

ACADEMIC COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE TITLE:	GOVERNANCE IN CONTEXT
COURSE NUMBER:	LAW E551
UNITS:	2
COURSE TYPE:	Elective
PROFESSOR(S) NAME:	Joe Stogner
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SCHEDULE:	One-semester class: Fall 2016, Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Room No.212
PREREQUISITES:	Completion of Constitutional Law in 2 nd year
COREQUISITES:	None
TEXTS AND MATERIALS: (Identification of any texts, materials and references used throughout the course.)	<p>The Origins Of Political Order, 1st ed.; by Francis Fukuyama, ISBN # ISBN-13: 978-0374533229, or ISBN-10: 0374533229, Farrar, Straus and Giroux; Reprint edition (March 27, 2012)</p> <p>Political Order And Political Decay, 1st ed.; by Francis Fukuyama, ISBN # Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux; Reprint edition (October 13, 2015), ISBN-10: 0374535620, or ISBN-13: 978-0374535629</p>
COURSE DESCRIPTION:	This course seeks to stimulate a reexamination of contemporary government by studying the several domains which most influence it: human evolution; neurobiology; psychology; philosophy; history; economics; and political science.
COURSE OBJECTIVES / ANTICIPATED LEARNING OUTCOMES: (Description of what students will be expected to know and be able to do at the end of the course. What skills or knowledge will be gained by the end of the course.)	To access a range of scientific and sociological disciplines in pursuit of a more unified and complete understanding of how peoples are governed ; to expand knowledge of the classical areas of study to better grasp what supports or should support decisions of public policy; to foster imaginative political problem-solving by cross-referencing an array of study areas about which all lawyers should have at least a basic understanding.
FORMAT OVERVIEW / METHOD OF INSTRUCTION (Description of how the course will be taught, including breakdown of lecture, practicum, etc.)	<p>Course material will be presented in a lecture-discussion and Socratic method format.</p> <p>Class participation and attendance are mandatory. Students must be prepared be able to articulate issues, respond to questions and take part in general discussions related to the assigned material.</p> <p>About 80 pages from the text books will be assigned weekly.</p>
EXAMS:	Exams will be: 1. Multiple choice; 2. A paper submitted by 6 p.m. on the assigned exam due date, or, in

the alternative, two essays to be written on the assigned exam due date.

The grade will be comprised of the results of a series of multiple choice questions; and the students choice of either a paper to be submitted on the night of the final or two in-class essays on the night of the final; and class participation.

For the multiple choice questions, students will be expected to choose the best of alternative answers.

For the short essay questions, students will be expected to accurately respond to each question asked with a brief, yet comprehensive Narrative answer. (Answers need not conform to the traditional style for law school essay exams.)

Final Exams:

Exams begin promptly at 6 p.m. Take-home papers must be submitted to the Law School office by 6 p.m. on the due date, unless otherwise noted. All students must take examinations as scheduled. It is recognized that in special circumstances and due to emergencies, it may be necessary to schedule delayed examinations. An emergency is defined as a serious illness or injury to the student or a member of his or her immediate family. Special Circumstances are defined as other situations that, in the opinion of the Dean, are sufficient to warrant delay in taking examinations. **Any student taking delayed examinations *must have the prior written approval of the Dean.*** No examination may be taken *prior* to the day of the regularly scheduled examination. If delayed examinations are approved by the Dean, a fee of \$75 will be charged for each such exam taken. Failure to complete an exam is not sufficient reason for a late or retake exam.

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**GRADING / ASSESSMENT
CRITERIA/CLASS POLICIES:**

This course is graded as follows:

Pass/Fail:

65 - 100 - P Pass/Credit

64 and Below - F Fail/No Credit

(Only numeric grades in Required courses are used to calculate grade point average.)

Grading percentages breakdown: The grade will be comprised of the results of a two hour final exam.

This course is for credit only. A passing grade will result in the student being credited 2 units. Grades will be based on attendance and participation as well as on three short essays (no less than five pages) on subjects related to assigned material, but chosen by each student.

	These essays will be due the 5 th and 10 th class sessions, and the third essay will be due on the date of the final exam.
ATTENDANCE:	<p>Regular and punctual attendance is essential for the successful completion of the course. Students should plan to attend every class. Students must attend a minimum of 80% (36 hours— 12 of 14 classes) of the class sessions during each semester. Roll will be taken at each class. Class attendance is of particular importance in learning the language and concepts of the law. Make-up classes will be scheduled on evenings when classes are not usually held or on weekends or made up on another night by staying longer. Class sessions which are delayed or canceled because of holidays or policy of Empire College School of Law, and which are re-scheduled for a different date are considered regularly scheduled class sessions, not make-up classes. A student who has exceeded the absence limits outlined will be automatically dropped from the course.</p> <p>Attendance has further significance in that it is an opportunity to reinforce understanding of readings and to acquire <i>additional</i> knowledge from lectures and discussions that may prove useful and necessary at the time of examination and beyond.</p>

