

Exam 2

Write your name only on the cover of the exam book. You may write on the exam. Turn-in your exam with your exam book.

Identification (20 points):

Choose four of the following and completely identify using your readings and lecture notes. Write in complete sentences and number your responses in your exam book. Each identification is worth five points.

1. Psychological Effect
2. Retrospective Voting
3. Historic Parties
4. Standpatters
5. Strategic Voting
6. Threshold
7. Catch-all Party
8. Sociotropic Voting

Essays (75 points):

Answer one of the following essay questions in your exam book. Make sure to write in complete sentences and in essay format. Make sure to answer each part of the question and be specific. Do not simply list concepts but provide complete explanations. Where appropriate, provide examples from the class and from your readings. Each question is worth 35 points.

1. The electoral system has emerged as an important research agenda for many post-communist scholars. According to Ishiyama, what two electoral traditions could have served as electoral models? How does he explain the choice for a particular electoral system? Moser examines the validity of Duverger's law in post-communist electoral systems. Explain Duverger's law and its prediction regarding the type of voting and number of parties in plurality and proportional representation systems. What are Moser's findings in regards to Hungary, Lithuania, Poland and Russia? How does the party formation explain these findings?

2. In the post-communist literature, perhaps no issue has received more attention than the development of parties and party systems. Discuss the four types of parties that have emerged in East Europe. According to Ishiyama, what are the two possible explanations for the success of former communist parties which explanation does he adopt (specifically discuss which countries fit the explanation)? Finally, explain the three types of theoretical parties and discuss what type of party Olson believes is developing in East Europe.

3. One area in which Western theories have been applied to account for East European behavior concerns voting. First, explain the two dependent variables that Pacek explores that explain East European voting behavior. According to Pacek's findings, what influences these dependent variables the most? Harper also examines the relationship between voting and the economy. Discuss his use of retrospective, prospective and sociotropic voting and explain each concept. According to his analysis, what is the relationship between the economy and voting? Which author and finding do you find most convincing and why?