

**Dr. Rita Kiki Edozie, Course Syllabus**

**MC492 Seminar in Topics in International Relations**

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**T/Th 3:00 – 4:50pm, Room 230 Case Hall**

## **Comparative Democratization in an Emergent World**



### **Course Summary**

*The proliferation of democratically elected governments around the world since the mid-1970s has resulted in the reference of the contemporary world as the "democratic age". Freedom House has characterized this trend as reinforcement that humankind is rejecting oppression and opting for greater freedom and openness. The 80s and 90s, especially, underscored an apparent belief that authoritarianism had served people ill, in terms of failing to provide material prosperity, stability, human rights or political inclusion of the masses in decision-making. As a result of these events, comparative democratization has become an important area of academic study for scholars of comparative politics and international relations. This course is a senior level undergraduate seminar and it examines the core conceptual features of third world democratic theory, complex democratic transitions in practice, as well as varying configurations of democratic consolidation and performance. The course will cover countries in key developing world and 'transitional' regions including Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America, as*

well as Post-Communist Central-Eastern Europe-the former Soviet Union and its successor states.

## **BOOK AND RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS**

### ***REQUIRED BOOKS***



1. **Freedom in the World 2005: The Annual Survey of Political Rights and Civil Liberties** Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Inc.



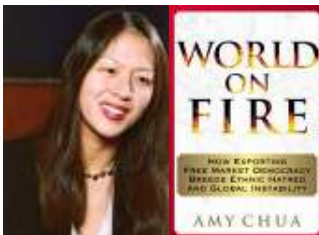
2. **The Global Resurgence of Democracy** Larry Diamond and Marc Plattner The Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore and London, 1996



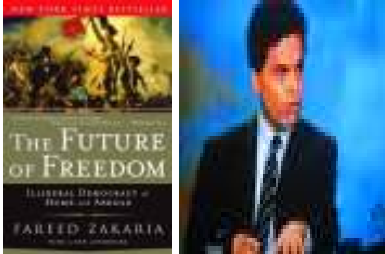
3. **The Global Divergence of Democracies** Larry Diamond and Marc Plattner The Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore and London, 2001

### ***REVIEW BOOKS (TWO BOOKS ARE REQUIRED FOR PURCHASE)***

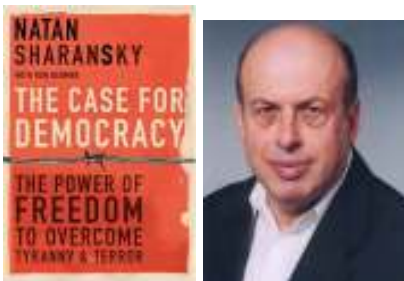
1. **World On Fire** Amy Chua (Doubleday, 2002) (volunteer review)



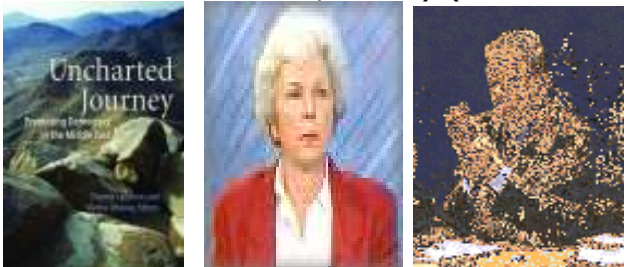
2. **The Future of Freedom: Illiberal Democracy at Home and Abroad** Fareed Zakaria (W. W. Norton & Company April 2004)  
(assigned review)



3. **The Case for Democracy: The Power of Freedom to Overcome Tyranny and Terror** Natan Sharansky With Ron Dermer (Balfour Books, 2005) (volunteer review)



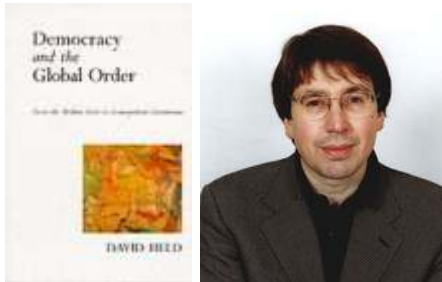
4. **Uncharted Journey: Promoting Democracy in the Middle East** Thomas Carothers and Marina Ottaway (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 2005) (volunteer review)



5. **Disciplining Democracy: Development Discourse and Good Governance in Africa** Abrahamsen, Rita (Zed Books, 2000)  
(volunteer review)



