara, Ph.D., Indiana, University, 1970.

Elinor Ostrom, Ph.D., University of California Los Angeles, 1965.

Karen Rasler, Ph.D., Florida State, University, 1981.

Jean Robinson, Ph.D., Cornell, University, 1980.

Robert Rohrschneider, Ph.D., Florida, State University, 1989.

Timothy Tilton, Ph.D., Harvard, University, 1972.

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. The political Science Librarian for example, has a Ph.D. from our department.

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, Russian and East European Studies, and West European Studies. All except Middle Eastern Studies are also federally funded Title VI National Resource Centers offering among other things Foreign Language and Area Studies Graduate Fellowships 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 Center for Global Change is headed by Brian Winchester who previously was Director of African Studies. Major funding comes from grants from the MacArthur Foundation as well as from federal agencies. The Center hosts Visiting Scholars, organizes conferences, and promotes interdisciplinary faculty and student research. It is a leader in global education. Of particular interest to our students is the Center’s seminar of field research which can be followed by a travel grant for pre-dissertation research.

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.

GRADUATE STUDENTS IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS

Our graduate students come from a wide range of schools. We list below our current students in comparative Politics. The degree is a BA unless otherwise noted. We include where relevant, students in our joint Ph.D. Program with the School of Public and Environmental Affairs:

Paul Aligica, MA, Bowling Green St. University
Peter Beck, MA, Yale University
Courtney Bowman-Padula, Earlham College
Leslie Fadiga-Stewart, MA, West Virginia University
Charles Hoffman, MA, Boston University
Thomas Ingalls, MA, George Washington University
Janet Johnson, MA, Indiana University
Michael Katula, MPA, School of Public And Environmental Affairs, Indiana University
Bum Suk Kim, MA, Iowa State University
Sang-Bae Kim, MA Seoul National University
Paul Kirby, Grinnell College
Brett Moothart-O'Bannon, MA, University of Louisville
Khalil Osman, MA, Indiana University
Vladimir Pigenko, Cherniutsi State (Ukraine)
Nancy Quirk, University of New Orleans
David Reeths, MA, Georgia Institute of Technology
Brian Shoup, Creighton University
Stephanie Sillay, Furman University
John Summers, Transylvania University
Gordon Vurusic, MA, Central European University, MA, Bowling Green State University
Michael Wolf, MA, University of Akron
Tracy Yandle, MA Baylor University

We are proud of the accomplishments of our students once they receive their degrees. 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, 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. Others work for private corporations including the Combined International Corporation, FYI Information Services, and the Monitor Corporation.

COMPARATIVE POLITICS FACULTY

JACK BIELASIAK

Professor

(Ph.D., Cornell University, 1975)

Professor Bielasiak's interests are in the fields of comparative politics and international relations. His major emphasis is on the transformation of communist societies and political structures in East Europe. His research in this field has focused on political participation and decision-making processes (e.g. articles in Communist and Post-Communist Studies, Studies in Comparative Communism, American Political Science Review, Economic and Industrial Democracy Journal, East European Quarterly, International Journal of Politics, and several collections on East European and communist/post-communist politics), on the political crisis in Poland (editor of Poland Today, and of Polish Politics: Edge of the Abyss, and numerous articles), on workers' participation in communist states, and on the political economy of reform in (post)communist systems (numerous publications in journals and edited books). He is currently working on a manuscript on Reading Post-Communism: Elections and Party Systems in Transitions. In conjunction with these interests, Professor Bielasiak teaches courses on Transitions to Democracy, East European Politics, and Post Communist Politics, as well as courses on Comparative Revolutions, The Politics of Genocide, and Political Tyranny.

NORMAN FURNISS

Professor

(Ph.D., Harvard University, 1971)

Professor Furniss' academic interests are in the areas of comparative politics and public policy. His research focuses on the problems of modernization and political change in advanced industrial states, with particular attention to the West European experience. He is concerned in particular with the role of property rights, comparative public policy, and political futures for the "welfare state."

Professor Furniss has written, with Professor Timothy Tilton, The Case for the Welfare State: From Social Security to Social Equality. He has edited and contributed to Futures for the Welfare State and Turkish Workers in Europe. His articles have been published in Acta Politica, The American Political Science Review, Development and Change, Dissent, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Politics, Political Studies, Public Administration Review, Research in Political Sociology, and World Politics. He has contributed chapters to Roger Benjamin and Stephen Elkin, eds., The Democratic State; Raymond Hall, ed., Ethnic Autonomy-Comparative Dynamics; Harrell Rogers, ed., Public Policy and Social Institutions; Jerold Waltman and Donley Studlar, eds., Dilemmas of Change in British Politics; and Douglas Ashford, ed., History and Context in Comparative Public Policy.

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 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 Robert Axelrod, Editor, Structure of Decision, 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 mid 1970s has been in the area of the international political economy, including a book on the 1973-77 negotiations between rich and poor nations, The New International Economic Order, (1983). He is co-author of Interdependence in the Post-Multilateral Era: Trends in US-European Trade Relations (1985). During 1985-86, he worked in Washington, D.C., for the now defunct Office of Technology Assessment, and authored several chapters of the OTA study "International Competition in the Services," (July 1987).

