

Curriculum STV2360, autumn 2015 (1008 pages)

The following institutional frameworks will not be studied as such, but treated as possible "institutional constraints": The European Union, central and regional/local governance (federalism, decentralization).

The key textbooks will be:

- Gallagher, Michael, Michael Laver og Peter Mair (2011): *Representative Government in Modern Europe*, 5th edition. New York: McGraw-Hill.
- Smith, Steven S, Jasen M. Roberts and Ryan J. Vander Wielen (2013) *The American Congress*, 7th edition. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Nikolenyi, Csaba. (2014). *Institutional Design and Party Government in Post-Communist Europe*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Introduction (60)

Rothstein, Bo (1996): "Political institutions: An overview", in R.E. Goodin and H-D. Klingemann (eds.): *A New Handbook of Political Science*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, p. 133-166 (33p)

Przeworski, Adam (2004): "Institutions Matter?" *Government and Opposition* Vol. 39 (4), p. 527-540 (13p)

Beyme, K. v. (2006). Political Institutions - Old and New. *The Oxford Handbook of Political Institutions*. R. A. W. Rhodes, S. A. Binder and B. A. Rockman, Oxford University Press: 743-757, (14p)

European Politics Textbook (436)

Gallagher, Michael, Michael Laver og Peter Mair (2011, 5th edition): *Representative Government in Modern Europe*. New York: McGraw-Hill. (202 in total, Central-Eastern Europe included):

- Ch. 1 Introduction (23 s)
- Ch. 2 The Executive (24 s)
- Ch. 3 Parliaments (37 s)
- Ch. 4 Constitutions, Judges and Politics (32 s)
- Ch. 6 Central and Regional Governance (6.1-6.5) (17s)
- Ch. 7 Patterns in Party Politics and Party Systems (43)
- Ch. 8 Party Families (40)
- Ch. 9 Cleavage Structures and Electoral Change (48)
- Ch. 10 Inside European Political Parties (40)
- Ch. 11 Elections, Electoral Systems and Referendums (46)
- Ch. 12 Making and Breaking Governments (46 s)
- Ch. 13 Politics outside Parliament (21 s)
- Ch. 14 Does Representative Government Make a Difference? (19 s)

American Politics Textbook (336)

Smith, Steven S, Jasen M. Roberts and Ryan J. Vander Wielen (2013) *The American Congress*, 7th edition, Cambridge University Press (336 in total)

- Ch. 2: Representation and Lawmaking in Congress: The Constitutional and Historical Context (29 p)
- Ch. 3: Congressional Elections and Policy Alignments (33 p)
- Ch. 4: Members, Goals, Resources, and Strategies (37 p)
- Ch. 5: Parties and Leaders (41 p)
- Ch. 6: The Standing Committees (43 p)
- Ch. 7: The Rules of the Legislative Game (31 p)
- Ch. 8: The Floor and Voting (27 p)
- Ch. 9: Congress and the President (37 p)
- Ch. 10: Congress and the Courts (29 p)
- Ch. 11: Congress, Lobbyists, and Interest Groups (29 p)

Central and East European Politics Textbook (176)

Nikolenyi, Csaba. (2014). *Institutional Design and Party Government in Post-Communist Europe*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

- Ch. 1 Introduction (22p)
- Ch. 2 Post-Communist Institutional Design: Electoral Systems, Parliaments and Presidents (21p)
- Ch. 3 Political Institutions and Electoral Coalitions (20p)
- Ch. 5 The Institutional Sources of Minority Governments (16p)
- Ch. 6 The Institutional Sources of Cabinet Duration (15p)
- Appendix A-B (28p)

See also relevant sections in Gallagher, Laver and Mair

Olson, D. M. & Norton, P. (2007). Post-Communist and Post-Soviet Parliaments: Divergent Paths from Transition. *The Journal of Legislative Studies*, 13(1): 164–196 (33p)

Zubek, R. (2011). Negative Agenda Control and Executive–Legislative Relations in East Central Europe, 1997–2008. *The Journal of Legislative Studies*, 17(2): 172–192 (21p)