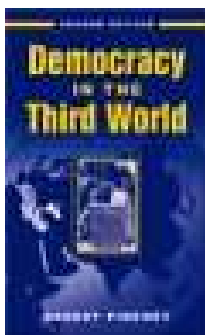
6. **Democracy and the Global Order: From the Modern State to Cosmopolitan Governance** David Held (Polity and Stanford University Press, 1995) (assigned review)



7. **Contesting Citizenship in Latin America: The Rise of Indigenous Movements and the Post-liberal Challenge** Yashar, Deborah J. (Cambridge University Press March 2005 Paperback)(volunteer review)



8. **Democracy in the Third World** Robert Pinkney Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2003 (assigned review)



## **REQUIRED ELECTRONIC ONLINE SOURCES**

### **Journal of Democracy** MSU Online Articles (Project Muse)

- a. MSU Homepage (use Web Proxy.MSI.Edu for off campus JOD web link)
- b. Library Resources Page (e-journals search category)
- c. Project Muse Link (under Journals)
- d. Search Journals: Enter **Journal of Democracy**
- e. Journal of Democracy Link- Home Page
- f. Write in assigned article title in JOD **search** category

### **Freedom House** <http://www.freedomhouse.org/>

- a. For Ratings, Go to [FH Country Ratings]
- b. Select from Link on Right Column A-Z (Countries)
- c. For Country Reports, Go to Left Column [Research and Publications] to [Freedom in the World]
- d. Right Column – Country and Territory Report, Select Region and Country

### **BBC News. World Edition** <http://news.bbc.co.uk/>

- a. BBC News World Edition Homepage
- b. For Country Profile, Go To Left Column, Select a country from Region Menus
- c. For In-depth Country Profile, Search for [Timeline: {Country}]



**(Assignment due)**

## **GRADING REQUIREMENTS**

- 1. Response Reading Roundtable Assignments, I, II, III (1 page of talking points for each) {20%}**. Select at least THREE presentations from the Seminar Presentation Panels; there are \_\_\_\_\_. Your presentation will act as support for the seminar. You will be expected to submit a one-page summary (main talking points only) of your presentation. While your presentation may summarize main points of the reading, it is important that your presentation be analytical and constructively critical. The presentation serves to provoke class discussion and that day you serve as a facilitator of the seminar sessions. ***Due on Presentation Date (sign up with for preceptor role early)***
- 2. Book Review Group Presentation I and II {10%} (5pages each) *Due on Scheduled Presentation Date (sign up for 'volunteer reviews' now)***
- 3. Freedom House Assignment (Use Freedom House.org) (1 page) {5%} *Due on 9/7***
- 4. Country Profile Paper (Use BBC country case timelines) (1 page) {5%} *Due on 9/21***
- 5. Regional Profile Paper.** Write a one-page paper describing the democratization trends in your region. How is your country similar or different from the trends (1/2 pages) {5%} ***Due on 10/10***
- 6. Term report.** This will be a first draft outline of your final paper on democracy in the developing world. You will be asked to select a country in the developing world and describe the country's democratic path. Your midterm essay will simply be a draft outline for that paper (five pages) {20%}. Higher grades go to papers

that demonstrate understanding of concepts and theoretical frameworks learned from all three required texts. **Due on 11/21**

- 7. Seminar presentation:** Discuss highlights of democratization in your selected country (submit one/two page talking points) {10 %} **Due on Scheduled Date of Presentation TBA**
  
- 8. Final 'democracy in a developing world country' research paper** (fifteen pages) {25%} Write a fifteen-page research paper on the democratization trajectory of your country. Higher grades go to papers that are analytical, selecting a thesis/topic/issue area of democracy and examining the issue in a thesis argument, analytically and critically throughout the paper. **Due on Scheduled Final Exam Date for Course, between 12/14-16**
  
- 9. Class participation and attendance.** Full attendance is required. Class participation is measured by the rate and quality of your demonstration of having done the readings, your response to the professor's questions, your initiation of relevant questions in class. **Due every scheduled session**

***GRADING SCALE: EVERYTHING CURVES DOWN (sorry!)***

1. at least 95 - 4.0
2. at least 90 - 3.5
3. at least 85 - 3.0
4. at least 80 - 2.5
5. at least 75 - 2.0
6. at least 70 - 1.5
7. at least 65 - 1.0

