Presentation topics for Comparative Politics

Doodle opened **Friday 4th October at 16:00**

*Length: 15 minutes. Support (handouts, PPT) acccording to the general rules of the course.*

1. Theory of Political Parties (10.10.)

Case study of chosen party as a model of cartel party (programme, structure, membership)

B) The United Kingdom (17.10.)

a) Two of the four constituent parts of the UK (England, Wales) voted Leave in the 2016 referendum, two (Scotland, NI) voted Remain. How has this situation influenced the subsequent Brexit process?

b) At a critical juncture in British politics, and indeed the nation’s contemporary history, the Johnson government prorogued the Parliament for an unprecedented period of five weeks. At the end of the ensuing legal battle, the Supreme Court unanimously declared the decision to be „unlawful, void and of no effect“. What do these developments tell us about the relationship between the executive, the legislature and the judiciary?

C) Cleavages in Europe (24.10.)

Pick one of the current cleavage (ethnic, economic, central/periphery, social, liberal/authoritarian) and analyse its roots and manifestations

D) Post-communist countries (31.10.)

Pick one of the post-communist countries and analyse its process of transformation (political, not economic)

E) European Left (14.11.)

Pick one left wing party and on that case show what challenges and problems European left faces today

F) Germany

Case study of AfD (its programme, electoral support, ideology, structure etc.)

G) Italy

Case study of Lega and Matteo Salvini (emphasis on the relationship between politics and the media)

H) France

Case study of Emmanuel Macron and his foreign policy