

The following terms and concepts from the theoretical section are considered “fair game” on the next exam. You should be familiar with the definitions of these terms and information regarding them in lecture, and *all* the readings.

### Russia

Important background (history, particularly Gorbachev’s reforms to USSR, Yeltsin era)  
 Central Institutions (organization, terms of office, areas of policy, powers):  
 President, Prime Minister  
 Duma/Federation Council  
 Constitutional Court  
 Electoral Systems  
 President  
 Duma  
 Federation Council  
 Electoral system in 1990s, 2000s  
 Party System and Parties  
 United Russia  
 CPRF, Just Russia, LDPR  
 Administrative Divisions (republics, oblasts, okrugs)  
 Federal reforms (1990s, 2000s)  
 Political Culture and Civil Society  
 State regulation of civil organizations  
 Public Chamber  
 Economic Policy  
 Command economic model  
 Yeltsin’s reforms (1990s)  
 privatization  
 oligarchs  
 loans-for-shares  
 Putin’s reforms  
 renationalization  
 Current state of Russian economy  
 Prospects for regime change

### China

Important background (history from 1949-current, Mao’s reforms, Deng’s reforms)  
 Central Institutions (organization of state and party, terms of office, areas of policy, powers):  
 National People’s Congress  
 NPC Standing Committee  
 State Council  
 Premier, President  
 Ministries  
 National Party Congress

Central Committee  
 Politburo  
 Politburo Standing Committee  
 Party departments  
 Leading small groups  
 Central Military Commission  
 Supreme People’s Court  
 Electoral Systems  
 democratic centralism  
 national vs. local elections (who runs, who votes)  
 The CCP (composition, culture, effects on policy, red capitalists)  
 Administrative Divisions  
 Various levels of unitary government  
 Ability to deliver services in provinces  
 Political Culture and Civil Society  
 Mass vs. Elite political culture  
 State policy on NGOs  
 GONGOS  
 Economic Policy  
 State of private economy  
 State-oriented enterprises (SOEs)  
 Iron rice bowl  
 Social contract  
 Relative deprivation  
 Current state of economy  
 Prospects for regime change

### Iran

Historical background (role of Twelver Shiism in history, political culture and structures before Revolution; Islamic Revolution)  
 Central Institutions (organization, terms of office, areas of policy, powers):  
*velayat e-faqih*  
 Supreme Leader  
 President  
 Council of Guardians  
 Majlis  
 Expediency Council  
 Supreme Court, Chief Justice  
 Electoral Systems  
 Supreme Leader

President

Majlis

Party Systems and Parties

Why there aren't stable parties

Administrative Divisions (ostanhas)

Political Culture and Civil Society

Generational differences and effects on  
culture

Independent organizations

State-supported organizations

Basij

Economic Policy

Resource curse and effects on economy

Parastatals

Current state of economy

Latest presidential election and prospects for change