***CODE OF CONDUCT***

\*\* See me for **Honors Credit Assignment** for this course

\*\* Refer to Student Handbook for **Academic Honesty Policy**

\*\* Remember that this is a 4-credit course based on JMC's distinctive **office hours model** (this means that office hours and other professor-student sessions are highly encouraged. My office is open and I am happy to assist you in any way that I can)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### ***PART I***

## ***UNDERSTANDING DEMOCRACY IDEAS, VALUES, TRANSITIONS AND PROCESSES***

**August 29**

### ***Introduction to the Seminar***

- Seminar format and objective
- Book preview and democracy issues
- JOD articles and country case studies
- Freedom House: Survey Methodology
- Assessment & Seminar Assignments

**August 31**

### ***Discussion Roundtable 1: Democracy as Idea***

**The Global Resurgence of Democracy** Diamond and Plattner (BLUE BOOK) Schmitter & Karl, '*What Democracy is...and is Not*' Chapter 4, page 49

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Global Divergence of Democracies** Diamond and Plattner (BLACK BOOK) Plattner, '*From Liberalism to Liberal Democracy*' Chapter 7, page 78

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Global Divergence of Democracies** Diamond and Plattner (BLACK BOOK) Sartori, 'How Far Can Free Government Travel?' Chapter 5, page 52

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

## September 5

### *Discussion Roundtable 2: Western and Non-Western*

**The Global Divergence of Democracies** Diamond and Plattner (BLACK BOOK) Sen, 'Democracy as a Universal Value' page 3

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Global Divergence of Democracies** Diamond and Plattner (BLACK BOOK) Fukuyama, 'Confucianism and Democracy' page 23

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Global Divergence of Democracies** Diamond and Plattner (BLACK BOOK) Lama, 'Buddhism, Asian Values and Democracy' page 18

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Global Divergence of Democracies** Diamond and Plattner (BLACK BOOK) Filali-Ansary, 'Muslims and Democracy' page 37

**The Global Resurgence of Democracy** Diamond and Plattner (BLUE BOOK) Krol, 'Where East Meets West' Chapter 31, page 358

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

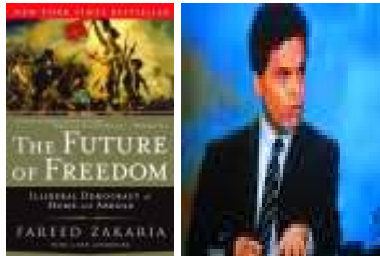
**Pdf Article (See Edozie)** '*Democracy and Consensus in African Traditional Politics: A Plea for a Non-party Polity*' by Kwasi Wiredu in *Postcolonial African Philosophy: a critical reader* edited by Emmanuel Chukwudi Eze

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_



(freedom house assignment due)

**September 7**  
**Book Review Panel 1(Assigned)**



**The Future of Freedom:  
 Illiberal Democracy at Home and Abroad**  
 Fareed Zakaria (W. W. Norton & Company April 2004)

**September 12**

***Discussion Roundtable 3: Democracy as Political Development***

**The Global Resurgence of Democracy** Diamond and Plattner  
 (BLUE BOOK) Huntington, 'Democracy's Third Wave' Chapter 1, page 3

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Global Resurgence of Democracy** Diamond and Plattner  
 (BLUE BOOK) Plattner, 'The Democratic Moment' Chapter 3, page 36

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Global Resurgence of Democracy** Diamond and Plattner  
 (BLUE BOOK) Przeworski, Alvarez, Cheibub & Limongi, 'What Makes  
 Democracies Endure?' Chapter 13, page167

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Global Divergence of Democracies** Diamond and Plattner (BLACK BOOK) Schedler, Andreas, *'What is Democratic Consolidation?'* Chapter 12, page 149

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal of Democracy**, *'Is Pakistan a Third Reverse Wave?'* by Larry Diamond. Vol 7, No. 3, July 1996

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

## September 14

### *Discussion Roundtable 4: Consolidation and Performance*

**The Global Divergence of Democracies** Diamond and Plattner (BLACK BOOK) Linz and Stepan, *'Toward Consolidated Democracies'* Chapter 8, page 93

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Global Divergence of Democracies** Diamond and Plattner (BLACK BOOK) O'Donnell, *'Illusions about Consolidation'* Chapter 9, page 113

