Varieties of Capitalism: West-East-South  
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Class meetings: Tuesdays at 5.15 p.m.

**Course description:**

This course aims to provide participants with a broad overview on comparative research and current debates on varieties of capitalist political economies, contrasting Western models of capitalism with diverse variants in the post-socialist Eastern and Central Europe and with countries from Latin America. The course starts with an overview and comparison of different comparative approaches to capitalism followed by the discussion of broader regional variations in the organization of capitalist economies. The largest part of the course is devoted to examining institutional variation in specific domains, including corporate finance, labor markets, industrial relations or corporate governance. For each domain, we discuss typologies, theories of how institutional differences matter, and theoretically oriented case studies from the West, East and South.

**Course requirements and assessment:**

Weekly short essays: 80%  
Two presentations: 20%
1. Introduction


2. Varieties of Comparing Advanced Capitalisms


3. Varieties of market making and models of capitalism


4. Corporate Governance


5. Law and Finance


Schneider, Ben Ross 2006. Economic Liberalization and Corporate Governance: The Resilience of Economic Groups in Latin America ms.


6. Industrial Relations


7. Business-Government Relations


8. The Politics of Institutional Reproduction and Change


9. Transnationalizing Capitalism I

*Stark, David and Vedres Balazs, 2006. “Ownership Networks, Political Ties, and
Foreign Investment in Hungary” manuscript – (Copy available).

*Goyer, Michel, 2006, “Capital Mobility, Varieties of Institutional Investors and the
Transforming Stability of Corporate Governance in France and Germany” in Hancke
et al.

10. Transnationalizing Capitalism II

*Bohle, Dorothy and Greskovits Bela 2006 WEP Paper on the varieties of
transnationalizing capitalisms in the CEE countries (Copy available).

*Guillen, Mauro, 2001. “Multinationals, Ideology and Organized Labor” in Guillen,
The Limits of Convergence: Globalization and Organizational Change in Argentina,
South Korea and Spain. Princeton University Press. Ch.5. pp. 123-56