

Take-Home Exam in POL 2014:

Comparative Politics Spring Semester 2017

General information:

The take-home exam will be sent to the candidates on Monday, 27 February 2017 at 09:00 a.m. The deadline for submitting the exam is Friday, 3 March 2017 at 14:00 (2 p.m.) at the ISS reception. An electronic copy may also be submitted to It's Learning. The exam should be submitted in two copies, stapled, with course code and title (POL 2014: Comparative Politics), a title to your paper, and a CANDIDATENUMBER (NO NAME!) and a WORD COUNT.

Specific information:

Choose **one** of the three exam questions to answer below. The paper ought to be between 3000-5000 words. Standard style is Times New Roman 12 point, 1.5 line-spacing, and references in the text as well as at the end of the paper. You are expected to draw on the assigned readings. You may cite additional reference, including books, reviewed articles, reliable internet sources etc. You are allowed to speak to fellow students, and to contact your lecturer if you have questions concerning the exam-question: (charles.butcher@ntnu.no). Plagiarism or other types of cheating is strictly prohibited at NTNU. This policy applies to this take-home exam. Incidences of plagiarism could result in being expelled from NTNU.

Exam Questions:

- 1. Assess the prospects for democratization in the 'Middle East and North Africa' after the 'Arab Spring' OR the prospects in East Asia. Use evidence from at least two cases from the region to support your answer.**
- 2. Under what conditions would a military regime hold a free, fair and competitive election. What are the likely consequences of this?**
- 3. Will the 'third wave' of democratization be reversed, continue, or stall in the next half century? Explain your answer.**