

# COMPARATIVE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM

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## Course Description

Whereas governments have become a universal fact of everyday life, public administration has become an especially pervasive aspect of governments. The debate surrounding the differences in development trajectories of governments around the world has led to the emergence of comparative public administration as a subject. Comparative public administration encompasses the study of a number of government aspects ranging from administrative efficiency, implementation mechanism and budgeting to distribution of power etc. In this course, we are going to explore ways in which different functions of governments are compared and analyzed to come up with key lessons for public administration environment in Pakistan.

### Main Text:

1. B. Guy Peters. 2010. *The Politics of Bureaucracy: An Introduction to Comparative Public Administration* [6th ed]
2. Ferrel Heady. 2001. *Public Administration: A Comparative Perspective*, 6th Ed.

### Additional Readings

- Eric E. Otenyo & Nancy S. Lind. 2006. *Comparative Public Administration: The Essential Readings* Elsevier Ltd. Research in Public Policy Analysis and Management, Vol 15
- Darron Acemoglu James A. Robinson. 2012. *Why Nations Fail ?*
- Selected Papers to be assigned in the due course of time.

### Evaluation Criteria:

Please refer to the distribution of weightage for the CPA course below .

Quiz 1	10%
Quiz 2	10%
Quiz 3	10%
Assignment 1	10%
Assignment 2 (Country case-study)	10%
Final term Exam	50%

### Mode of Teaching

As per the NUST policy, the course will be taught both in face-to-face (FTF)

## Course Outline

Week	Topic	Readings
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to the course</li> <li>• Comparison of Prosperity across countries                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Theories that do not work</li> <li>○ Contesting arguments</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textbook #2 Chapter 1</li> <li>• Textbook#1 Chapter 1</li> <li>• Darron Acemoglu James A. Robinson. 2012. <i>Why Nations Fail ?</i></li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theories that work</li> <li>• Why Institutions matter?</li> <li>• The Role of State and Institutions                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Extractive Institutions</li> <li>○ Inclusive Institutions</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Empirical Evidence Comparing Institutions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Darron Acemoglu James A. Robinson. 2012. <i>Why Nations Fail ?</i></li> <li>• Banerjee &amp; Lyer (2005), “<i>The Legacy of Colonial Land Tenure Systems in India,</i>” AER.</li> <li>• <i>The view from below</i> by <u>Pande and Udry(2005)</u></li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public administration and governing</li> <li>• The growth of Governments and Administration</li> <li>• The Study of Administration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textbook#1, Chap#1</li> <li>• Woodrow Wilson. 1887. <i>The Study of administration</i></li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Political culture and public administration</li> <li>• Case Study Papers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textbook#1, Chap#2</li> <li>• Selected Paper TBA*</li> </ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruitment Public Personnel</li> <li>• Education, Training and Placement</li> <li>• Country Comparative Case Studies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textbook#1, Chap#3</li> <li>• Selected Paper TBA</li> </ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administration in More Developed Nations                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ General Characteristics and Classic Administrative Systems</li> <li>○ Shared Political and Administrative Characteristics / Classic Administrative Systems</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Problems of administrative structure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textbook#1, Chap#4</li> <li>• Textbook#2, Chap#5</li> </ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administration in Less Developed Nations: Some Variations in Administrative Systems</li> <li>• The politics of Bureaucracy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textbook#1, Chap#5</li> <li>• Textbook#2, Chap#7</li> </ul>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bureaucracy and political institutions</li> <li>• Bureaucratic government</li> <li>• Strategies in bureaucratic politics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textbook#1, Chap#6</li> <li>• Selected papers TBA</li> </ul>
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The politics of the budgetary process</li> <li>• Incrementalism in the budgetary process</li> <li>• Alternatives to incrementalism</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textbook#1, Chap#7</li> <li>• Selected papers TBA</li> </ul>
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The politics of administrative accountability</li> <li>• Dimensions of responsibility</li> <li>• Instruments of accountability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textbook#1, Chap#8</li> <li>• Selected papers TBA</li> </ul>
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrative reform</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textbook#1, Chap#9</li> <li>• Selected papers TBA</li> </ul>

12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Public Management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textbook#1, Chap#10</li> <li>• Selected papers TBA</li> </ul>
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participatory Governments and Public Decision Making</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selected Papers TBA</li> </ul>
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Towards e-governance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selected Papers TBA</li> </ul>
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group Presentation</li> </ul>	
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