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Global Divergence of Democracies** Diamond and Plattner (BLACK BOOK) Gunther, Diamandours and Puhle, *'Illusions: A Rejoinder'* Chapter 10 page 131

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Global Divergence of Democracies** Diamond and Plattner (BLACK BOOK) O'Donnell, *'Illusions and Conceptual Flaws: A Response'* Chapter 11, page 14-

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

## September 19

### ***Discussion Roundtable 5: Paradoxical Processes and Outcomes***

**The Global Resurgence of Democracy** Diamond and Plattner (BLUE BOOK) Diamond, *'Toward Democratic Consolidation: on Civil Society'* Chapter 19, page 227

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Global Resurgence of Democracy** Diamond and Plattner (BLUE BOOK) Jowitt, *'The New World Disorder'* Chapter 2, page 26

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Global Resurgence of Democracy** Diamond and Plattner (BLUE BOOK) Diamond, *'Three Paradoxes of Democracy'* Chapter 8, page 111

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Global Resurgence of Democracy** Diamond and Plattner (BLUE BOOK) Schmitter, *'Dangers and Dilemmas of Democracy'* Chapter 6, page 76

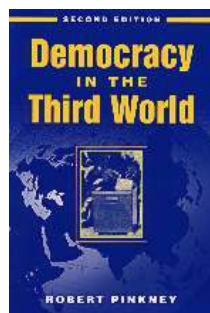
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*(country profile assignment due)*

## September 21

### ***Book Review Panel 2 (Assigned)***



## **Democracy in the Third World**

Robert Pinkney (Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2003)

### **September 26:**

#### ***Discussion Roundtable 6: Institutions-Polities & Regimes***

**The Global Resurgence of Democracy** Diamond and Plattner (BLUE BOOK) Linz, *'The Perils of Presidentialism'* Chapter 8, page 111

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Global Resurgence of Democracy** Diamond and Plattner (BLUE BOOK) Linz, *'The Virtues of Parliamentarism'* Chapter 12, page 154

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Global Resurgence of Democracy** Diamond and Plattner (BLUE BOOK) Horowitz, *'Comparing Democratic Systems'* Chapter 10, 143

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Global Resurgence of Democracy** Diamond and Plattner (BLUE BOOK) O'Donnell, *'Delegative Democracy'* Chapter 7, page 94

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

### **September 28:**

#### ***Discussion Roundtable 7: Institutions- Electorates & Parties***

**The Global Resurgence of Democracy** Diamond and Plattner (BLUE BOOK) Lijphart, *'Constitutional Choices for New Democracies'* Chapter 13, page 162

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Global Resurgence of Democracy** Diamond and Plattner (BLUE BOOK) Quade, *'PR and Democratic Statecraft'* Chapter 15, page 181

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal of Democracy**, *'Electoral Systems for Divided Societies'* by Benjamin Reilly, JOD 13.2(2002)

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Global Divergence of Democracies** Diamond and Plattner (BLACK BOOK) Mainwaring, *'Party Systems in the Third Wave'* Chapter 14, page 185

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Global Divergence of Democracies** Diamond and Plattner (BLACK BOOK) Ellit and Svensson, *'What Makes Elections Free and Fair?'* Chapter 15, page 200

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

### **October 3:**

#### ***Discussion Roundtable 8: Institutions – Other Institutions/Militaries, Territories and Cultures***

**The Global Divergence of Democracies** Diamond and Plattner (BLACK BOOK) Stepan, *'Federalism and Democracy: Beyond the US Model'*, Chapter 16, page 215

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Global Divergence of Democracies** Diamond and Plattner (BLACK BOOK) Kohn, *'How Democracies Control the Military'* Chapter 20, page 275

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

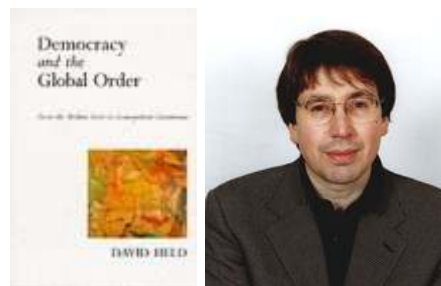
**The Global Resurgence of Democracy** Diamond and Plattner  
(BLUE BOOK) Lipset, 'The Centrality of Political Culture' Chapter 1  
page 150

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Movie: *The Media and Democracy in the Arab World*** (VHS  
8222 46 min)

