

# MEDIA SYSTEMS AND POLITICAL COMMUNICATION

GRADUATE LEVEL | 2021/1 | WORKLOAD: 30h FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF PARANÁ, BRAZIL

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Thematic Seminar dedicated to examining the notion of "Media Systems."

### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

Thematic Seminar aimed to discuss the notion of "Media Systems" – one of the most influential concepts in the literature on Political Communication. The intention is to encourage students to incorporate in their respective research trajectories theoretical categories that facilitate the comparative study of media landscapes. Since the classifications and models proposed to examine the media systems featuring the developed countries are not necessarily applicable to other realities, one intends to address the demands for "de-westernization" of Communication research.

Unit I: Comparing Media Systems: Conceptual approaches and historical perspectives;

Unit II: Political Parallelism and Media Instrumentalization;

Unit III: "Peripheral" Media Systems.

# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of the semester, students will be able to:

- 1. Understand the notion of "media systems" based on cutting-edge international bibliography.
- 2. Explore the concept of "media systems" as a theoretical element capable of promoting comparative research between different countries/cases.
- 3. Investigate how Political Communication experiences carried out in countries outside the Western Europe / United States axis collaborate to question the traditional concepts of parallelism and instrumentalization of the media.
- 4. Discuss how institutional, organizational, and cultural elements characterizing experiences in Political Communication in different countries are associated with the notion of "media systems."

# CLASSROOM METHODOLOGY PROCEDURES

Each week, students will be expected to:

- 1. Attend the lectures.
- 2. Read mandatory texts.
- 3. Participate in the discussion in all class sections.
- 4. Complete and submit all assignments by due dates.







## **COURSE SCHEDULE**

#### Class #1

HALLIN, D. Media System. In: Mazzoleni, G., Barnhurst, K. G., Ikeda, K. I., Maia, R. C., & Wessler, H. (Eds.). (2016). The International Encyclopedia of Political Communication. John Wiley & Sons. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1002/9781118541555.wbiepc169">https://doi.org/10.1002/9781118541555.wbiepc169</a>

#### Class #2

SEYMOUR-URE, C. The Political Impact of Mass Media. London, U.K.: Constable, 1974. (Chapter 7)

HALLIN, D., & MANCINI, P. (2004). Comparing Media Systems: three models of media and politics. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (Chapter 2)

#### Class #3

NORRIS, P. Comparative Political Communications: Common Frameworks or Babelian Confusion? Government and Opposition, v. 44, n. 3, p. 321-340, 2009. https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1477-7053.2009.01290.x

HALLIN, D., & MANCINI, P. (2017). Ten years after comparing media systems: What have we learned? Political Communication, 34(2), 155-171.

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### Class #4

McCARGO, D. (2012). Partisan polyvalence: Characterizing the political role of Asian media. In: HALLIN, D., P. MANCINI. (Org.). Comparing Media Systems Beyond Western World. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012, p. 201–223.

VOLTMER, K. (2012). How Far Can Media Systems Travel? Applying Hallin and Mancini's Comparative Framework Outside the Western World. In: HALLIN, D., P. MANCINI. (Org.). Comparing Media Systems Beyond Western World. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012, p. 224-245.

#### Class #5

CHAKRAVARTTY, P., & ROY, S. (2013). Media pluralism redux: Towards new frameworks of comparative media studies "beyond the West." Political Communication, 30(3), 349-370. https://doi.org/10.1080/10584609.2012.737429

ALBUQUERQUE, A. On Models and Margins. In: HALLIN, D., P. MANCINI. (Org.). Comparing Media Systems Beyond Western World. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012, p. 72-95.

#### Class #6

GUERRERO, M. (2014). The 'Captured Liberal' Model of Media Systems in Latin America. IN GUERRERO, M., & MÁRQUEZ-RAMÍREZ, M. (Eds.). Media systems and communication policies in Latin America. Springer: Palgrave Macmillan UK.

PIMENTEL, P.; MARQUES, F. P. J. (2020). De-westernizing media parallelism: How editorial interests unfold during impeachment crises. Journalism Studies. http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/1461670X.2020.1867000

#### Class #7

Discussion/feedback regarding the final article each student intends to develop.

### GRADING

Evaluation of students enrolled in this course follows the criteria stated below:

- Essay/Article: 50% of the final grade.
- Reviews of the mandatory readings: 50% of the final grade.







### BACKGROUND READING MATERIALS

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