

## Government and Politics 828B

### Seminar in Political Economy: Social Capital

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This seminar will focus on social capital in the broadest sense. What is social capital and why is it important? We consider a variety of issues related to social capital: how values and social ties resolve collective action problems, whether civil society is desirable or whether it may lead to biased outcomes, what is the nature and varieties of trust, whether associational membership can produce trust, whether religion contributes to or (as Robert Putnam argues) is an alternative to social capital, whether social capital has an institutional foundation or whether it is in some way natural (or genetic) or perhaps cultural, and whether social capital has an economic pay-off.

Each student will serve as discussion leader for at least one seminar. Performance as discussion leader will count for 15% of the course grade. Discussion leaders frame questions for seminar members. They do not give lectures or summaries of the readings. Seminar participation counts for 25% of the course grade.

Each seminar member will do a piece of original research on some aspect of social capital. The research may be quantitative, qualitative, or normative. For students wishing to do quantitative research, I have a large number of potential data bases with questions on social capital. Feel free to come to see me to discuss possible research topics. Each student will present a short paper (approximately 3 pages) outlining his/her research proposal by Week 3. This short paper will count for 10% of the course grade. Then beginning in Week 9, students will present their papers in class. The final paper will be due on June in my office by 12 noon. The final paper will count for 50% of the course grade.

The course readings follow. Books available for purchase are marked with an asterisk (including the Edwards and Foley edited issue of the American Behavioral Scientist). All reading is available at McKeldin Reserve. Most of the reading is from journal articles and unpublished manuscripts. They are all on reserve, but they are also available in a course packet from Bel-Jeans.

#### Readings By Week:

##### 1. Solving Collective Action Problems

\*Robert D. Putnam, Making Democracy Work, chs. 1, 4.

Glenn Loury, A Dynamic Theory of Racial Income Differences. In P.A. Wallace and A. Le Mund, eds., Women, Minorities, and Employment Discrimination, 153-186.

James Coleman, Social Capital in the Creation of Human Capital, American Journal of

Sociology, 94 (1988):95-120.

\*Kenneth Newton, Social Capital and Democracy, @ 575-586 in Bob Edwards and Michael Foley, eds., Social Capital, Civil Society, and Contemporary Democracy, American Behavioral Scientist (March/April, 1997).

## 2. Do We Really Want Social Capital?

\*Bob Edwards and Michael Foley, Escape from Politics? Social Theory and the Social Capital Debate, @ 550-561, in Bob Edwards and Michael Foley, eds., Social Capital, Civil Society, and Contemporary Democracy, American Behavioral Scientist (March/April, 1997).

Bernard Barber, The Logic and Limits of Trust, chs. 5, 7.

Benjamin R. Barber, Clansmen, Consumers, and Citizens: Three Takes on Civil Society, @ College Park, MD: National Commission on Civic Renewal, Working Paper #4 (1997).

Jean L. Cohen, American Civil Society Talk, @ College Park, MD: National Commission on Civic Renewal, Working Paper #6 (1997).

## 3. The Meanings of Trust

Eric M. Uslaner, The Moral Foundations of Trust, ch. 2.

Toshio Yamigishi and Midori Yamigishi, Trust and Commitment in the United States and Japan, @ Motivation and Emotion, 18(1994):129-166.

Russell Hardin, "The Street-Level Epistemology of Trust," Analyse & Kritik (1992), 14:152-176.

Robert Wuthnow, The Role of Trust in Civic Renewal. @ College Park, MD: National Commission on Civic Renewal, Working Paper #1 (1997).

Partha Dasgupta, Trust as a Commodity. @ In Diego Gambetta, ed., Trust (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1988).

## 4. Whom Do We Trust or Must We Trust?

\*Sidney Verba, Kay Lehman Schlozman, and Henry Brady, Voice and Equality, chs. 5-7, 11, 12, 16.

Mark S. Granovetter, The Strength of Weak Ties, @ American Journal of Sociology, 78 (1973): 1360-1380.

Margaret Levi, Social and Unsocial Capital, @ Politics and Society, 24 (1996):45-55.