ASSIGNMENTS:	Fall 2016
Week 1: 9/1/16	<p>The Origins Of Political Order: Preface; The Necessity Of Politics; The State Of Nature; The Tyranny Of Cousin. <u>Pp. i-xiv; 1-63</u></p> <p>Lecture: An overview of human evolution, brain function and the human mind, and discussion of the pre-historic ‘moment’ when egalitarian human groups transitioned to centrally controlled, hierarchical societies.</p>
Week 2: 9/8/16	<p>The Origins Of Political Order: Tribal Society: Property, Justice, War; The Coming Of The Leviathan; Chinese Tribalism; War And The Rise Of The Chinese State. <u>Pp. 64-127</u></p> <p>Lecture: The role of Religion in the function of chiefdom and state; Confucian and classical western philosophy; early republics; feudalism, monarchy and ancient empires; the creation and constituents of the English language as an illustration of cultural transformation through tribal and imperial aggression.</p>
Week 3: 9/15/16	<p>The Origins Of Political Order: The Great Han System; Political Decay And The Return Of Patrimonial Government; The Indian Detour; Varnas And Jatis; Weaknesses And Indian Polities. <u>Pp. 128-188</u></p> <p>Lecture: The Magna Carta and what led to its creation; A whirlwind tour of wars and conflicts prior to the formation of the United States.</p>
Week 4: 9/22/16	<p>The Origins Of Political Order: Slavery And The Muslim Exit From Tribalism; The Mamluks Save Islam; The Functioning And Decline Of The Ottoman State;</p>

	<p>Christianity Undermines The Family; The Origins Of The Rule Of Law. <u>Pp. 189-261</u></p> <p>Lecture: Economics in a nutshell; the birth of capitalism; the Industrial Revolution.</p>
Week 5: 9/29/16	<p>The Origins Of Political Order: The Church Becomes A State; The State Becomes A Church; Oriental Despotism; Stationary Bandits. <u>Pp. 262-317</u></p> <p>Lecture: The Enlightenment; The United States is born: the Declaration Of Independence; the Constitution; Federalist Papers #10; a limited representative democracy: “Solon to Cicero to Paine”; slaves, indigenous peoples, women, men without property; Jacksonian populism and cronyism.</p>
Week 6: 10/6/16	<p>The Origins Of Political Order: The Rise Of Political Accountability; Rente Seekers; Patrimonialism Crosses The Atlantic; East Of The Elbe. <u>Pp. 318-385</u></p> <p>Lecture: “People’s History Of The United States”; The Civil War; reconstruction; the rise of the liberal left; World War I: the decimation of the liberal left and the birth of propaganda and public relations.</p>
Week 7: 10/13/16	<p>The Origins Of Political Order: Toward A More Perfect Absolutism; Taxation And Representation; Why Accountability? Why Absolutism?; Political Development And Political Decay. <u>Pp. 386-457</u></p> <p>Lecture: The psychosis of permanent war; a whirlwind history of Russia and the Soviet Union; overlays upon the middle east; the crash and how World War II saved capitalism.</p>
Week 8: 10/20/16	<p>The Origins Of Political Order: Political Development, Then And Now; Pp. 458-483 Political Order And Political Decay: Development Of Political Institutions To The French Revolution; What Is Political Development? <u>Pp. 1-39</u></p> <p>Lecture: The history of the corporation; Eisenhower’s warning: the military-industrial complex; the end of the cold war; and the (failed) exportation of democracy as a Trojan Horse.</p>
Week 9: 10/27/16	<p>Political Order And Political Decay: The Dimensions Of Development; Bureaucracy; Prussia Builds A State; Corruption; The Birthplace Of Democracy. <u>Pp. 40-107</u></p> <p>Lecture: How a bill becomes law (\$); Citizen’s United; Democracy, Inc.; the two party short-coming; the other complexes.</p>
Week 10: 11/3/16	<p>Political Order And Political Decay: Italy And The Low-Trust Equilibrium; Patronage And Reform; The United States Invents Clientelism; The End Of The Spoils System; Railroads, Forests, And American State Building; Nation Building. <u>Pp. 108-197</u></p> <p>Lecture: Globalism; the Bill Clinton years: Glass-Steagal, NAFTA, the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the Ominbus Crime Bill, welfare reform.</p>
Week 11: 11/10/16	<p>Political Order And Political Decay: Good Government, Bad Government; Nigeria; Geography; Silver, Gold, And Sugar; Dogs That Didn’t Bark.</p>

	<p><u>Pp. 198-269</u></p> <p>Lecture: “The Shock Doctrine”; the 2008 crash and bail out; the Treasury Department-Wall Street Venn Diagram; the parasitic economy and debt peonage.</p>
Week 12: 11/17/16	<p>Political Order And Political Decay: The Clean Slate; Storms In Africa; Indirect Rule; Institutions, Domestic Or Imported; Lingua Francas; The Strong Asian State; The Struggle For Law In China; The Reinvention Of The Chinese State; Three Regions. <u>Pp. 270-396</u></p> <p>Lecture: Terrorism and privacy; Neo conservatism and Neo liberalism; the age of social media consumerism: spectacle; post-literacy; self-aggrandizement; white noise-induced amnesia.</p>
Week 13: 11/24/16 - Empire closed this day for Thanksgiving	<p>Make-up date to be scheduled.</p> <p>Political Order And Political Decay: Why Did Democracy Spread; The Long Road To Democracy; From 1848 To The Arab Spring; The Middle Class And Democracy’s Future; Political Decay; A State Of Courts And Parties; Congress And The Repatrimonialization Of American Politics; America The Vetocracy; Autonomy And Subordination; Political Order And Political Decay. <u>Pp. 397-557</u></p> <p>Lecture: A new kind of intelligence; globalism and climate change; “Escaping Smother’s House: abolitionists, suffragettes, and artists”.</p>
Week 14: 12/1/16	Review
Week 15: date tbd – 12/5 thru– 12/15/16 final exam period	<p>Final Exams run from 12/5 - 12/15/16.</p> <p>The law school office will publish the Exam schedule during the semester. Check exam schedule once published.</p>

Syllabus subject to change.