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. He spent a two-year leave (1987-89) at the Berkeley Roundtable on the International Economy, at the University of California, collaborating with Laura D'Andrea Tyson and Michael Borrus on the politics of high technology industries. 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. Professor Hart's most recent book is the 5th edition of a major textbook on international political economy, The Politics of International Economic Relations (1997), which he co-authored with Joan Edelman Spiro. He has begun a new project on globalization and governance in the world economy, in collaboration with Aseem Prakash, a graduate student at Indiana University.

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, political institutions, war and politics, fascism, and political economy. 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 an eight-country study of official mass organizations, including Chinese trade unions, Peru's Industrial Communities, the Hitler Youth, Egypt's Arab Socialist Union, and Japan's wartime bodies for women and workers. Professor Kasza is currently researching a book to be titled Japan in Comparative Politics. In addition to five years of research in Japan, he has done field work in Latin America. He teaches courses on Japanese Politics, Business & Public Policy in Japan, and War in Comparative Politics, as well as more general courses in the comparative field.

PATRICK O'MEARA

Professor Political Science and Public and Environmental Affairs

Dean of International Programs
(Ph.D., Indiana University, 1970)

Professor O'Meara's main field of interest is comparative politics and development. He has been concerned with African politics in general and specifically with Southern African politics, particularly aspects of opposition, conflict, and nationalism. His interests also include political theory, and he has taught courses in this area. His course offerings include Introduction to Political Philosophy, Comparative and International Development, Comparative African Politics--South Africa, Urban Politics, and Violence in Africa. Most recent publications include: "Reform or Revolution: Political Forecast for Post-Apartheid South Africa," (with N. Brian Winchester), in Seth, Prakash (ed.) The South African Quagmire: In Search for a Path to Peaceful Pluralism, (1987); a chapter in Revolutions of the Late Twentieth Century, edited by Jack Goldstone (forthcoming), and Globalization and the Challenges of a New Century (2000); Africa (3rd edition), co-edited with Phyllis M. Martin, (1995). Articles appear in numerous journals and periodicals, including Current History, World View, Africana Journal, and Encyclopedia Americana/Annual (1984 to present).

ELINOR OSTROM

Arthur E. Bentley Professor
Co-Director of the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis
(Ph.D., U.C.L.A., 1965)

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.

KAREN RASLER

Associate 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 state building 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, 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 and International Interactions. She co-authored with William R. Thompson, War and Statemaking: The Shaping of Civil Wars, (1989) and The Great Powers and Global Struggle, 1490-1990, (1994).

JEAN C. ROBINSON

Associate Professor

(Ph.D., Cornell University, 1980)

Professor Robinson's interests are in the fields of comparative politics and political theory, with special focus on public policy, gender, and feminism. She is particularly concerned with the competing demands of individual citizens and national/community interests. The way gender is negotiated is critical to her work as is her focus on feminist theory and cross cultural studies of policies as they affect the lives of women, men and children. Professor Robinson's research focuses primarily on China, France, and on occasion Poland. These interests are reflected in publications on women and family in China, on conflicts over educational policy in China, on socialist family policies, on state feminist organizations in China and Poland, and on comparative studies of charismatic leadership. She is currently working on two major projects: One is a comparative study of family policies and popular resistance to them in China and Poland. The second is an in-depth analysis of policy debates surrounding abortion in France. This last project is a continuation of her involvement with RNGS, an international research group examining the effectiveness of women's policy agencies. Previous work with RNGS resulted in a contribution to the edited volumes Comparative State Feminism (1995). Professor Robinson has also published in numerous other edited volumes, as well as The China Quarterly, Policy Studies Review, Polity, Asian Survey, and Comparative Education Review. Professor Robinson teaches courses on Chinese politics, feminist political theories; gender and the state, cross-cultural studies of gender, family and politics; as well as introductory courses in comparative politics. Professor Robinson currently serves as Dean for Women's Affairs at IU.

ROBERT ROHRSCHEIDER

Assistant Professor

(Ph.D., Florida State University, 1989)

Professor Rohrschneider's teaching and research interests center on comparative politics of advanced industrialized democracies with a concentration on Europe. He is especially interested in comparative public opinion, political parties, electoral behavior, democratization, environmentalism, and political culture. Currently, he is involved in two projects. One examines the extent to which environmental groups interact globally; a second focuses on popular support for a European government. His publications include Learning Democracy: Democratic and Economic Values in Unified Germany, 1999, which won the 1998 Stein Rokkan prize for Comparative Social Science Research. His research has also been published in such journals as the American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, the European Journal of Political Research, Comparative Political Studies, and the Journal of Politics.

TIMOTHY A. TILTON

Professor

(Ph.D., Harvard University, 1972)

Professor Tilton's main field of interest is the theory and the politics of the welfare state, and local government. For nine of the last thirteen summers Tilton has pursued research in Sweden on the politics of the welfare state and the ideological development of Swedish Social Democracy. Some of the results of this research appear in The Case for the Welfare State (co-author Norman Furniss); articles on Ernst Wigforss (Swedish Social Democracy's great theorist); and various pieces in Scandinavian Studies. A book on the political theory of Swedish Social Democracy is in progress. Earlier Tilton conducted research in northern Germany comparing the bases of electoral support for Nazism and Neo-Nazism, the results of which appeared in Nazism, Neo-Nazism, and the Peasantry. Tilton has also written on de Tocqueville, American social welfare policy, and Swedish political development.