Dennis Chong, Values Versus Interests in the Explanation of Social Conflict. @ University of Pennsylvania Law Review, 144 (May 1996):2079-2134.

Jenny Onyx and Paul Bullen, Measuring Social Capital in Five Communities in NSW, @ University of Technology Sydney (Australia)

Hans Blomkvist, Traditional Communities and Political Participation: The Indian Mystery, @ Presented at the European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions, 1998.

5. Has There Been a Decline In Civic Engagement?

Robert D. Putnam, "Bowling Alone: America's Declining Social Capital," Journal of Democracy, 6 (1995):65-78.

\*Sidney Verba, Kay Lehman Schlozman, and Henry Brady, Voice and Equality, chs. 2-3.  
Everett Carl Ladd, The Ladd Report,

Wendy Rahn, and John E. Transue, "Social Trust and Value Change: The Decline of Social Capital in American Youth, 1976-1995," in J. Mondak, Psychological Approaches to Social Capital, Political Psychology, 19 (1998):545-65.

Tom W. Smith, "Factors Relating to Misanthropy in Contemporary American Society," Social Science Research, 26 (1997):170-96.

6. Social Capital and Civic Engagement: What Causes What?

\*Robert D. Putnam, Making Democracy Work, chs. 5-6.

John Brehm and Wendy Rahn, "Individual Level Evidence for the Causes and Consequences of Social Capital," American Journal of Political Science, 41 (July 1997):888-1023.

Bonnie Erikson and T.A. Nosanchuk, "How an Apolitical Association Politicizes," Canadian Review of Sociology and Anthropology, 27(1990):206-19.

Mark Hooghe and Anton Derks, "Voluntary Associations and the Creation of Social Capital: The Involvement Effect of Participation." Presented at the European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions, 1997.

\*Dietlind Stolle, "Bowling Together, Bowling Alone: The Development of Generalized Trust in Voluntary Associations," in J. Mondak, Psychological Approaches to Social Capital, Political Psychology, 19 (1998):497-525.

\*Ronald La Due Lake and Robert Huckfeldt, "Social Capital, Social Networks, and Political Participation," in J. Mondak, Psychological Approaches to Social Capital, Political Psychology, 19 (1998):567-84.

\*Stephen Knack and Martha E. Kropf, "For Shame! The Effect of Community Cooperation on the Probability of Voting," in J. Mondak, Psychological Approaches to Social Capital, Political Psychology, 19 (1998):585-599.

7. Media and Framing Effects in Social Capital

Robert D. Putnam, "Tuning In, Tuning Out: The Strange Disappearance of Social Capital in America," PS: Political Science and Politics (December 1995): 664-683.

\*Eric M. Uslaner, "Social Capital, Television, and the 'Mean World': Trust, Optimism, and Civic Participation," in J. Mondak, Psychological Approaches to Social Capital, Political Psychology, 19 (1998):

\*Dhavan V. Shah, "Civic Engagement, Interpersonal Trust, and Television Use: An Individual-Level Assessment of Social Capital," in J. Mondak, Psychological Approaches to

Social Capital, Political Psychology, 19 (1998):469-96.441-67.

Robert Kraut et al., Internet Paradox: A Social Psychology That Reduces Social Involvement and Psychological Well-Being?

\*Melanie C. Green and Timothy C. Brock, Trust, Mood, and Outcomes of Friendship Determine Preferences for Real Versus Ersatz Social Capital, in J. Mondak, Psychological Approaches to Social Capital, Political Psychology, 19 (1998):527-44.

8. The Roots of Social Capital: Personality and Beliefs

\*James Q. Wilson, The Moral Sense

Kristen Renwick Monroe, John Donne's People: Explaining Differences between Rational Actors and Altruists Through Cognitive Frameworks, Journal of Politics, 53 (1991):394-433.

Carolyn L. Funk, Practicing What We Preach? The Influence of a Societal Interest Value on Civic Engagement, in J. Mondak, Psychological Approaches to Social Capital, Political Psychology, 19 (1998):601-14.

Morris Rosenberg, "Misanthropy and Political Ideology," American Sociological Review, 21 (1956):690-695.