**October 5**

***Book Review Panel 3 (assigned)***



**Democracy and the Global Order: From the Modern  
State to Cosmopolitan Governance**

David Held (Polity and Stanford University Press, 1995)  
(assigned review)

***PART II***

***DEMOCRATIC PRACTICE AND  
EMPIRICAL OBSERVATIONS***

***AROUND THE WORLD VIA DEMOCRACY  
COUNTRY CASE STUDIES***



*(country profile assignment due)*

**October 10**

### ***Discussion Roundtable 9: The Middle East***

**The Global Resurgence of Democracy** Diamond and Plattner (BLUE BOOK) Harik, *'Pluralism in the Arab World'* Chapter 23, page 276

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal of Democracy** *'Is the Middle East Different?'* by Steven Heydemann JOD 7.2 (1996)

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal of Democracy** *'Promoting Democratization Can Combat Terrorism'* Jennifer L Windsor, *The Washington Quarterly* 26.3 (2003) 43-58

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal of Democracy** *'Constructing a Democratic Iraq: Challenges and Opportunities'* by Daniel Byman *International Security* 28.1 (2003) 47-78

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

## **October 12**

### ***Discussion Roundtable 10: Israel and Lebanon***

**Journal of Democracy** *'Ethnic Democracy: Israel as an Archetype'* by Sammy Smooha *Israeli Studies* 2.2 (1997) 198-241

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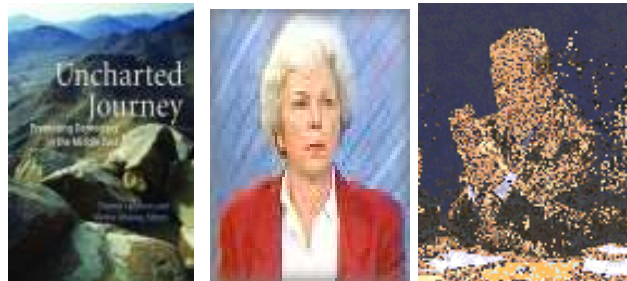
**Journal of Democracy** *'Is Israel Democratic? Substance and Semantics in the 'Ethnic Democracy' Debate* by Alan Dowty, *Israel Studies* 4.2 (1999) 1-15

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal of Democracy** 'Lebanon Springs Forward' by Oussama Safa JOD 17.1 (2006) 22-37

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**October 17**  
**Book Review Panel 4**



**Uncharted Journey:  
Promoting Democracy in the Middle East**  
Thomas Carothers and Marina Ottaway  
(Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 2005) (volunteer)

**October 19<sup>1</sup>**  
**Discussion Roundtable 11: Latin America's Left Turn**

**The Global Divergence of Democracies** Diamond and Plattner (BLACK BOOK) Lowenthal, 'Latin America at the Century's Turn Chapter 22, page 312

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal of Democracy** 'Guatemala's Postwar Prospects' by Rachael McLeary, JOD 1997

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<sup>1</sup> Midpoint/Research Paper Outlines Due

**Movie: *Under the Gun: Democracy in Guatemala*** (30mins.  
VHS 1446)

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal of Democracy** 'High Anxiety in the Andes: the real story behind Venezuela's Woes' by Naim, Moses in JOD 12.2(2001) 17-31

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal of Democracy** '*The Dilemmas of Democracy in the Open Economy: Lessons from Latin America*' by Marcus Kurtz in World Politics 56.2. 2004 262-302

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

## October 24

### ***Discussion Roundtable 12: Mexico, Brazil and Bolivia***

**Journal of Democracy** '*Fox's Mexico at Midterm*' by Chappell Lawson JOD 15.1 (2004) 139-153

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal of Democracy** '*Not Just Another Labor Party: the workers' party and democracy in Brazil*' John Guidry Labor Studies Journal 28.1 (2003) 83-108

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal of Democracy** '*Bolivia: Another Uncompleted Revolution*' by Robert R. Barr Latin American Politics and Society 47.3 (2005) 69-90

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

## October 26

### ***Book Review Panel 5***



## **Contesting Citizenship in Latin America: The Rise of Indigenous Movements and the Post-liberal Challenge**

Yashar, Deborah J. Yashar (Cambridge University Press March 2005)  
(volunteer review)

**October 31**

***Discussion Panel 13: Africa's Surprising Universalism, via Nigeria and South Africa***

**The Global Resurgence of Democracy** Diamond and Plattner  
(BLUE BOOK) Ake, '*Rethinking African Democracy*' Chapter 5, page 63

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Global Resurgence of Democracy** Diamond and Plattner  
(BLUE BOOK) Chege, '*Between Africa's Extremes*' Chapter 30, page 350

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal of Democracy** '*How People View Democracy: Africa's Surprising Universalism*' Michael Bratton and Robert Mattes JOD 12.1 (2001).

