POLITICAL SCIENCE 4310
COMPARATIVE FEDERALISM
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General Information

The main purpose of this course is to introduce students to the study of comparative federalism. In the first part of the course we will examine the concept of federalism. The second part of the course will be devoted to analyzing various examples of federal systems throughout the world. Since the course is organized on a seminar basis, students will be responsible for presenting papers on specific federal systems. Countries selected will include: Germany, Belgium, Australia, Canada and the United States. Topics for papers and class presentations will be organized in the first couple of weeks of the course. Papers will be due the third week of November.

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Required Reading Materials:

Ron Watts, Comparing Federal Systems (3rd)

Lecture Themes:

I. Introduction and Overview of the Approaches to the Study of Federalism.

1. S. Rufus Davis, The Federal Principle, Chapters 4, 5. (on reserve)
2. Arend Lijphart, Democracies, Chapters 1, 2. (on reserve)
3. H. Bakvis, Federalism and the Role of the State, Chapters 15. (on reserve)
4. Karen Knop, et. al., Rethinking Federalism, Chapter 1.(on reserve)
5. D.V. Smiley, Canada in Question: Federalism in the Eighties (3rd edition), Chapter 1. (on reserve)


II. Theories of Federalism


3. Herman Bakvis, Gerald Baier, and Doug Brown, *Contested Federalism*, Chapters 1, 2, 3.


5. Stephen Tomblin, Ottawa and the Outer Provinces, chapters 1, 2.

III. Federal Politics and Policy


IV. Formal and Informal Constitutional Change

1. Heiman Bakvis and Grace Skogstad, *Canadian Federalism* (2nd), Chapters 1, 4, 6, 7, 17.

VI. Case Studies