Francis Fukuyama, The Origins of Social Order (mimeo)

David Lykken and Auke Tellegen, Happiness Is a Stochastic Phenomenon, Psychological Science, 7 (1996):186-189.

9. The Roots of Social Capital: Is Religion Compatible With Social Capital?

\*Sidney Verba, Kay Lehman Schlozman, and Henry Brady, Voice and Equality, chs. 13-15.

Frederick C. Harris, "Something Within: Religion as a Mobilizer of African-American Political Activism," Journal of Politics, 56 (1994):42-68.

Eugen Schoenfeld, Image of Man: The Effect of Religion on Trust, Review of Religious Research, 20 (Fall 1978):61-67.

\*Richard L. Wood, Social Capital and Political Culture: God Meets Politics in the Inner City, 595-605, in Bob Edwards and Michael Foley, eds., Social Capital, Civil Society, and Contemporary Democracy, American Behavioral Scientist (March /April, 1997).

\*Andrew Greeley, Coleman Revisited: Religious Structures as a Source of Social Capital, 587-594 in Bob Edwards and Michael Foley, eds., Social Capital, Civil Society, and Contemporary Democracy, American Behavioral Scientist (March/ April, 1997).

Joep deHart, Just in Time: The Effects of Religion and Time Pressures on Volunteering in the Netherlands. Presented at the European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions, 1998.

10. The Roots of Social Capital: The Role of Institutions

Sidney Tarrow, Making Social Science Work Across Space and Time, American Political Science Review, 90 (June 1996):389-97.

- Bo Rothstein, A Social Capital in the Democratic State, in Robert D. Putnam, ed., The Decline of Social Capital? (forthcoming) (mimeo)
- Theda Skocpol, A Civic America, Then and Now (mimeo)
- \*Sheri Berman, A Civil Society and Political Institutionalization, 562-574 in Bob Edwards and Michael Foley, eds., Social Capital, Civil Society, and Contemporary Democracy, American Behavioral Scientist (March /April, 1997).
- Margaret Levi, A State of Trust, (mimeo) (also in Levi and Valerie Braithwaite, eds., Trust [New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 1998].)
- John Mueller, A Elections, Democratization, and Politics as Usual (mimeo)
- Ronald Inglehart, A Trust, Well-Being and Democracy (mimeo, forthcoming in Mark Warren, ed., Democracy and Trust, Cambridge University Press)
- \*Jeffrey J. Mondak and Adam F. Gearing, A Civic Engagement in a Post-Communist State, in J. Mondak, Psychological Approaches to Social Capital, Political Psychology, 19 (1998):615-637.

11. Does Social Capital Have an Economic Payoff?

- \*Robert D. Putnam, Making Democracy Work, chs. 2-3.
- Stephen Knack and Philip Keefer, ADoes Social Capital Have An Economic Payoff? A Cross-Country Investigation, Quarterly Journal of Economics, 112 (1997):1251-88.
- Stewart Macauley, "Non-Contractual Relations in Business: A Preliminary Study," American Sociological Review, 28 (1963):55-67.
- \*Lane Kenworthy, ACivic Engagement, Social Capital, and Economic Cooperation, 645-656 in Bob Edwards and Michael Foley, eds., Social Capital, Civil Society, and Contemporary Democracy, American Behavioral Scientist (March/April, 1997).
- Jim Granato, Ronald Inglehart, and David Leblang, AThe Effect of Cultural Variables on Economic Development: Theory, Hypotheses, and Some Empirical Tests, American Journal of Political Science, 40 (August 1996):607-631.
- Robert W. Jackman and Ross A. Miller, AA Renaissance of Political Culture?, American Journal of Political Science, 40 (August 1996):632-659.
- Duane Swank, ACulture, Institutions, and Economic Growth: Theory, Recent Evidence, and the Role of Communitarian Politics, American Journal of Political Science, 40 (August 1996):660-679.
- Jim Granato, Ronald Inglehart, and David Leblang, ACultural Values, Stable Democracy, and Economic Development: A Reply, American Journal of Political Science, 40 (August 1996):680-696.
- Robert W. Jackman and Ross A. Miller, AThe Poverty of Political Culture?, American Journal of Political Science, 40 (August 1996):697-716.