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal of Democracy** '*Promoting Democracy: the Mandela-Mbeki Doctrine*' JOD 11.3 (2000) 107-121

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pdf Article (See Edozie)** '*Centralization Trends in African Democracies: Why the PDP*' by Rita Kiki Edozie, forthcoming manuscript, 2005

## November 2

***Movie: Hopes on the Horizon Democracy in Africa***

## November 7

***Book Review Panel 6***



**Disciplining Democracy: Development Discourse and Good Governance in Africa** Abrahamsen, Rita  
(Zed Books, 2000) (volunteer review)

## November 9

***Discussion Roundtable 14: The Asian Spectrum  
India vs Malaysia/and China***

**The Global Resurgence of Democracy** Diamond and Plattner  
(BLUE BOOK) Alagappa, 'The Asian Spectrum' Chapter 29, page 342

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Global Divergence of Democracies** Diamond and Plattner (BLACK BOOK) Oksenberg, 'Will China Democratize?' Chapter 25, page 348

**Preceptor**\_\_\_\_\_

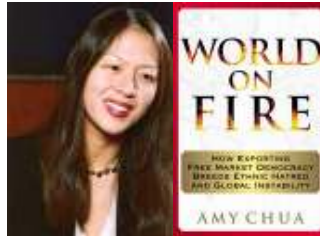
**Journal of Democracy**, 'Why Democracy Survives: India Defies Odds' by Ashutosa Varshney, 9.3, 1998

**Preceptor**\_\_\_\_\_

**Journal of Democracy** 'Malaysia's Resilient Pseudo-democracy' by William Case, JOD 2001

**Preceptor**\_\_\_\_\_

## **November 14** **Book Review Panel 7**



### **World On Fire**

Amy Chua (Doubleday, 2002) (volunteer review)

## **November 16** **Discussion Roundtable 17:** **Post-Communist Blues- Russia and Ukraine**

**Journal of Democracy** 'The Fourth Wave of Democracy and Dictatorship: Non-cooperative Transitions in the Post Communist World' by Michael Mac Faul, World Politics. 54.2 (2002)

**Preceptor**\_\_\_\_\_

**The Global Resurgence of Democracy** Diamond and Plattner (BLUE BOOK) Rupnik, 'Post-Totalitarian Blues' Chapter 32, page365

**Preceptor**\_\_\_\_\_

**The Global Divergence of Democracies** Diamond and Plattner (BLACK BOOK) Rupnik, *'The Post-Communist Divide'* Chapter 23, page 327

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Global Divergence of Democracies** Diamond and Plattner (BLACK BOOK) McFaul, *'Putin's Russia: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back'* Chapter 24, page 333

**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal of Democracy** *'Is Ukraine Part of Europe's Future?'*  
**Kuzio, Taras** *The Washington Quarterly* - Volume 29, Number 3, Summer 2006, pp. 89-108

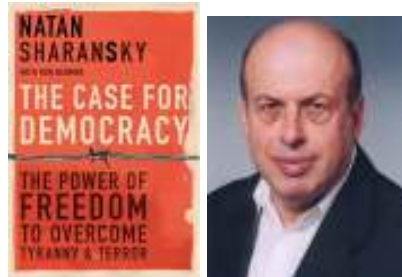
**Preceptor** \_\_\_\_\_



*(regional profile paper assignment due)*

**November 21**

**Book Review Panel 8**



**The Case for Democracy: The Power of Freedom to Overcome Tyranny and Terror**

Natan Sharansky With Ron Dermer (Balfour Books, 2005)  
 (volunteer review)

**November 23**

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING- NO CLASS**

**PART III**

# **RESEARCH PAPER 'DEMOCRACY' SEMINARS**



*(seminar presentation assignment due)*

**November 28**

**November 30**

**December 5**

**December 7**



*(final research paper assignment due)*

**December 12 – 14**